



Northern Illinois  
University  
School of Nursing

Thank you for your interest in the NIU School of Nursing.

The NIU School of Nursing has additional criteria that you must meet by the Jan. 15 application deadline to be considered for admission:

- Complete and submit the **Nursing Online Application** (see below).
- **Prerequisite requirements** — Students must have at least five prerequisite courses completed with a C or better by the Jan. 15 application deadline to be considered for admission. Admitted students must have all nine prerequisite courses completed prior to beginning their nursing coursework. Priority will be given to students who have completed the following five prerequisite courses by the application deadline:
  - BIOS 103 and BIOS 105 or BIOS 208 and BIOS 210.
  - BIOS 357\*, or BIOS 311 and BIOS 355.
  - CHEM 110 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 210 and CHEM 212.
  - ENGL 203.
  - STAT 100 or STAT 200 or UBUS 223.

The remaining prerequisite courses are:

- BIOS 213\* or BIOS 313\*.
- PSYC 102.
- NUTR 201.
- HDFS 280 or PSYC 225.

\*BIOS 213 (or BIOS 313) and BIOS 357 must be completed within seven years of admission to the NIU nursing program.

**Note to Transfer Applicants:** Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA and the number of prerequisites completed. Students must have a prerequisite GPA and an overall/cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.

**Note to Freshman Applicants:** Applicants with fewer than 24 post-secondary semester hours completed by the application deadline will be considered as freshmen. Admission is competitive and will be based on such factors as previous academic performance and high school rank. An established GPA at NIU may be a factor considered in admission decisions. Applicants new to the university must indicate interest in the nursing program on the application for admission to the university. Applications for admission must be filed at the Office of Admissions. To be considered for admission to the nursing major, freshman applicants must have submitted all application materials to NIU by January 15.

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**Direct Admit:** Highly qualified freshmen applicants with a high school GPA of 3.75 or greater or top 10% of their graduating class who complete the admission processes may be considered for early admission to the nursing program.

**On Campus Freshman:** Highly qualified applicants currently enrolled at NIU with a NIU GPA of 3.25 or greater, but who have fewer than 24 semester hours, must have all application documents submitted by January 15 to the nursing program.

Freshmen applicants are **NOT** required to complete the nursing application link below.

[Online Application to the Nursing Program](#)  
(please copy and paste **using Google Chrome**)

Best of luck to you as you embark on a new journey.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.V. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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