

## “Am I ready?”

- ✓ ***Is this the right time for me to begin?***
  - Do I have reliable transportation?
  - Do I have financial support in place?
  - Do I have family support?
  - Do I have reliable childcare?
- ✓ ***Is this the right career for me?***
  - Students are encouraged to explore with a Northwood Tech counselor the career of nursing fully before making the significant commitment this program and the profession demands—nursing is NOT for everyone!
- ✓ ***How much time will I need to devote to studying?***
  - Many students are unaware of the rigor and demands of the nursing program.
  - For each hour of class, you should expect to study three hours outside of class
  - Seriously
- ✓ ***Should I work while in the core nursing courses?***
  - Successful students work limited hours if they work at all.
  - It is highly recommended that you limit your hours of outside work while in the program.
    - ✓ Do not let a job interfere with your dream to become a Registered Nurse!
- ✓ ***Have I included my family in this decision?***
  - Successful students have supportive family members who are willing to take on some of your responsibilities so that you can be successful at school.
    - ✓ These adjustments can be very difficult and family members can grow weary over time.
  - Have an honest dialogue with family members to ensure that they can support you for “the long haul.”

**If you can honestly answer YES to these questions,  
you are ready to move forward with the ADN Priority Petition Process**