

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
STUDENT POLICIES

CLINICAL SIMULATION HOURS RATIO

Appropriately developed clinical simulation is supported by nursing research and sanctioned by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. The Wisconsin State Board of Nursing supports simulation to enhance the clinical experience up to fifty percent of required clinical hours. While individual student clinical experiences may vary based upon clinical census and patient assignment, simulation offers skills and experiences detailed to the student learner. Clinical simulation offers an opportunity for ADN students to provide patient care to high fidelity mannequins in low frequency/emergent client scenarios. Also, students will use the simulation experience to make critical decisions and improve clinical judgment through structured analysis of varying client scenarios.

The Northwood Tech clinical simulation ratio of hours in simulation to assigned clinical time is one (1) hour of clinical simulation equaling three (3) hours of clinical time. The use of intensified simulation experiences with pre brief, patient care time, and debriefing support the ratio used at the college.