

Northwood Technical College

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

Northwood Tech and the Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) faculty value the education and experience you have obtained as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) from an accredited PN program. Through the LPN to ADN track, we provide a mechanism to obtain advanced standing in the ADN program. The LPN to ADN student will be granted up to 19 of the 37 nursing credits in the ADN program. Additionally, the student may transfer the general studies portion of the program. Students must complete the general studies courses identified below as prerequisites to be eligible for the LPN to ADN track and prior to entry into the nursing program. Prior to entry into the nursing courses, the LPN to ADN Module also needs to be successfully completed. Directions for the LPN to ADN modules will be given to students by the Associate Dean of Nursing/ADN Program Director.

Students may be admitted as LPN to ADN (pre) to complete the prerequisite courses while also being eligible for Financial Aid. The prerequisites may be completed in 1 to 2 years of part-time study. Nursing courses may be completed in 1 year. LPN to ADN students join the Northwood Tech ADN program in Semester 3 of the 4-semester ADN program.

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

Prerequisites

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Hours per week
10-801-136	English Composition 1	3	3
10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology	4	5
10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	3	3
10-806-179	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	4	5
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication or 10-801-198 Speech	3	3

LPN to ADN STUDENT DEFINITION

You will be considered an LPN to ADN student if you are applying to Northwood Tech after completing an accredited practical nursing program at another college and hold a current, active LPN license, as well as meet other admission and program-specific requirements.

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.

LPN to ADN TRACK REQUIRED COURSES

ADN SEMESTER 3

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
10-543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations I	3
10-543-110	Nursing Mental Health Com Concepts	2
10-543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	3
10-543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1
10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
10-806-197	Microbiology	4
	Elective	2
		Semester Total = 18 Credits

ADN SEMESTER 4

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
10-543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	3
10-543-114	Nursing Management Concepts	2
10-543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	3
10-543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2
10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Elective	3
		Semester Total Credits = 16
		Program Total = 34

REQUIRED ADMISSION PROCESS

LPN to ADN students are admitted as space is available. We do not offer a specific section of classes just for LPN to ADN students. In the event that there is no space available, LPN to ADN students may be placed on the LPN waitlist that is prioritized according to the date of fulfilling all requirements to begin ADN Semester 3 classes. Students who have not completed all the required ADN Semester 1 and 2 General Studies requirements are not eligible to be placed on the Entrance List.

ADN COURSEWORK

ADN courses are developed so that they are taken in the order listed. The LPN to ADN required courses plan listed above indicates all required coursework. Completion of "BLS Basic Life Support" training is a program requirement for eligibility to attend nursing clinical courses and must be maintained throughout the program. All 4th semester 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.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Official college transcripts are required for any college coursework that has been completed. 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 for review. The prerequisite courses must be completed with a 2.0 or better prior to admission. The student must have a current, active LPN license, have completed an accredited practical nursing program, and must successfully complete the LPN to ADN modules prior to entry into nursing courses.

ADN PROGRAM STANDARDS

ADN students must complete all required courses with a 2.0 or better. 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 Wisconsin Technical College System colleges and will be considered when determining eligibility for transfer.

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 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 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.

SUGGESTED PLAN FOR PREREQUISITE COURSES BY SEMESTER

(Can also be completed in one academic year)

Pre-program Semester 1

Course Number	Course Title
10-801-136	English Composition 1
10-809-198	Intro to Psychology
	Elective

Pre-program Semester 2

Course Number	Course Title
10-809-196	Intro to Sociology
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication or 10-801-198 Speech
	Elective

Pre-program Semester 3

Course Number	Course Title
10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology
10-809-116	Develop Psychology

Pre-program Semester 4

Course Number	Course Title
10-806-179	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
10-806-197	Microbiology

NOTE: Intro to Sociology, Intro to Psychology, Microbiology, and elective courses are **not** prerequisite to the LPN to ADN track but **are strongly recommended** for completion prior to entering clinical courses.

For questions about advanced standing or your personal plan for completion of these prerequisite and general studies courses, contact your local campus counselor.

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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LPN to ADN Student Checklist for ADN Admission

As space is available in ADN Semester 3, LPN to ADN students will be admitted into nursing courses. If space is not available, applicants will be placed on the LPN Entrance List. Order on the LPN Entrance List is based on the date and time of completion of all criteria of the application process and the completion of all prerequisite courses.

Admission Requirements LPN to ADN (pre)

Submit the following to the Admissions Advisor at the Northwood Tech campus you wish to attend:

- _____ Submit a copy of your current, unrestricted, active LPN license from U.S. State Boards of Nursing. Applicants without a U.S. issued state board of nursing license will need to apply and obtain a license from the state in which you reside.

- _____ Submit an official transcript from a practical nurse program that was accredited at the time of your graduation/completion.

- _____ Submit statement of good standing from the Dean of Nursing or Nursing Program Director at the most recent college attended nursing courses.

Once good standing and transcripts have been reviewed for credit for prior learning and LPN to ADN status, you will be notified of your LPN to ADN review status. Once you have been notified of your LPN to ADN review status, follow the steps below.

- _____ Complete online application form

- _____ Complete Accuplacer entrance assessment to determine placement (waiver may apply with acceptable alternative test scores and/or postsecondary degree completion). The college provides support for remediation of 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 seniors 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

Confirmation of admission from the Northwood Tech Counselor, who has confirmed the following:

- _____ Have completed and passed or received transfer credit for the following general education classes:
 - English Composition 1
 - General Anatomy & Physiology
 - Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
 - Developmental Psychology
 - Oral/Interpersonal Communication

NOTE: Intro to Sociology, Intro to Psychology, Microbiology, and elective courses are not prerequisite to the progression path but are strongly recommended for completion prior to entering clinical courses.

Directions will be provided by the Associate Dean of Nursing/ADN Program Director upon admission to LPN to ADN waitlist.

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

Program-Specific Requirements LPN to ADN

- _____ Successfully complete the LPN to ADN modules
- _____ Possess current certification of "BLS Basic Life Support"
- _____ Complete the Health Form for Health Sciences students

Prior to attendance in core Nursing coursework, student must

- _____ 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.
- _____ Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement

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NURSING-ASSOCIATE DEGREE (LPN to ADN)

Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

TEXTBOOKS (ADN technical studies courses)	\$778.00
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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	\$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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47-531-437	BLS Basic Life Support	\$74.48
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THIRD TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,267.00

10-543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 1	\$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/FEES: \$3,001.67

10-543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	\$557.10
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10-543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	\$369.20
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10-543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	\$511.35
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10-543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	\$386.70
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10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	\$482.60
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10-XXX-XXX	Elective (2 credits)	\$321.72
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Materials for Live Review	\$373.00
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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	\$7,783.87
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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.)

5/2025 (FY26 LPN to ADN Program Cost Sheet)