

Prairie State College 2009-2010

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

B.S. in Nursing

815-753-6557

www.niu.edu/nuhs

1. All applicants (whether continuing NIU students or new applicants to the university) with 24 or more post-secondary semester hours, who are not Registered Nurses (RNs), will be considered transfer students into the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a program advisor before enrolling to determine whether prior course work satisfies prerequisites. Prospective RN-BSN student questions should be addressed to Brigit Amburgey, Nursing advisor, at 815-753-6557, amburgey@niu.edu all other prospective nursing students should contact Julie Amon at 815-753-1891, jamon@niu.edu.
2. Admission is competitive and will be based on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and on the overall GPA (as calculated by NIU). On-campus and off-campus transfer applicants are reviewed as separate applicant pools.
3. Nursing applicants must achieve a grade of C or better in all Nursing prerequisite courses.

Transfer students must apply to Northern Illinois University by February 15 (except RNs) and must complete a minimum of five of the following prerequisite courses by the time of application:

<u>NIU Courses</u>	<u>Prairie State Equivalents</u>
BIOS 104 General Biology (4)	N/A
BIOS 213 Introduction to Bacteriology (3) or	BIOL 211
BIOS 313 Microbiology (4)	BIOL 211
BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)	BIOL 221 & 222
CHEM 110 Chemistry (3) and	CHEM 105
CHEM 111 Chemistry Lab (1) or	CHEM 105
CHEM 210 General Chemistry I (3) and	CHEM 110
CHEM 212 General Chemistry Lab I (1)	CHEM 110
ENGL 104 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)	ENG 102
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSYCH 101
FCNS 201 Human Nutrition (3)	N/A
FCNS 280 Human Development: the Family and Society (3) or	N/A
PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)	PSYCH 102
STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3) or	MATH 115
STAT 301 Elementary Statistics (4)	N/A

4. Enrollment in Nursing courses will be contingent upon the successful completion of all prerequisites. **One exception may be granted:** If necessary, transfer students may schedule concurrent enrollment of either the **Nutrition** course or the **Statistics** course with their first semester Nursing courses.
5. **Nursing applicants who are not RNs must successfully achieve a reading comprehension score in compliance with the School of Nursing and Health Studies standards (ACCUPLACER reading test).** Students with an ACT reading test score of 24 or higher and post baccalaureates who hold baccalaureate or graduate degrees from an accredited U.S. college or university are exempt from this requirement. Applicants should contact the NIU Office of Testing Services at 815-753-1203 for information about taking the standardized reading test used by the School of Nursing, which may be taken a maximum of two times.

RN students will be considered for admission as soon as the NIU application process is complete. Admission requirements are: graduation from an accredited School of Nursing, admission to NIU as a regular degree-seeking student, licensure to practice Nursing in the state of Illinois, practice as a Registered Nurse within the past five years or provide evidence of a refresher course, GPA from a college or university consistent with the standards required by the NIU School of Nursing, completion of a goal and expectancy statement, and two letters of recommendation - one from a previous faculty member and one from a Nursing supervisor. Goal statement and reference forms are available on-line: www.niu.edu/nuhs/admission/nursing_rn.shtml. RNs are restricted to completion of no more than 6 semester hours of NIU Nursing courses prior to admission to the School of Nursing. Please refer to the course catalog for details about NIU's R.N.-B.S. in the Nursing Completion Program.

Program application deadline for freshmen and transfers: February 15

RNs only: Meet regular admission deadlines for each semester. Submit all application materials to the Office of Admissions.

Students intending to transfer to NIU should seek academic advisement from their community college counselor.

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