

Northwood Technical College

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

The following is additional information about the Northwood Tech Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) program. This information supplements the program webpage.

Degree: Associate of Applied Science-Nursing

ADN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Program and Clinical Site Locations

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

You must have completed at least one transferable clinical or skills-based nursing course from an accredited nursing program to qualify for transfer into the ADN program at Northwood Tech. There is no time limit for course transferability. If you have not completed a clinical or skills-based nursing course from an accredited nursing program, you can apply to start the program as a traditional ADN student.

ADMISSION PROCESS: Due to the limited availability of clinical spaces for transfer students, transfers are admitted on a space-available basis. Transfers are admitted based on the program's priority status policy.

ADN COURSEWORK: ADN courses are developed so that they are taken in the order listed. The required courses checklist 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. As a transfer student, you must complete at least 25% of the technical studies credits at Northwood Tech to earn a degree. For the ADN program, a minimum of 10 credits (543 courses) must be completed at Northwood Tech.

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 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.

ADN PROGRAM STANDARDS: ADN students must complete all required courses with a 2.0 or better in all required coursework. ADN students will be dismissed from the program if they fail two nursing (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 nursing (543 nursing) courses taken at other colleges and will be considered when determining your eligibility to transfer.

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

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.

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 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:

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 as a nurse 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 that are 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 your clinical experiences while in the program. In order to do so, the agencies expect Northwood Tech to adhere to the same guidelines—in other words, they view students as temporary employees.

Prior to starting nursing classes, you will be asked about your conviction history, and a conviction 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 stop you from entering the program. We will need to discuss the charges with you and will make every attempt to confidentially resolve the concern with the clinical agencies utilized for the clinical courses. 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, you would not be able to complete the ADN program requirements. The costs of background checks are the responsibility of the student.

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.

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

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Northwood Technical College
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Admissions Advisor
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1900 College Dr
Rice Lake, WI 54868
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ricelake.admissions@northwoodtech.edu

Admissions Advisor
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1019 S. Knowles Ave
New Richmond, WI 54017
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newrichmond.admissions@northwoodtech.edu

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Checklist for Nursing-Associate Degree Admission (TRANSFER TRACK)

**Because each semester of the ADN program has a specific student capacity,
the transfer student will be admitted only as space is available.**

Good Standing and Transfer Credit Review:

- _____ Submit statement of good standing from the Dean of Nursing or Nursing Program Director at the most recent college attended nursing courses.
- _____ Submit official transcripts and associated materials (nursing course syllabus and course descriptions) from colleges previously attended. Only nursing coursework from accredited nursing programs are eligible for review.

This documentation is to be sent to the Admissions Advisor of the Northwood Tech campus you wish to attend. Coursework from all other accredited nursing programs will be reviewed (including course failures and withdrawals) when determining your eligibility for transfer. Program policies related to failures/withdrawals will include past academic records. If you have been dismissed from another ADN program for any reason, you will not be eligible for transfer track admission into the Northwood Tech ADN program.

- _____ Once good standing and transfer credits have been reviewed, and transfer status has been established, the transfer student will be informed of their transfer status. At that time, the student may apply for admission to that semester.

Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

- _____ Complete Northwood Tech online application
- _____ Successfully complete the required entrance assessment (*Accuplacer Next Gen*) with a score of 263, or provide documentation of prior assessment testing that meets this standard. The college provides support for remediation if necessary.

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

- the transfer student has an associate degree or higher
- or student provides documentation of an ACT composite score of 22 with a minimum math score of 18
- or the student provides a copy of previous admission information showing that the student was admitted into an ADN program within the Wisconsin Technical College System and was not dismissed from the program

- _____ Have earned a High School diploma or GED certificate. Current high school students must provide both a current high school transcript and a final (official) transcript with confer date.
- _____ Complete one year, or one credit, of high school chemistry or one credit of college-level chemistry with a 2.0 or better.
- _____ Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- _____ Review and understand Technical Standards for this program
- _____ Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor

If space is available, your semester of entry will be determined, and you will be contacted as to what additional documentation must be provided to complete your transfer and course registration. Directions will be provided by the Associate Dean of Nursing. If space is not available, you will be placed on the transfer waitlist for consideration for subsequent semesters.

The documents below should be uploaded to the student clinical document storage platform and will be reviewed and accepted by the ADN Program Coordinator prior to acceptance to the ADN program:

Program-Specific Requirements for ADN Program

- _____ Submit Background Check results
- _____ Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other state 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

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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.)