



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Transfer Guide for Illinois Community College Students¹

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 encouraged to

- Complete an A.A. or A.S. degree prior to transfer
- Utilize the *NIU Articulation Handbook* for information regarding the transferability of courses: <http://www.niu.edu/admissions/transfer/plan/credits/index.shtml>
- Consult with the College of Health and Human Sciences and/or review the websites for their intended majors for detailed information about special requirements, program admission requirements, and course requirements: www.chhs.niu.edu

The [nursing](#) program prepares the professional nurse for a leadership role in the care of patients. A student who successfully completes the curriculum receives a baccalaureate degree with a major 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 admission 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
 - Transfer students must apply to NIU as a regular degree-seeking student by **January 15** and indicate their intended major as nursing
 - All application materials must be received by **January 15**—this includes all current transcripts
 - Students not selected for admission to nursing **will be admitted to NIU as Health Science majors**
 - To be reviewed for admission, students must meet the following minimum requirements by **January 15**:
 - On Campus Application to the School of Nursing
 - Complete a minimum of **five** (but preferably more) prerequisite courses**
 - Have a **C or better** in all prerequisite courses
- **All prerequisites must be completed in order to begin the nursing program.

¹ Based on requirements in the 2020/21 *Undergraduate Catalog*



Admission to nursing is competitive and is based primarily on prerequisite GPA and secondarily on overall GPA and number of prerequisites completed.

The nursing program takes a minimum of five semesters (2½ years) to complete once students begin the professional program.

Transfer students and current NIU students are reviewed as separate applicant pools. "Current NIU student" applicants are defined as those who have earned 24 or more post-secondary semester hours and must have an established NIU GPA with a minimum of 12 hours that apply to the student's major, minor, or general education requirements.

*Admission priority will be given to students who have completed the following prerequisite courses by the January 15, 2021 deadline: BIOS 103 and BIOS 105, BIOS 357, CHEM 110 and CHEM 111 or CHEM 210 and CHEM 212, ENGL 203 and STAT 100.

Major in Nursing

Courses Recommended Prior to Transfer (Nursing prerequisite courses)

- BIOS 103/105 General Biology (3) / General Biology Laboratory (1)
BIOS 213 Introductory Bacteriology (3)
or BIOS 313 Microbiology (4)
BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)
CHEM 110/111 Chemistry (3) / Lab (1)
or CHEM 210/212 General Chemistry I (3) / General Chemistry Laboratory I (1)
ENGL 203 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)
HDFS 280 Human Development, the Family, and Society (3)
or PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)
NUTR 201 Human Nutrition (3)
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)
STAT 100 Basic Statistics (3)
or STAT 200 Elementary Statistics (4)

NOTE: The following prerequisite courses must be completed within 7 years of admission to the Nursing program: BIOS 213 or 313 and BIOS 357.

Courses to be Completed at NIU (64 hours)

Table with 2 columns: Semester 1 and Semester 2. Semester 1 courses include NURS 302, NURS 305, NURS 303, NURS 304, NURS 307, and NURS 308. Semester 2 courses include NURS 312, NURS 313, NURS 314, NURS 315, and NURS 323.



Total hours: 14	Total hours 13
Semester 3	Semester 4
NURS 318, Adult Health Nursing II (3)	NURS 408, Genetics & Human Genomics for Nurses (1)
NURS 319, Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family (3)	NURS 419, Population-Focused Nursing (3)
NURS 333, Adult Health Nursing II Clinical (2)	NURS 422, Child Health Nursing (3)
NURS 336, Pharmacology (3)	NURS 425, Nursing Informatics (1)
NURS 343, Childbearing Family Clinical (2)	NURS 433, Child Health Nursing Clinical (2)
	NURS 443, Population-Focused Nursing Clinical (2)
Total hours: 13	Total hours 12
Semester 5	NOTES:
NURS 431, Transition to Professional Nursing (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be admitted into the Nursing program and be assigned an official track in order to begin nursing course work. • Admitted Nursing students are required to undergo a criminal background check and drug screening.
NURS 432, Processes for Nursing Leadership (3)	
NURS 435, Gerontological Nursing (2)	
NURS 453, Capstone Clinical (4)	
Total hours: 12	

[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. Merlynette Griffin, MGriffin2@niu.edu, Academic Advisor, School of Nursing to discuss the application, admission process, and course requirements.

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

Important Contacts for Transfer Students:

- ❖ College of Health and Human Sciences (815) 753-1891
- ❖ Department of Military Science (815) 753-6239
- ❖ School of Allied Health and Communicative Disorders
 - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Rehabilitation Counseling (815) 753-1484
- ❖ School of Family and Consumer Sciences (815) 753-1543
- ❖ School of Health Studies
 - Medical Laboratory Sciences (815) 753-1382
 - Nutrition, Dietetics & Wellness (815) 753-1384
 - Public Health: (815) 753-1384
- ❖ School of Interdisciplinary Health Professions
 - Health Sciences (815) 753-1891
 - Rehabilitation and Disability Services (815) 753-1484



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College of Health and Human Sciences

- ❖ School of Nursing
Nursing: (815) 753-1231
- ❖ Gerontology Program (815) 753-0031
- ❖ NIU Office of Admissions (815) 753-0446

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