Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
FY22 (2021-22) Nursing-Associate Degree Program Information
(Transfer Track)

The following is additional information about the WITC 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. You may enroll as an undeclared student and complete many of the General Studies and supportive science credits before transferring into the clinical nursing courses.

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

You must have completed at least one transferrable clinical or skills-based nursing course from an accredited ADN program to qualify for transfer into the ADN program at WITC. There is no time limit for course transferability. If you have not yet entered a clinical or skills-based nursing course, you must apply to the program as a pre-ADN student.

B. **ADMISSION PROCESS** Due to the limited availability of clinical slots for transfer students, transfers are admitted on a space-available basis. Transfers are handled on a first-come, first-served basis as the student completes the admission requirements.

ADN COURSEWORK ADN courses are developed so that they are taken in the order listed. The curriculum checklist lists all required coursework. Completion of "CPR for Healthcare Providers" 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 WITC. As a transfer student, you must complete at least 25% of the technical studies credits at WITC to earn a degree. For the ADN program, a minimum of 10 credits (543 courses) must be completed at WITC.

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 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 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.

ACCREDITATION WITC's nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), and approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing. Concerns about the Associate Degree Nursing program or questions about current status may be communicated to the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. NLNAC's phone number is 404.975.5000. Concerns may also be directed to the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935. The WI State Board of Nursing's phone number is 877.617.1565.

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. WITC must contract with these clinical agencies to provide your clinical experiences while in the program. In order to do so, the agencies expect WITC to adhere to the same guidelines—in other words, they view students as temporary employees.

       Prior to starting core 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. 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 $42,117—$72,794 annually. The most recent graduate follow-up study indicates the average yearly salary to be $63,150. 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:

WITC – Ashland Jennifer Bednarik 2100 Beaser Ave. Ashland, WI 54806 jennifer.bednarik@witc.edu 800-243-9482 x3195	WITC – New Richmond Jodi Saliny 1019 S. Knowles Ave. New Richmond, WI 54017 jodi.saliny@witc.edu 800-243-9482 x4339	WITC – Rice Lake Shawn Larson 1900 College Drive Rice Lake, WI 54868 shawn.larson@witc.edu 800-243-9482 x5220	WITC – Superior Admissions Advisor 600 N. 21st St. Superior, WI 54880 800-243-9482

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

_____ Submit statement of good standing from the Dean of Nursing or Nursing Program Director at the most recent college attended core (nursing) courses, official transcripts, and associated materials (syllabus and course descriptions) from colleges previously attended to the Admissions Advisor of the WITC campus you wish to attend. Coursework from other accredited ADN 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 record. If you have been dismissed from another ADN program for any reason, you will not be granted transfer admission into the WITC 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:

_____ Complete application and submit with fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)

_____ 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/HSED certificate; Current HS students must provide both a current high school transcript and a final transcript with confer date

_____ Complete one year, or one credit, of HS chemistry or one credit of college-level chemistry with a 2.0 or better

_____ Review and sign Background Check Disclosure

_____ Review and sign the Functional Abilities Disclosure

_____ Participate in an admission meeting and educational goal discussion with a WITC 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 Reentry Coordinator upon admission to transfer waitlist.

*The documents below should be **uploaded to Student Passport System** and will be reviewed and accepted by the Reentry Coordinator prior to acceptance to the ADN program:*

_____ Submit Background Check fee(s)

_____ Have an acceptable Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, National Criminal Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and other state if applicable from Castlebranch and upload to Student Passport System

_____ 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 stie placement requirements.

_____ Possess current certification of "CPR for Healthcare Providers" or the equivalent

_____ Review and sign Health Sciences Confidentiality Statement

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NURSING-ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM
Prices listed are approximate costs and subject to change

Application	$30.00
Uniforms & Equipment	varies
Textbooks (ADN technical studies courses)	$2,134.96
WI Caregiver Background Check	$10.00
MN Caregiver Background Check	$29.10
National Criminal Background Check	$52.00

PROGRAM/COURSE PREREQUISITES

10-806-140	Chemistry	$157.50
30-543-300	Nursing Assistant	$483.00
CPR for Health Care Provider (AHA)		$55.05

FIRST TERM - TUITION/FEES: $3,163.72

10-543-101	Nursing Fundamentals	$485.50
10-543-102	Nursing Skills	$483.00
10-543-103	Nursing Pharmacology	$331.22
10-543-104	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Practice	$322.00
10-801-136	English Composition 1	$456.00
10-806-177	General Anatomy & Physiology	$630.00
10-809-188	Developmental Psychology	$456.00

SECOND TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,642

10-543-105	Nursing Health Alterations	$456.00
10-543-106	Nursing Health Promotion	$456.00
10-543-107	Nursing Clinical Care Across the Lifespan	$322.00
10-543-108	Nursing: Intro to Clinical Mgmt	$322.00
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	$456.00
10-806-179	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	$630.00

THIRD TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2.947.5

10-543-109	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 1	$456.00
10-543-110	Nursing Mental Health Community Concepts	$305.50
10-543-111	Nursing Intermediate Clinical Practice	$483.00
10-543-112	Nursing Advanced Skills	$161.00
10-806-197	Microbiology	$630.00
10-809-198	Introduction to Psychology	$456.00
10-XXX-XXX	Elective (3 credits)	$456.00

FOURTH TERM - TUITION/FEES: $2,806.25

10-543-113	Nursing Complex Health Alterations 2	$456.00
10-543-114	Nursing Management & Professional Concepts	$332.50
10-543-115	Nursing Advanced Clinical Practice	$483.00
10-543-116	Nursing Clinical Transition	$322.00
10-809-196	Introduction to Sociology	$456.00
10-XXX-XXX	Elective (2 credits)	$358.75

HESI RN Exit Testing	$52.00
Materials for Live Review	$346.00
Nursing Pin (Optional)	$25.00
NCLEX Fee*	$200.00
Wi State Board Fees* (+$10 if requesting a temporary permit)	$90.00
APPROXIMATE PROGRAM TOTAL	$14,826.08

*=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.)