



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

College of Health and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students¹

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer.

Community college students are encouraged to:

- Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer
- Utilize the *NIU Articulation Handbook* for information regarding the transferability of courses: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/plan/credits/index.shtml>
- Consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences and/or review the websites for their intended majors for detailed information about special requirements, program admission requirements, and course requirements: www.chhs.niu.edu

The [nursing](#) program prepares the professional nurse for a leadership role in the care of patients. A student who successfully completes the curriculum receives a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing and is eligible to take the examination required for licensure as a registered professional nurse (R.N.). The nursing program is fully accredited by both national and state accreditation organizations. A wide variety of health agencies in Northern Illinois are used as clinical laboratory facilities for student experiences and expand on the information learned in the classroom.

Transfer Admission to Nursing

- Nursing is a competitive and limited admission program
- Applicants are reviewed once a year for fall admission but students may begin the program in fall or spring as determined by the School of Nursing
- Transfer students must apply to NIU as a regular degree-seeking student by **January 15** and indicate their intended major as nursing
- All application materials must be received by **January 15**—this includes all current transcripts and meeting the reading comprehension requirement for nursing (information below)
- Students not selected for admission to nursing **will be admitted to NIU as Health Science majors**
- To be reviewed for admission, students must meet the following minimum requirements by **January 15**:
 - Complete a minimum of **five** (but preferably more) prerequisite courses*
 - Have a **C or better** in all prerequisite courses
 - Meet the reading comprehension requirement (see below)

*All prerequisites must be completed in order to begin the nursing program.

¹ Based on requirements in the 2018-2019 *Undergraduate Catalog*

Nursing applicants who are not R.N.s must successfully achieve a **reading comprehension score** in compliance with the nursing program standards. **Applications to the nursing program that do not include either an ACT Reading Score or a passing Accuplacer Reading exam score will not be reviewed.**

Note: Students who previously earned a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. institution are exempt from this requirement. The reading requirement can be met by:

- ACT reading sub-score of 24 or higher or SAT reading score in Evidence Based Reading & Writing of 570 or higher (applicants must submit an **official** ACT or SAT test report to NIU)

OR

- Successful completion of the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension Examination. Contact the NIU Office of Testing Services at 815-753-1203 to take the Accuplacer Examination. This test may be taken a maximum of two times per application cycle.

Admission to nursing is competitive and is based primarily on prerequisite GPA and secondarily on overall GPA and number of prerequisites completed.

The nursing program takes a minimum of five semesters (2½ years) to complete once students begin the professional program.

Transfer students and current NIU students are reviewed as separate applicant pools. “Current NIU student” applicants are defined as those who have earned 24 or more post-secondary semester hours and must have an established NIU GPA with a minimum of 12 hours that apply to the student’s major, minor, or general education requirements.

Major in Nursing

Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer (Nursing prerequisite courses)

BIOS 103/105	General Biology (3) / General Biology Laboratory (1)
BIOS 213	Introductory Bacteriology (3)
or BIOS 313	Microbiology (4)
BIOS 357	Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
CHEM 110/111	Chemistry (3) / Lab (1)
or CHEM 210/212	General Chemistry I (3) / General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
ENGL 203	Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
HDFS 280	Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
or PSYC 225	Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
NUTR 201	Human Nutrition (3)
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology (3)
STAT 208	Basic Statistics (3)
or STAT 301	Elementary Statistics (4)

NOTE: The following prerequisite courses must be completed within 7 years of admission to the Nursing program: BIOS 213 or 313 and BIOS 357.

Courses to be Completed at NIU (64 hours)

Semester 1	Semester 2
NURS 302, Professional Nursing (3) NURS 305, Foundations of Nursing (3) NURS 303, Foundations of Nursing Clinical (2) NURS 304, Health Assessment (1) NURS 307, Health Assessment Lab (1) NURS 308, Alterations in Biological Systems (3)	NURS 312, Nursing Research & Evidence-based Practice (3) NURS 313, Adult Health Nursing Clinical I (2) NURS 314, Mental Health Nursing (3) NURS 315, Adult Health Nursing (3) NURS 323, Mental Health Nursing Clinical (2)
14 hours	13 hours
Semester 3	Semester 4
NURS 318, Adult Health Nursing II (3) NURS 319, Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family (3) NURS 333, Adult Health Nursing II Clinical (2) NURS 336, Pharmacology (3) NURS 343, Childbearing Family Clinical (2)	NURS 408, Genetics & Human Genomics for Nurses (1) NURS 419, Population-Focused Nursing (3) NURS 422, Child Health Nursing (3) NURS 425, Nursing Informatics (1) NURS 433, Child Health Nursing Clinical (2) NURS 443, Population-Focused Nursing Clinical (2)
13 hours	12 hours
Semester 5	NOTES: -Students must be admitted into the Nursing program and be assigned an official track in order to begin nursing course work. -Admitted Nursing students are required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening.
NURS 431, Transition to Professional Nursing (3) NURS 432, Processes for Nursing Leadership (3) NURS 435, Gerontological Nursing (2) NURS 453, Capstone Clinical (4)	
12 hours	

An R.N. degree-completion program is available for registered nurses who wish to earn a baccalaureate degree. The completion program is designed to award credit to registered nurses for their recent education and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing. Registered nurses are encouraged to contact Ms. Merlynette Griffin, MGriffin2@niu.edu, Academic Advisor, School of Nursing to discuss the application, admission process, and course requirements.

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#). Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu

Important Contacts for Transfer Students:

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 753-6239
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
- ❖ School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
- ❖ School of Health Studies
Medical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
Nutrition, Dietetics & Wellness (815) 753-1384

- Public Health: (815) 753-1384
- ❖ School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions
 - Health Sciences (815) 753-1891
 - Rehabilitation and Disability Services (815) 753-1484
- ❖ School of Nursing
 - Nursing: (815) 753-1231
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ NIU Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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