APPLICATION TO THE UNDERGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Current NIU Students
Application for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019

1. Read this information page carefully and retain it for your records.

2. Complete the attached application if you are a current NIU STUDENT and wish to be considered for admission to the undergraduate nursing program for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.
   - In order to be considered for admission as a current NIU applicant, ALL of the following must be completed by January 15, 2018:
     - Submit the application and ALL required documentation (see below)
     - Be currently enrolled at NIU.
     - Achieve a reading comprehension score that is in compliance with the Nursing Program Standard.
     - The reading comprehension score can only be determined through the following ways:
       1. An ACT reading score of 24 or higher. You must request that an official ACT score be sent to NIU. The telephone number to request an official copy of your ACT test score is (319) 337-1313.
       2. An SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing score of 570 or higher. You must request that an official ACT score be sent to NIU. The telephone number to request an official copy of your SAT test score is (866) 756-7346.
       3. A passing score of 79 or higher on the Accuplacer Test, which may be taken a maximum of two times. (Call NIU Testing Services at (815) 753-1203 for information on this test). Arrangements to take the Accuplacer Test at NIU or other institutions must be made through the NIU Testing Center.

Current NIU Freshman Applicants: NIU Students with less than 24 college credits completed by January 15, 2018 will be considered as on-campus freshmen applicants to the Nursing Program and will be evaluated based upon ACT, high school ranking, reading comprehension score and NIU GPA. Please indicate on the application which prerequisite courses you have completed or the anticipated semester of enrollment.

Current NIU Transfer Applicants: NIU Students with 24 or more college credits completed by January 15, 2018 will be considered NIU on-campus transfer applicants to the Nursing Program.

   - In order to be considered for admission as a current NIU applicant, ALL of the following must be completed by January 15, 2018:
     - Cumulative NIU GPA of 2.75 or higher with a Minimum of 12 hours that apply to the students major, minor, or general education requirements
     - A minimum of five prerequisite courses
     - A C or better in all attempted prerequisite courses
     - Admission is competitive and limited based on:
       - GPA in prerequisite courses
       - Number of prerequisite courses completed
       - Overall GPA (NIU and all transfer course work)
       - Reading Comprehension Score

3. Be certain that official transcripts for all transfer course work are submitted to the Office of Registration and Records on or before January 15, 2018.

4. Return the completed (attached) application to the School of Nursing, 1240 Normal Road, Room 190, or College of Health and Human Sciences, Wirtz Hall, Room 227 no later than January 15, 2018.
   - Incomplete, incorrect, or late applications will not be processed.
   - Students will be notified of the admission decision by the end of spring semester.

5. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screening are part of the Nursing Program Clinical Requirements. Students with positive drug screens or criminal background checks cannot be placed in a clinical setting. Additionally, Criminal Background Checks are required by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation prior to taking the NCLEX-RN Examination.
6. Admitted students are required to have ALL clinical requirements submitted to Castle Branch, our clinical requirements vendor.

7. Admitted students must have all prerequisite courses completed (with a C or better) to begin the program and may begin the program in either the fall or spring semester as determined by the Undergraduate Admissions Committee. Students must plan on a minimum of five semesters to complete the required nursing courses.

**Essential Performance Components**

All students interested in enrolling and remaining in the undergraduate nursing program at NIU must possess the performance component skills necessary to assess a patient's biopsychosocial needs and to analyze collected data in order to identify patient problems, plan and implement independent and collaborative interventions, and evaluate the care provided and the patient's responses to care. Specific observation, communication, motor cognitive, psychosocial, and behavioral requirements provide candidates with the ability to carry out the responsibilities of a student nurse providing direct or indirect patient care. A student must, with or without reasonable accommodation, possess these performance component skills upon admission to the Nursing Program and maintain these essential components throughout the program.

**Manual Dexterity** - (Activities/Attributes) Use sterile technique; insert catheters (Foley, NG, IV); perform venipunctures; prepare medications and administer (PO, IM, IV); manipulate small objects (lancet, stopcock); open and close medication containers.

**Mobility** - (Activities/Attributes) Remain at patient's side for a prolonged period of time for purposes of monitoring and frequent assessments; perform CPR; assist in lifting and moving patients and patient care materials (bed, chair); move independently to and from patient care areas.

**Processing Patient Information** - (Activities/Attributes) Respond to communication by patients with or without direct view of patient's face; respond to monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells from patients, and orders in a rapid and effective manner; accurately assess blood pressures, heart, lung, vascular, and abdominal sounds; accurately read a thermometer; identify cyanosis, absence of respirations, and movements of patients rapidly and accurately; accurately process information on medication containers, physicians' orders, and monitor equipment calibrations, printed documents, flow sheets, graphic sheets, medication administration records, and other medical records.

**Math Competency** - (Activities/Attributes) Tell time; use measuring tools (tape measure, scale); add, subtract, multiply, and divide; record numbers; calculate medication dosages (PO, IM, IV) and intravenous solution rates.

**Emotional Stability** - (Activities/Attributes) Provide emotional support to patients; adapt rapidly to environmental changes and multiple task demands (new admission, patient going to therapy or surgery); maintain adequate concentration and attention in patient care settings; maintain behavioral decorum in stressful situations (avoid inappropriate laughter, jokes, comments).

**Cognitive Processing** - (Activities/Attributes) Transfer knowledge from one situation to another (classroom to patient care); assess patient needs based on understanding and synthesis of patient information (know comorbidities, complex problems); develop effective care plans based on assessments; prioritize tasks to ensure patient safety and standards of care (administer meds & treatments on time); organize and retain information in basic knowledge and skills areas (frequently administers meds & treatments).

**Critical Thinking** - (Activities/Attributes) Identify cause and effect relationships (religious, ethnic, cultural); sequence information in a manner that is logical and understood by others; make sound clinical judgments and decisions based on standards of nursing care; seek assistance when clinical situation requires a higher level of expertise/experience.

**Interpersonal/Communication Skills** - (Activities/Attributes) Respect differences in patients; establish and maintain effective working relations with patients and co-workers; teach and provide information in an accurate and effective manner; report critical patient information to other care givers; convey information to others through graphic, print, and/or electronic media in an accurate, timely and comprehensible manner.
# FALL 2018-SPRING 2019 APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

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## NURSING PREREQUISITE COURSES

List the semester and year you took, or plan to take, the courses.

*This information must be completed in full.*

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- Accuplacer
- ACT Reading

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I understand that it will take a minimum of five (5) semesters (excluding summer term) to complete the nursing program requirements.

I understand that the Undergraduate Nursing Admissions Committee will request a copy of my transcript(s) from Registration and Records, and that I am required to submit an official copy of **ALL** of my transcripts to the NIU Office of Admission.

I understand that withholding information requested on this application or falsifying information submitted through the NIU application process will make me ineligible for admission to the nursing major or subject to dismissal. I certify that the statements I have made on this application and in all other application materials submitted are complete and true.

________________________________________
NIU ID NUMBER

________________________
Birthdate – day and month

________________________
Student Signature

________________________
Date

INCOMPLETE, INCORRECT, OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

RETURN APPLICATIONS BY JANUARY 15, 2018 TO:

NIU School of Nursing
1240 Normal Road
DeKalb, Il 60115

OR

College of Health and Human Sciences
Wirtz Hall
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