

Northern Illinois University Nursing Transfer Guide

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NIU's curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is approved by the Committee on Nursing of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The program can be completed with 2 years at MCC + 2 ½ years at NIU.

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Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Admission Notes

- Admission deadline – February 15
- Admission is limited and competitive.
- Students with 24 or more post-secondary semester hours of credit are considered transfer students.
- Applications are accepted between September 1 and February 15, through the NIU Office of Admissions (specify major as nursing on the NIU application). Students are reviewed for admission as fall semester applicants but may begin the nursing program in either fall or spring semester as determined by the nursing program at the time of review.
- A minimum of five prerequisite courses must be completed by the February 15 application deadline. Applicants must achieve a minimum of a C or better in all attempted prerequisite courses. Admitted students must have all prerequisite courses completed prior to beginning the nursing coursework (may begin in either fall or spring).
- Applicants must successfully achieve a reading comprehension score in compliance with the nursing program standards. (Students with an ACT reading test score of 24 or higher are exempt from this requirement. An official copy the ACT test report must be submitted.) Applicants should contact the NIU Office of Testing Services at 815-753-1203 for information regarding testing schedules and other locations that offer the reading comprehension test. Students with an earned bachelor's or master's degree are exempt.
- Transfer students who enroll as full-time students must plan on a minimum of 5 semesters to complete the required nursing courses.

General Education and Prerequisite Coursework

- NIU general education requirements can be satisfied by completing one of the following:
 - MCC AA or AS degree
 - Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Curriculum Core (only applies to students who have never attended NIU)
 - NIU general education requirements
- Prerequisites

<u>NIU course</u>	<u>MCC equivalent course</u>
BIOS104	BIO157
BIOS313	BIO255
BIOS357	BIO260 <u>or</u> 263 + 264
CHEM110/111 or 210/211	CHM164 <u>or</u> CHM165 (CHM164 recommended for nursing students)
ENGL104	ENG152
PSYC102	PSY151
Nutrition	HFE250 (NOTE: MCC does not have a direct equivalent to NIU's Nutrition course; however, the NIU nursing program will accept HFE250. Students who complete HFE250 at MCC will need a course substitution form however this will not make the course count in the science and math area of general education.)
FCNS280/PSYC225	PSY250
STAT208	MAT120 <u>or</u> 220

Proficiency Examinations - Certain nursing course requirements may be met by proficiency examinations. Contact NIU's Office of Testing Services for proficiency exam information

