

NURSING: REGISTERED NURSING (R.N.) (AS)

Associate of Science

Transfer Program

Interest Areas: Healthcare

The faculty of the Associate's Degree Nursing program uphold the mission of North Idaho College in its commitment to student success, educational excellence, community engagement, and lifelong learning. The Associate's Degree Nursing program at North Idaho College commits to excellence in nursing education by developing distinguished graduate nurses who are prepared to meet the health care needs of the community and seek to advance the profession. The curriculum includes general education courses in the arts and sciences and nursing courses, which provide nursing theory in the classroom and clinical experience in health care agencies.

Program Educational Outcomes

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1. Recognize the patient or designee as the source of control and full partner in providing compassionate and coordinated care based on respect for patient's preference, values, and needs.
2. Function effectively within nursing and inter-professional teams, fostering open communication, mutual respect, and shared decision-making to achieve quality patient care.
3. Integrate best current evidence with clinical expertise and patient/family preferences and values for delivery of optimal health care.
4. Use data to monitor the outcomes of care processes and use improvement methods to design and test changes to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems.
5. Minimize risk of harm to patients and providers through both system effectiveness and individual performance.
6. Use information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Passing the examination qualifies the individual to apply for licensure as a registered nurse in any state. The program prepares the graduate for employment in entry-level positions in a variety of health care settings and areas of nursing practice. The program is designed as a transfer degree and will satisfy core requirements at Idaho public colleges and universities which offer RN to BSN programs.

The Associate's Degree Nursing program is approved by the Idaho Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation

Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. Inquires can be made by contacting the above agencies at: Idaho Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 83702, Boise, ID 83720-0061, (208) 334-3110, www2.state.id.us/ibn/ibnhome.htm, and/or Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road N.E. Suite 850, Atlanta, GA, 30326 or www.nlnac.org.

The Associate's Degree Nursing program has a competitive-entry process requiring specific prerequisite courses. See below for details regarding specific requirements. It is highly recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor as they begin planning their pre-nursing coursework. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are eligible to apply for advanced placement. LPNs must meet the same admission criteria as other program applicants. In order to be eligible for advanced placement into the ADN Program, students will need to successfully complete the LPN summer transition course (NURS-196).

Admission Procedures

For application deadlines, please refer to the Registered Nursing program website.

In addition to the regular college admissions requirements, students applying for the Registered Nursing program need to complete a Nursing program application, which consists of:

1. Application for admission to NIC (if not already complete).
New and former students must complete the formal admissions process as listed for Degree Seeking (Matriculating) students.
2. Associate's Degree Nursing program application.
3. Official college transcripts.
4. Results from the entrance exam (see application packet for information on scheduling the exam).
5. Applicants who have attended any other nursing program must submit a recommendation from an instructor or administrator of that program.

Application forms may be obtained from the Admissions Office and on the NIC website two months prior to the application deadline.

Admission Requirements

1. If HS program or GED is in progress, then completion of 12 or more college level credits is required. Final HS transcript or GED must be received prior to starting the Nursing Program.
2. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on degree requirements.
3. Meet the Associate's Degree Nursing Program Essential Abilities Policy 7.01.01.
4. TEAS adjusted individual score \geq 58.6%.
5. If degree requirements are not completed, must be eligible to enroll in ENGL-101 or higher.
6. If degree requirements are not completed, must be eligible to enroll in a GEM 3 Math.
7. ENGL-101, GEM 3 MATH (a math course that meets the current AA or AS degree requirements), BIOL-227, PSYC-101, and COMM-101 must be completed with a C/2.0 or higher prior to starting the NURS courses.

Additional Information

Enrollment in the Nursing program is limited. Because of the number of applicants, completion of all admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the program. Candidates for admission are selected from the pool of qualified applicants using a point-based process. Students with the highest point total will be accepted until the designated enrollment limit is reached. An alternate list will be developed using the same process.

Specific information on the selection process and point system are available two months prior to the application deadline and can be obtained from the NIC Admissions Office, (208) 769-3311, or from the Nursing (RN) homepage at www.nic.edu and clicking on Instructional Programs.

1. The additional coursework required to meet the A.S. degree requirements that is not completed at the time of admission to the Nursing program, must be completed no later than the sequence identified in the nursing curriculum in order to meet prerequisites for nursing courses. All required courses must be completed by the end of the program.
2. The Admissions Office will determine transferability of courses from other colleges.
3. The Nursing Department will determine if previous nursing credits will be acceptable for transfer.
4. Advanced placement is available for Licensed Practical Nurses. Applicants must meet the same criteria and deadlines as other program applicants. For further information, view the Nursing (RN) homepage by going to the college website at www.nic.edu and clicking on Instructional Programs or contact the NIC Division of Nursing at (208) 769-3329 for specific guidelines and further information.
5. A criminal background check will be required upon acceptance into the nursing program. Violations which appear on the criminal background check may result in denied access to clinical sites and therefore inability to complete the program.
6. Students with visible body art may be denied access to clinical sites, which could result in the inability to complete the program.

Program Website (https://www.nic.edu/programs/viewprogram.aspx?program_id=55)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1	Written Communication	6
GEM 2	Oral Communication	3
GEM 3	Mathematical Ways of Knowing	3-5
GEM 4	Scientific Ways of Knowing ¹	0
GEM 5	Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing	6
GEM 6	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing ¹	0
GEM 7	Institutionally Designated ¹	0
Program Requirements		
BACT-250	General Microbiology 	4
BIOL-227	Human Anatomy Physiology I With Cadaver 	4
BIOL-228	Human Anatomy Physiology II With Cadaver	4

INTR-2500	Leadership in Interprofessional Healthcare  	3
NURS-115	Wellness for Care Providers  	1
NURS-201	Fundamentals of Nursing	2
NURS-210	Fundamentals of Nursing Lab	2
NURS-215	Physical Assessment With Lab	1
NURS-225	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	1
NURS-235	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing With Lab	1
NURS-240	Nursing Care of Child-Bearing Families With Lab	2
NURS-245	Community Health Nursing	1
NURS-250	Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NURS-255	Medical Surgical Nursing Lab I	3
NURS-260	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4
NURS-265	Medical Surgical Nursing Lab II	4
NURS-270	Transition to Nursing Practice	1
NURS-275	Transition to Nursing Practice Lab	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology  	3
SOC-101	Introduction to Sociology  	3
Total Credits		68-70

¹ This General Education Requirement is met by the Program Requirements.

Recommended Electives

Code	Title	Credits
NURS-198	Nursing Practice Clinical Practicum	1

A grade of C/2.0 or better is required in each nursing course and general education course that is part of the nursing curriculum. General education courses must be completed with the required grade in the sequence listed to meet prerequisites and progress to the next nursing course.

For students who wish to continue their education in nursing, BSN completion programs are available through colleges in Idaho, Eastern Washington, and throughout the country.

Course Key



GEM



WCHE

AAS
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Gateway



Milestone

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In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.