

Northwood Technical College

FY24 (2023-24) Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) Program Information

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

Degree: Associate of Applied Science-Nursing

- A. **ADN PROGRAM - 70 semester credits** The Associate Degree Nursing program includes 70 credits: 38 in nursing, 12 in supportive science, 15 in General Studies, and 5 elective credits. Students are encouraged to take some or all of the science, General Studies, and elective courses prior to beginning the nursing courses, to improve their priority status when petitioning for core Nursing admission. The program length is 2 years, but students need to have the majority of general studies and science courses completed prior to petitioning to core nursing courses, so 3 or 4 years of study is a more accurate timeline to complete the program.

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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, Hibbing

- B. **ADMISSION PROCESS** Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is a 3-step process that begins with pre-ADN admission and is followed by a "priority admission" petition process for admission into core (Nursing) courses. While admitted to pre-ADN the student may enroll in general studies and program-required science courses, and complete other petition requirements. Through the "priority admission" petition process "the most prepared" student (the student who has completed more of the program-required science and other general studies courses, in the order listed on the Intent to Enroll/Petition Checklist), is given preference for program admission.

**Refer to the Petition Process for specific steps that are required to apply to the nursing program.
Applicants have 120 days to complete the application process.**

Any student admitted into an Associate Degree Nursing (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 Curriculum 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.

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, Director, Human Resources, Administrative Office, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake WI 54868, 715-731-1223, 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 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.

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 core (543 nursing) courses. Withdrawal from the same 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:

Graduates of the ADN program are eligible for the 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. Hold a diploma of graduation from an accredited school of professional nursing
- d. Payment of the requisite fees

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.

At the program orientation, 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. Ultimately, 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 \$57,853–\$102,952 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be \$70,693. Graduates can expect to receive shift differential pay.

Recommended elective courses:

HEALTH CARE RELATED

- 10-501-101 Medical Terminology (3 credits)
- 10-510-135 Anatomy, Physiology and Disease Concepts (2 credits)
- 10-806-175 Pathophysiology (3 credits)

MATH

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

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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Checklist for Nursing-Associate Degree (ADN) Admission

Step 1: Admission Requirements for Pre-ADN – *all criteria in Step 1 must be met before moving to Step 2.*

- _____ Complete Northwood Tech online application
- _____ Pre-ADN Admission assessment testing – 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.
- _____ Complete Northwood Tech pre-ADN Admissions Quiz
- _____ Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- _____ Review and sign Functional Abilities Disclosure
- _____ Complete admissions meeting with a Northwood Tech counselor

Step 2: Admission Requirements for Core-ADN:

Pre-Nursing students must complete the petition process to be eligible for the core Nursing program. (See program webpage for detailed information.) In addition to the requirements above, students in this program must:

- _____ Core-ADN Admission assessment testing— 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.

Step 3: Petition Process for Core-ADN:

- _____ Submit a high school diploma or GED certificate. Current HS seniors must provide both a current high school transcript and a final transcript with confer date.
- _____ Submit Northwood Tech transcripts to verify course completion (priority admission is given to students who have completed the ADN program-required General Studies courses)
- _____ Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- _____ Review and sign the Functional Abilities Disclosure

Entry to Nursing-Associate Degree Program

- _____ Submit Background Check fee to Student Services as designated on cover page
- _____ Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other states if applicable.
- _____ Pass a physical exam, have current immunizations, and demonstrate negative status for tuberculosis (TB). Decision to not receive vaccinations may limit ability to obtain clinical placement based upon meeting site placement requirements.
- _____ Possess current certification of "BLS Basic Life Support" or the equivalent by American Heart Association or Red Cross.
- _____ Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement.
- _____ Participate in a mandatory program orientation session.

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NURSING-ASSOCIATE DEGREE (ADN) PROGRAM

Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

TEXTBOOKS (ADN technical studies courses)	\$1,235.12
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BACKGROUND CHECKS (required)

CastleBranch (National and Wisconsin Background Checks):

Ashland, New Richmond, and Rice Lake students	\$72.00
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Superior students	\$87.00
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MN DHS Background Check: *Superior Campus only*

Background Check Fee: \$42	\$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	\$163.40
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30-543-300	Nursing Assistant	\$334.30
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47-531-437	BLS Basic Life Support	\$56.09
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FIRST TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,221.85

10-543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	\$394.05
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10-543-102	Nursing Skills	\$501.45
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10-543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	\$394.05
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10-543-104	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice	\$334.30
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10-801-136	English Composition 1	\$472.20
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10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology	\$653.60
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10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	\$472.20
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SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$2,894.30

10-543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	\$549.95
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10-543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	\$549.95
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10-543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	\$334.30
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10-543-108	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Mgmt	\$334.30
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10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	\$472.20
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10-806-179	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	\$653.60
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THIRD TERM - TUITION/FEES: \$3,210.60

10-543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 1	\$549.95
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10-543-110	Nursing Mental Health Community Concepts	\$394.05
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10-543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	\$501.45
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10-543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	\$167.15
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10-806-197	Microbiology	\$653.60
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10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	\$472.20
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10-XXX-XXX	Elective (3 credits)	\$472.20
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FOURTH TERM - TUITION/FEEES: \$2,835.00

10-543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	\$472.20
10-543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	\$355.18
10-543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	\$501.45
10-543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	\$373.17
10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	\$472.20
10-XXX-XXX	Elective (2 credits)	\$314.80
	Materials for Live Review	\$346.00

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	\$14,469.18
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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.)