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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

School of Nursing

Other Catalog Change 2020-21 Undergraduate Catalog **CHHS19.20.14.01**
[LINK](#)

Limited Admissions and Limited Retention

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Limited Admissions Requirements

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**Nursing Major
(School of Nursing)**

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Freshmen

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Current NIU Students

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By the January 15 application deadline, current NIU students must submit an on-campus application. ~~The applicant must satisfy the reading comprehension requirement.~~ Priority will be given to students who have completed the following prerequisite courses by the January 15, ~~2020~~ deadline: BIOS 103 and BIOS 105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 210 and CHEM 212, ENG 203 and STAT 100. ~~For subsequent application deadlines, all the afore-listed prerequisite courses must be completed.~~ All prerequisites must be completed in order to start the program. Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA and the number of prerequisites completed.

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(note: this information is replicated for transfer students)

Transfer Students

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By the January 15 application deadline, transfer applicants must have submitted all application materials to NIU. Transfer applicants must have all current transcripts at NIU, ~~satisfy the reading comprehension requirement.~~ Priority will be given to students who have completed the following prerequisite courses by the January 15, ~~2020~~ deadline: BIOS 103 and BIOS 105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 210 and CHEM 212, ENG 203 and STAT 100. ~~For subsequent application deadlines, all the afore-listed prerequisite courses must be completed.~~ All prerequisites must be completed in order to start the program. Admission is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses and secondarily on the overall GPA and the number of prerequisites completed. Additional transfer applications may be

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considered based on space availability for fall and spring semesters.

RATIONALE:

Reading requirement: As previously approved through the NIU curricular process, the Nursing program has removed the reading requirement; this statement is artifact that should have been deleted at that time but was not.

Prerequisite completion: Previously it had been approved through the NIU curricular process to require these prerequisite courses to be completed prior to the application deadline; However, with particular-attention on the current COVID-19 situation, the program is concerned with the implications for the next few application cycle's applicant pools. That is, given the current mechanism for completing laboratory-based courses online providing additional time for students to complete the prerequisites is more appropriate.

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

School of Theatre and Dance

Course Revision: Online 2020-21 Undergraduate Catalog [LINK](#) [CVPA19.20.07.01](#)

THEA 492 - Senior Capstone Project

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Directed study within the College of Visual and Performing Arts encouraged. **May be repeated to a maximum of 3 semester hours.**

Credits: **1-3**

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Theatre Studies (B.A.)

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Requirements in School (50)

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THEA 492 - Senior Capstone Project Credits: **1-3**

Students must take this course for a total of 3 semester hours.

Rationale: This capstone course is intended to be a year-long project, requiring that the course be a variable credit, repeatable course, preferably being completed over two semesters.

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Reverse Transfer Credit Policy Revision:

Reverse Transfer Credit Policy

Reverse Transfer is a program designed for students who transferred from any Illinois community college to NIU without earning their associate's degree. Credits successfully completed at NIU may be transferred back to the community college and used to fulfill remaining requirements for their associate's degree. The community college will evaluate the NIU work and determine if credits taken at NIU will fulfill any remaining requirements. NIU currently has an agreement with the following community colleges, however an agreement is not necessary for the reverse transfer credit policy to apply. A student who has attended any Illinois community college is eligible to take advantage of this policy.

- [City Colleges of Chicago](#) (PDF)
- [College of DuPage](#) (PDF)
- [College of Lake County](#) (PDF)
- [Elgin Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Harper College](#) (PDF)
- [Heartland Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Highland Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Illinois Valley Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Joliet Junior College](#) (PDF)
- [Kankakee Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Kishwaukee College](#) (PDF)
- [McHenry County College](#) (PDF)
- [Moraine Valley Community College](#) (PDF)
- [Morton College](#) (PDF)
- [Oakton Community College](#) (PDF)

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- [Rock Valley College](#) (PDF)
- [Sauk Valley Community College](#) (PDF)
- [South Suburban College](#) (PDF)
- [Triton College](#) (PDF)
- [Waubonsee Community College](#) (PDF)

- Effective December 2019, the JOINT RULES OF THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD: RULES ON REVERSE TRANSFER OF CREDIT establishes these types of agreements with ALL community colleges in the state of Illinois. This process will be in compliance with (110 ILCS 150/) Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

Q: Why an associate’s degree?

A: An associate’s degree is an important milestone in your education as well as a valuable credential to have on your resume. Employers value the associate’s degree as evidence of your commitment to expanding your knowledge and achieving your educational goals. The associate’s degree can make a difference in your long-term success in several ways:

- It can open the door to better job opportunities, even while you’re still working on your bachelor’s degree
- It is the nation’s fastest growing academic credential and employers recognize its value when recruiting and hiring

If you transferred to Northern Illinois University from a community college without completing all the requirements for your associate’s degree it maybe possible to complete the credits you need using Northern Illinois University courses by reverse transferring your NIU credits to your community college.

Q: Who is eligible for Reverse Transfer?

A: The reverse transfer of credit option is available to any student who is currently

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enrolled at Northern Illinois University and:

- 1) Has earned at least 15 hours of transferable coursework at any Illinois community college
- 2) Has earned a cumulative total of at least 60 transferrable credit hours, between the Illinois community college and NIU; while satisfying the course requirements necessary to be awarded an associate's degree at the Illinois community college.
- 3) Has submitted a completed Reverse Transfer Application to the office of Registration and Records at NIU.

Q: How do individuals participate in Reverse Transfer?

A: All individuals wishing to participate in Reverse Transfer are required to complete a reverse transfer to the program. By doing so, the individual agrees to the exchange of transcript information between Northern Illinois University and the Illinois community college the student is declaring for the awarding of their associate's degree.

If you are interested in participating in this initiative or have any additional questions, please contact regrec@niu.edu