

# Nursing - Associate Degree

10-543-1 | Associate Degree | 70 Credits | Two Year | Financial Aid-Eligible

**Campuses:** Ashland\*, New Richmond\*, Rice Lake\*, Superior\*

\* Students in selected health sciences programs will travel to the Shell Lake Health Education Center. Travel requirements are customized to meet individual program course competencies.

## Program Overview

Nursing is the dynamic interpersonal goal-directed process that seeks to promote optimal health within the context of individuals, family, community and society. The concept of caring, which is central to nursing, is communicated through both attitude and action. Nursing uses the nursing process, a problem-solving approach to provide holistic care to individuals, families and groups within the healthcare system. Through collaboration with other healthcare professionals, nursing is responsive to the needs of the community across the health-illness continuum.

## Special Feature

Graduates of the Nursing - Associate Degree program have the option to transfer, with junior standing, into a baccalaureate nursing program at colleges in the University of Wisconsin System and some private colleges.

## Pre-Nursing - Admission Requirements

- Complete Online application form
- Complete Accuplacer entrance assessment to determine placement (waiver may apply with acceptable alternative test scores and/or postsecondary degree completion); NOTE: required Accuplacer entrance assessment scores for core Nursing coursework are higher than pre-Nursing scores
- Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- Out-of-State applicants sign a Professional Licensure Disclosure
- Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor

## Admission Requirements

- Admission to the program is based on the date the student completes all admissions requirements and is first-come first-served.
- Complete Online application form
  - Complete ADN admission assessment testing (academic admission requirements apply - see page 37 for more information)
  - Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
  - Out-of-State applicants sign a Professional Licensure Disclosure

- Submit an official high school (or HSED/GED) transcript with graduation date.
  - If you are a current high school student, you can be admitted with an unofficial, or official, current transcript. Your final official transcript with graduation date must be submitted prior to the program starting or you will be withdrawn from the program.
- Complete one year, or one credit, of high school chemistry or one credit of college-level chemistry with a 2.0 or better
- Complete a Nursing Assistant course with a grade of 2.0 or better
- Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor

## Program-Specific Requirements

- Submit Background Check fee
- Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states if applicable
- Complete physical exam and health requirements, including immunizations
- Possess current certification of "BLS Basic Life Support"
- Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement
- Participate in a mandatory orientation session

Admission and Program-Specific Requirements for the following are located on the [Nursing - Associate Degree](#) program webpage:

- LPN to ADN
- Nursing - Associate Degree Transfer Student Requirements
- Northwood Tech/UWEC Nursing Alliance

## Career Outlook

Graduates of this program will be qualified for the following position:

- Registered Nurse

## Related Program

- Nursing Assistant

## Program Outcomes

ADN Graduates will be able to:

- Integrate professional nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing
- Communicate comprehensive information using multiple sources in nursing practice
- Integrate theoretical knowledge to support decision making
- Integrate the nursing process into patient care across diverse populations
- Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care

## Professional Licensure and/or Certification Information

Northwood Tech's Nursing program is designed to prepare students to meet the educational requirements for licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin and Minnesota. The College has not determined and does not guarantee its required courses meet the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure in states/territories other than Wisconsin and Minnesota as documented on the [licensure and certification disclosure webpage](#). Students who may be seeking professional licensure or certification in states/territories other than Wisconsin or Minnesota should contact the appropriate licensing board in the state to verify that the Northwood Tech program meets licensure or certification requirements. To be eligible for testing and/or licensing in the state of Wisconsin or Minnesota, you may be required to obtain a social security number. Please click below to review more details about accreditation and licensure:

[National Council of State Boards of Nursing \(NCSBN\)](#)

[State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services](#)

The Nursing-Associate Degree program at Northwood Technical College is accredited by the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. \(ACEN\)](#), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone 404-975-5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate degree nursing program is continuing accreditation.

The Nursing-Associate Degree program at Northwood Technical College is approved by the [Wisconsin State Board of Nursing](#). Concerns may also be directed to the Board of Nursing, DSPS, PO Box 8366, Madison, WI 53708 – 8366. Phone number: 608.266.2112  
Email: [dsps@wi.gov](mailto:dsps@wi.gov)



## Required Courses

Number	Course Title	Credits (cr.)
<b>Program Courses</b>		
10543101	Nursing Fundamentals*	2 cr.
10543102	Nursing Skills*	3 cr.
10543103	Nursing Pharmacology*	2 cr.
10543104	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice*	2 cr.
10543105	Nursing Health Alterations*	3 cr.
10543106	Nursing Health Promotion*	3 cr.
10543107	Nursing: Clinical Care Across the Lifespan*	2 cr.
10543108	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Care Management*	2 cr.
10543109	Nursing: Complex Health Alterations I*	3 cr.
10543110	Nursing: Mental Health and Community Concepts*	2 cr.
10543111	Nursing: Intermediate Clinical Practice*	3 cr.
10543112	Nursing Advanced Skills*	1 cr.
10543113	Nursing: Complex Health Alterations II*	3 cr.
10543114	Nursing: Management and Professional Concepts*	2 cr.
10543115	Nursing: Advanced Clinical Practice*	3 cr.
10543116	Nursing Clinical Transition*	2 cr.
<b>Program Courses Total</b>		<b>38 cr</b>
<b>General Education Courses</b>		
10801136	English Composition 1	3 cr.
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication or	
10801198	Speech	3 cr.
10806177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4 cr.
10806179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology*	4 cr.
10806197	Microbiology*	4 cr.
10809188	Developmental Psychology	3 cr.
10809196	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	3 cr.
<b>General Education Courses Total</b>		<b>27 cr.</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>		<b>5 cr.</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>70 cr.</b>

\* Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.

For all 10543XXX courses, course repeat and failure policies exist within the ADN program that allow for only a certain number of retakes and failures of these classes; please refer to these policies for details.

All courses in the ADN program (core nursing, science, general education, prerequisites, and elective courses) must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or better, including 10806177 General Anatomy & Physiology and 10806179 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology.

See pages 221-302 for course descriptions.