



Admissions Requirements & Transfer Recommendations

Admission Requirements: The NIU RN-B.S. in Nursing website outlines all of the current admission requirements: <http://www.chhs.niu.edu/nursing/rnbs/admissions.shtml>

Transfer Recommendations: Work with your community college advisor and NIU’s Nursing Academic Advisor to select the best courses for transfer (i.e. General Education and any extra-departmental Nursing requirements that you may need to complete). Many of these courses may be incorporated into an Associate of Applied Science degree program.

Academic Requirements

Students admitted to this program must successfully complete all NIU graduation requirements, maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 grade point average, earn a minimum grade of C in each course required in the nursing major and all nursing pre-requisite courses, and earn a minimum of 120 semester hours. Approved transfer courses may be used for these requirements.

1. **General Education (33 Hrs)** Students must complete the following requirements. Several GE credits can be completed within the AAS degree. See articulation materials.

<p>General Education Requirements Certain requirements may be satisfied via competency or NIU proficiency exams. Consult your advisor for guidance.</p>		<p>Community College (CC) Equivalents Many of the courses are requirements or electives within most Associate Degree Nursing programs. Bolded courses meet “extra-departmental” requirements specific to NIU’s Nursing program.</p>
<p>Foundational Studies (12 Hrs)</p>	1 st year Rhetoric/Composition	ENGL 103: Rhetoric & Composition I
	2 nd year Rhetoric/Composition	ENGL 203 : Rhetoric & Composition II
	Oral Communications	COMS 100: Funds of Oral Communication
	Quantitative Literacy	MATH 100 : Basic statistics (if from IL CC)
<p>Knowledge Domain Studies (21 Hrs)</p>	Creativity & Critical Analysis (6 Hrs)	See NIU Articulation Tables for equivalents. NOTE: Consult your CC Advisor to determine which Nursing program electives will meet this requirement.
	Nature & Technology (6 Hrs)	BIOL 103 & 105 : Gen biology w/lab CHEM 110 & 111 : Gen chemistry w/lab
	Society & Culture (6 Hrs)	PSYC 102: Intro to Psychology PSYC 225: Lifespan Development
	Additional elective from any domain (3 Hrs)	See NIU Articulation Tables for equivalents. NOTE: Consult your CC Advisor to determine which Nursing program electives will meet this requirement.

2. **Additional NIU Nursing Requirements that can be taken at CC:**

- Nutrition (2 or 3 credit hour course)
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Microbiology
- Statistics (if not previously taken)



3. NIU Nursing Courses (28 Hrs)

- NURS 347: Concepts of Professional Nursing (4)
- NURS 306: Health Assessment for Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 308: Alterations in Biological Systems (3)
- NURS 317: Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3)
- NURS 419: Population-Focused Nursing (3)
- NURS 432: Processes for Nursing Leadership (3)
- NURS 488: Nursing Ethics and the Law (3)
- NURS 492: Practicum I (3)
- NURS 493: Practicum II (3)

4. Credit for Prior Learning

Following successful completion of 12 credit hours of Nursing credit at Northern Illinois University (with a grade of C or better), the School of Nursing will award up to 33 semester hours of prior learning credit (i.e., proficiency or block credit) in recognition of technical knowledge gained during completion of the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree.

5. Additional Elective Hours

If students begin courses at NIU prior to completing an A.S. or A.A. degree, additional elective hours may be needed to fulfill NIU's graduation requirement of 120 hours. Requirements will vary based on individual student academic course work history.

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