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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 Jan. 15th**

* Application materials include:
  1. Complete Nursing CAS NIU Application
  2. Official transcripts from all colleges attended sent to Nursing CAS.
  3. Complete NIU Application through the Office of Admissions.

**Admission Requirements – Must submit a completed application by Jan. 15th with transcripts processed.**

* 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 five of the prerequisite courses.
* Admission is competitive and based:
  1. Primarily based on your GPA of prerequisite courses.
  2. Secondarily on your overall GPA.
  3. The number of prerequisites you have completed.

**Nursing CAS Fee Waiver Information**

Nursing CAS has an application fee of $60 for the first school designated, and an $45 for each additional school applied to through their system. They do offer fee waivers , please visit <https://nursingcas.org/how-to-apply/> for more information on how to apply for an income based or service based waiver.

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 must be mailed directly to the NIU School of Nursing from the originating institution and received by the Jan. 15th application deadline.

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.

**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).

1. **BIOS 357\***, Anatomy and Physiology (5).
2. **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).

1. **ENGL 203\***, Rhetoric and Composition II (3),

**OR** ENGL 204, Rhetoric and Composition (3).

1. **PSYC 102**, Introduction to Psychology (3).
2. **NUTR 201**, Human Nutrition (3).
3. **HDFS 280**, Human Development, the Family, and Society (3),

**OR** PSYC 225, Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3).

1. **STAT 100\***, Basic Statistics (3),

**OR** STAT 200, Elementary Statistics (4).

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

**\*It is preferred that these five prerequisite courses be completed prior to the NIU School of Nursing’s application deadline.**

**Requirements within the Department**

(60 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 313 – Adult Health Nursing I Clinical (2).

NURS 314 – Mental Health Nursing (3).

NURS 315 – Adult Health Nursing I (3).

NURS 316 – Pharmacology (3).

NURS 323 – Mental Health Nursing Clinical (2).

**Semester III (13 credit hours)**

NURS 317 – Nursing Research and Evidence-based

Practice (3).

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 343 – Childbearing Family Clinical (2).

**Semester IV (10 credit hours)**

NURS 419 – Population-focused Nursing (3).

NURS 422 – Child Health Nursing (3).

NURS 433 – Child Health Nursing Clinical (2).

NURS 443 – Population-focused Nursing Clinical (2).

**Semester V (10 credit hours)**

NURS 431 – Transition to Professional Nursing (3).

NURS 432 – Processes for Nursing Leadership (3).

NURS 453 – Capstone Clinical (4).

**Note: The nursing curriculum requires a five-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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