

Northwood Technical College

FALL 2025 FY26 (2025-26) Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) Program Information

The following is additional information about the Northwood Tech ADN program.
This information supplements the program webpage and college catalog.

Degree: Associate of Applied Science-Nursing

ADN PROGRAM - The Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) program includes 70 credits of required courses: 38 in nursing, 12 in supportive science, 15 in general education, and 5 elective credits. Students are encouraged to take some or all of the science, general education, and elective required courses prior to beginning the nursing program courses, to have an academic focus on the required nursing courses when admitted to the ADN Program. The ADN program length is 2 years. Three or four years is a more accurate timeline to graduate from the program for students who complete most general studies and science courses before admission to the program and taking core nursing courses.

ADN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Program and Clinical Site Locations

PROGRAM LOCATIONS	CLINICAL LOCATIONS
Northwood Tech-Ashland	Ashland, Hayward
Northwood Tech-New Richmond	Hudson, New Richmond, St. Croix Falls, Stillwater, Amery
Northwood Tech-Rice Lake	Barron, Cumberland, Rice Lake, Spooner
Northwood Tech-Superior	Duluth, Superior, Hibbing

ADMISSION PROCESS - Admission to the Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) program is a process that begins with completing an application for the program. Applicants then work with an admission advisor and counselor to review admission requirements and create a plan to meet these requirements. Once admission requirements are met, applicants are admitted based on space available in the program at the student's home campus.

Refer to the specific steps that are required to apply to the nursing program.

Any student admitted into a Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) program within the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), who was not dismissed from a WTCS Associate Degree Nursing program, will receive reciprocity and will not be required to complete the assessment for admission at any other WTCS ADN program as long as all other Northwood Tech entrance standards are met. The student is responsible for submitting a copy of their previous admission information.

ADN COURSEWORK

ADN courses are developed so that they are taken in the order listed. The ADN Required Courses document lists all required coursework. Completion of "BLS Basic Life Support" training is a prerequisite to the first nursing clinical course (10-543-104) and must be maintained throughout the program. All 4th-semester courses must be completed at Northwood Tech.

Northwood Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or status in any group protected by state or local law in employment, admissions or its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the College's nondiscrimination policies: Amanda Gohde, Associate VP, Talent & Culture, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake WI 54868, 715.645.7042, Wisconsin Relay TTY:711, amanda.gohde@NorthwoodTech.edu.

CLASS COMMITMENT

The average amount of time spent in the classroom for a full-time student is between 19 and 23 hours per week. In addition to scheduled class time, it is expected that students will spend at least two to three hours studying for each hour of classroom lecture they attend. This represents a significant time commitment, and most students find it necessary to reduce work hours during the program.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Official college transcripts are required for any previously completed college coursework. Official college transcripts must be sealed and sent from the sending institution or sent electronically through a secure transcript ordering service directly to Northwood Tech.

ADN PROGRAM STANDARDS

ADN students must complete all required courses with a grade of 2.0 or better. ADN students will be dismissed from the program if they fail two core (543 nursing) courses. Withdrawal from the same nursing course two (2) times is considered a failure of the course and counts toward the ADN Program Dismissal Policy. This policy includes core (543 nursing) courses taken at other colleges.

COMPUTER NEEDS

Since all ADN courses include a web-based component, students are required to have computer and internet access.

ACCREDITATION

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 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

WISCONSIN BOARD OF NURSING REQUIREMENTS (Chapter N2: Licensure):

Graduates of the ADN program are eligible for the registered nurse licensure examination if the following requirements are met:

- a. Graduation from high school or its equivalent
- b. Does not have an arrest or conviction record deemed significant
- c. Graduated from a board-approved or comparable school of professional nursing
- d. Payment of the requisite fees

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND/OR CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Northwood Tech's Nursing program prepares students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. The College does not guarantee its curriculum matches the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states. To be eligible for testing and/or licensing in the state of Wisconsin, 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](#)

BACKGROUND CHECKS

1. There is no automatic disqualification from licensure based on a conviction record. The Board has the authority to deny licensure to anyone with a conviction record or pending charge, the circumstances of which substantially relate to the duties of that person's licensure. In making this determination, the board considers the following factors:
 - a. The nature and seriousness of the act for which convicted/arrested (as the circumstances relate to the practice of professional or practical nursing)
 - b. The proximity in time of the conviction/arrest to the present
 - c. The success of rehabilitation (if any has been indicated)
 - d. The record since conviction/arrest
2. The Board will not offer an opinion of eligibility for licensure until the graduate applies for licensure. The graduate will need to provide copies of any judgments of conviction and criminal complaints. The Board will investigate and determine whether they substantially relate to the practice of nursing.
3. Students in the ADN program will attend practical sessions in clinical agencies regulated by state and federal government. The laws state that these clinical agencies may not hire anyone with a history of conviction of certain crimes. Northwood Tech must contract with these clinical agencies to provide program clinical experiences. To do so, the agencies expect Northwood Tech nursing students to adhere to the same guidelines—in this respect, students are viewed as temporary employees.

During the nursing program orientation, new students' conviction history and record will be obtained from a national criminal background check, the Department of Justice and [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) and if applicable, from the [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#). Having a conviction history will not necessarily prohibit entry into the nursing program. Any charges identified are discussed with the student, and every attempt to confidentially resolve the concern with the clinical agencies utilized for the clinical courses will be made. The clinical agencies reserve the right to determine what is an acceptable background check. The clinical agency may deny access to their setting based on a negative background check. If this occurs, the student will not be able to complete the ADN program requirements. Additional background checks may be required while in the program using the Self-Reporting Requirements document. The costs of background checks are the student's responsibility.

GRADUATE SALARY EXPECTATIONS

Graduates earn between \$62,651–\$93,489 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be \$78,682. Graduates can expect to receive shift differential pay.

Recommended elective courses:

HEALTH CARE RELATED

10-501-101	Medical Terminology	(3 credits)
10-544-105	Alzheimer's & Dementia	(3 credits)
10-544-107	Death and Dying	(3 credits)

MATH

10-804-138	Math for Health Professionals (2 credits)
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LEADERSHIP

Any management and/or leadership program coursework.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact an Admissions Advisor at the campus you plan to attend:

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Admissions Advisor
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1900 College Dr
Rice Lake, WI 54868
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Admissions Advisor
Northwood Technical College
1019 S. Knowles Ave
New Richmond, WI 54017
Phone: 715-246-6561 or 800-243-9482
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Checklist for Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) Admission

Admission Requirements for ADN (pre)

_____ 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 Nursing coursework are higher than Nursing (pre) scores.

The ADN (pre) *Accuplacer Next Gen* test may be waived if:

- Accuplacer Next Gen scores of 237 or provide documentation of prior assessment testing that meets this standard
- ACT scores of 17 in English, 18 in Reading, and 17 in Math
- or an Associate Degree or higher is also acceptable in lieu of Accuplacer Next Gen

_____ Review and sign Background Check Disclosure

_____ Review and understand Technical Standards for this program

_____ Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor

Admission Requirements for Admission into the ADN Program

In addition to the requirements above, ADN (pre) students must complete the following to be eligible for admission into the core Nursing program:

_____ ADN Admission assessment testing

The ADN *Accuplacer Next Gen* test may be waived if:

- Accuplacer Next Gen scores of 263 or provide documentation of prior assessment testing that meets this standard
- A composite ACT score of 22 with a minimum ACT Math score of 18
- or an Associate Degree or higher is also acceptable in lieu of Accuplacer Next Gen. The college provides support for remediation, if necessary

_____ 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 or provide documentation of completing a course.

_____ Submit an official high school transcript with confer date of diploma or GED certificate. Current high school seniors must provide both a current high school transcript and a final (official) transcript with confer date

_____ Complete and sign Intent to Enter form

Program-Specific Requirements

_____ Submit Background Check results

- _____ Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states if applicable.
- _____ Complete the Health Form for Health Sciences students.
- _____ Possess current certification of "BLS (Basic Life Support)".
- _____ Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement.
- _____ Participate in a mandatory program orientation session.

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Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

TEXTBOOKS (ADN technical studies courses)	\$622.00
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BACKGROUND CHECKS (required)

CastleBranch (National and Wisconsin Background Checks):

All campuses for initial background check	\$88.00
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Ashland and Rice Lake require annual background check renewal	\$51.00
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MN DHS Background Check: *Superior Campus only*

Background Check Fee	\$44.00
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MN Fingerprint/Photo Fee	\$10.50
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ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Uniforms & Equipment	varies
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PROGRAM/COURSE PREREQUISITES

10-806-140	Chemistry	\$164.20
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30-543-300	Nursing Assistant	\$363.70
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47-531-437	BLS Basic Life Support	\$74.48
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FIRST TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,681.65

10-543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	\$606.20
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10-543-102	Nursing Skills	\$511.35
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10-543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	\$606.20
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10-543-104	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice	\$340.90
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10-801-136	English Composition I	\$482.60
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10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology	\$651.80
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10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	\$482.60
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SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,354.80

10-543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	\$769.30
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10-543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	\$769.30
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10-543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	\$340.90
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10-543-108	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Mgmt	\$340.90
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10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	\$482.60
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10-806-179	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	\$651.80
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THIRD TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,267.00

10-543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	\$570.30
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10-543-110	Nursing Mental Health Community Concepts	\$397.90
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10-543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	\$511.35
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10-543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	\$170.45
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10-806-197	Microbiology	\$651.80
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10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	\$482.60
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10-XXX-XXX	Elective (3 credits)	\$482.60
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FOURTH TERM - TUITION/FEEES: \$3,001.67

10-543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	\$557.10
10-543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	\$369.20
10-543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	\$511.35
10-543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	\$386.70
10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	\$482.60
10-XXX-XXX	Elective (2 credits)	\$321.72
	Materials for Live Review	\$373.00

Nursing Pin (Optional)	\$31.02
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NCLEX Fee*	\$200.00
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WI State Board Fees* (+\$10 if requesting a temporary permit)	\$74.00
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MN State Board Fees* (\$138.25 includes background check fee)	
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APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL	\$15,028.02
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*=multiply x2 if opt to sit for both PN and RN NCLEX

Transportation costs to and from clinical agencies will vary

Computer purchase or upgrade costs will be discussed on an individual basis.

Students are responsible for additional clinical agency requirements.

Students are responsible for health form costs (TB test, Immunizations, titers, exam, etc.)