

School of Nursing  
College of Health and Human Sciences  
Northern Illinois University

Transfer Guide for  
Illinois Community College Students

The program in [nursing](#) prepares the professional nurse for a leadership role in the care of patients. A student who successfully completes the curriculum receives a baccalaureate degree in nursing and is eligible to take the examination required for licensure as a registered professional nurse (R.N.). The nursing program is fully accredited by both national and state accreditation organizations. A wide variety of health agencies in Northern Illinois are used as clinical laboratory facilities for student experiences and expand on the information learned in the classroom.

**Transfer Admission to Nursing**

Nursing is a competitive and limited admissions program. Applicants are reviewed once a year for fall admission but students may begin the program in fall or spring as determined by the School of Nursing at the time of admission. Transfer students must be admitted to NIU as regular degree-seeking students by February 15, must have completed a minimum of five prerequisite courses by the time of application, and have a C or better in prerequisite courses. All of the prerequisites must be completed in order to begin the nursing program.

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, nursing applicants who are not R.N.s must successfully achieve a reading comprehension score in compliance with the School of Nursing standards. The reading requirement can be met with an ACT reading score of 24 or higher or by successful completion of the Accuplacer Reading Examination. Applicants must submit an **official** ACT test report to NIU or contact the NIU Office of Testing Services at 815-753-1203 to take the Accuplacer Examination. This test may be taken a maximum of two times per application cycle. **Applications to the School of Nursing that do not include either an ACT Reading Score or a passing Accuplacer Reading exam score will not be reviewed.** (Note: Students who previously earned a baccalaureate degree, are exempt from this requirement.)

An R.N. degree-completion program is available for registered nurses who wish to earn a baccalaureate degree. The completion program is designed to award credit to registered nurses for their recent education and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing. Registered nurses are encouraged to contact Ms. Brigit Amburgey, [amburgey@niu.edu](mailto:amburgey@niu.edu) Academic Advisor, School of Nursing to discuss the application, admission process, and course requirements.

This transfer guide is designed as an advising tool to facilitate a smooth transition between institutions by identifying relevant course work recommended to be completed prior to transfer. Community college students are advised to also complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer and to consult the [NIU Articulation Handbook](#) for information regarding the transferability of courses. To view course equivalencies, students are encouraged to review the [Limited Admissions Programs Transfer Course Equivalents](#) section provided by the NIU Transfer Center.

All students planning to transfer are advised to consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences for detailed information.

The nursing program takes a minimum of five semesters to complete from the time students begin the professional program at NIU.

## Major in Nursing<sup>1</sup>

### Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer

- BIOS 104 General Biology (4)
- BIOS 213 Introductory Bacteriology (3),  
or BIOS 313, Microbiology (4)
- BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
- CHEM 110 Chemistry (3), and CHEM 111, Chemistry Laboratory (1)  
or CHEM 210, General Chemistry I (3) and CHEM 212, General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
- ENGL 104 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
- FCNS 201 Human Nutrition (3)
- FCNS 280 Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)  
or PSYC 225, Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
- PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- STAT 208 Basic Statistics (3)  
or STAT 301 Elementary Statistics (4)

### Courses to be Completed at NIU

- NURS 300 Professional Nursing (2)  
or NURS 346<sup>2</sup> Concepts, Issues, and Interpersonal Strategies in Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS 301 Research in Nursing (3)
- NURS 306 Health Assessment (2)
- NURS 306A Health Assessment Learning Laboratory (1)
- NURS 309 Alterations in Biological Systems (3)
- NURS 310A Clinical Development I (2)
- NURS 310 Fundamental Nursing (2)
- NURS 311 Mental Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 316 Adult Health Nursing I (3)
- NURS 317 Adult Health Nursing II (3)
- NURS 320 Clinical Development II (2)
- NURS 321 Parent-Child Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 322 Child Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 330 Clinical Development III (2)
- NURS 340 Clinical Development IV (2)
- NURS 360 Clinical Development V (2)
- NURS 401 Processes for Nursing Leadership (2)
- NURS 410 Clinical Development VI (2)
- NURS 420 Clinical Development VII (2) and NURS 430, Clinical Development VIII (4)  
or NURS 460<sup>2</sup> Clinical Development: Leadership/Management in Aggregate-Focused Nursing  
Care (4)
- NURS 424 Community Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 429 Seminar in Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS 436 Pharmacology (3)

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<sup>1</sup> Based on requirements in the 2008/2009 *Undergraduate Catalog*

<sup>2</sup> For Registered Nurses only

Specific information about admission requirements to Northern Illinois University and to programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences can be found in the current [NIU Undergraduate Catalog](#). Contact the Office of Admissions to obtain an application for admission. For additional information on programs in the college, contact [HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu](mailto:HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu)

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 752-7682
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
  - Clinical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
  - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
  - Physical Therapy (815) 753-1383
- ❖ School of Family, Consumer, and Nutrition Sciences (815) 753-6350
- ❖ School of Nursing and Health Studies
  - Nursing (815) 753-1231
  - Health Studies (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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