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

The NIU School of Nursing has additional criteria that students must meet by the January 15th application deadline to be considered for admission:

- **Complete and submit the Nursing Online Application** (see below).

- **Reading comprehension requirement** - Although NIU does not require all students to submit an SAT or ACT reading subscore; the School of Nursing standards require applicants to demonstrate a specified level of reading comprehension. Applicants can do so by achieving a minimum score on one of these exams:
  - 24 or higher on the ACT Reading exam.
  - 570 or higher on the SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing exam.
  - 79 or higher on the ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension exam.
  - 252 or higher on the Next Generation ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension exam.

Send official ACT or SAT scores directly to NIU. Your application will not be reviewed without submitted test scores. Students with an earned bachelor’s or master's degree are exempt from the reading score requirement.

Contact NIU’s Office of Testing Services for information on the ACCUPLACER Reading Comprehension exam. They can be contacted at 815-753-1203 or testing@niu.edu.

- **Prerequisite requirements** - Students must have at least five (5) prerequisite courses completed with a C or better by the January 15th 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
  - BIOS 357
  - CHEM 110 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 210 and CHEM 212
  - ENG 203
  - STAT 100

The remaining prerequisite courses are:
  - BIOS 213
  - PSCY 102
  - NUTR 201
  - HDFS 280 or PSCY 225

Admission is competitive and based primarily on your GPA in those prerequisite courses. It is also based on your overall GPA, the number of prerequisite courses completed and reading comprehension score.

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****Submit the Nursing Online Application at go.niu.edu/nursingappform****
(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,

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