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Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Nursing

Transfer Students

Northern Illinois University's nursing program is a comprehensive major that prepares the professional nurse for leadership roles in patient care in the total spectrum of health care agencies and settings. The baccalaureate curriculum is approved by the Committee on Nursing of the Illinois Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Applicants or re-entering students applying with 24 or more transferable post-secondary credit hours, who are not registered nurses, will be considered transfer applicants.

Application Process – Must be Completed by January 15th

- Apply through the Office of Admissions and specify major as nursing
- Application materials include:
 1. Application and \$40 application fee (unless the applicant is eligible for an application fee waiver)
 2. Official ACT reading score of 24 or higher or official SAT EBRW score of 570 or higher, or an Accuplacer (reading test) score of 79 or higher or 252 on the Next Generation Accuplacer, which both can be taken at NIU through Testing Services.
 - Applicants who have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a U.S. institution prior to January 15th are exempt from the reading score requirement.
 3. Official transcripts from all colleges attended

Admission Requirements – Must be met by January 15th

- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in all transferable work
- Students must be in good academic standing at previous college attended
- Applicants must achieve a minimum of a C or better in all attempted prerequisite courses
- Applicants must have completed at least 5 of the prerequisite courses (next page)
- Admission is competitive and
 1. Primarily based on the GPA of prerequisite courses
 2. Secondarily on the overall GPA
 3. The number of prerequisites completed

A drug screen and criminal background check are required of all students. A positive drug screen or negative criminal background check may result in the inability to enroll into and complete the nursing curriculum.

Note: An applicant transferring from another nursing program to the NIU nursing program must request:

1. A statement from the head of the nursing program stating that the student is in good academic standing
2. A letter of reference from a nursing faculty member teaching in the student's most recently completed semester

These letters are to be mailed directly to the School of Nursing from the originating institution and received by the January 15th application deadline.

Prerequisite Courses outside the Department
(31-33 semester hours)

Course work can be completed at Northern Illinois University or through transfer credit from most community college or universities. All prerequisite courses must be complete with a C or better before students can begin the nursing curriculum.

1. **BIOS 103**, General Biology (3), and **BIOS 105**, General Biology Lab (1)
2. **BIOS 213**, Introductory Bacteriology (3)
OR **BIOS 313**, Microbiology (4)
3. **BIOS 357**, Anatomy and Physiology (5)
4. **CHEM 110**, Chemistry (3), and **CHEM 111** Chemistry Lab (1),
OR **CHEM 210**, General Chemistry I (3), and **CHEM 212**, General Chemistry I Lab (1)
5. **ENGL 203**, Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
OR **ENGL 204**, Rhetoric and Composition
6. **PSYC 102**, Introduction to Psychology (3)
7. **NUTR 201**, Human Nutrition (3)
8. **HDFS 280**, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
OR **PSYC 225**, Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
9. **STATS 208**, Basic Statistics (3)
OR **STATS 301**, Elementary Statistics (4)

BIOS 213 OR BIOS 313, and BIOS 357 must be completed within seven years of admission to the nursing program.

Requirements within the Department
(64 semester hours)

Semester I (14 credit hours)

- NURS 302 – Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS 303 – Foundations of Nursing Clinical (2)
- NURS 304 – Health Assessment (2)
- NURS 305 – Foundations of Nursing (3)
- NURS 307 – Health Assessment Application (1)
- NURS 308 – Alterations in Biological Systems (3)

Semester II (13 credit hours)

- NURS 312 – Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice (3)
- NURS 313 – Adult Health Nursing I Clinical (2)
- NURS 314 – Mental Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 315 – Adult Health Nursing I (3)
- NURS 323 – Mental Health Nursing Clinical (2)

Semester III (13 credit hours)

- 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)

Semester IV (12 credit hours)

- NURS 408 – Genetics & Human Genomics (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)

Semester V (12 credit hours)

- NURS 431 – Transition to Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS 432 – Processes for Nursing Leadership (3)
- NURS 435 – Gerontological Nursing (2)
- NURS 453 – Capstone Clinical (4)

Note: The nursing curriculum requires a five (5) semester sequence. Nursing students must earn a C or better; or S, and maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA to progress within the curriculum.

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