

Northern Illinois University

RN to BSN 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.

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Admission Notes

- RN students are considered for admission as soon as their NIU application materials have been processed. Upon admission to NIU students should contact the nursing department directly to verify all nursing application materials have arrived. Prospective RN-BS completion students cannot be reviewed for admission to nursing until they are admitted to the university and have all nursing application materials (letters, goals, etc.) on file in the nursing office.
- **Application Deadlines** – Spring 2012 - December 1, 2011; Summer 2012 – May 15, 2012; Fall 2012 – August 1, 2012. Students are strongly encourage to apply to NIU well ahead of these deadlines. The entire admission process typically lasts 4-6 weeks.
- Admission requirements are
 - graduation from an accredited school of nursing,
 - admission to the University,
 - licensure to practice nursing in the state of Illinois,
 - employment in nursing within the past five years or evidence of a refresher course,
 - completion of a goal and expectancy statement (form obtained from the NIU nursing website), and
 - two letters of recommendation, one from a previous faculty member and one from a nursing supervisor (form obtained from the NIU nursing website).
- Applicants must achieve a minimum grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses that are taken before and after admission to the major.

Additional Information

- The RN to BSN program is designed to award credit to registered nurses for their recent education and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing.
 - Upon successful completion of the bridge course, NURS 302 or 347, the RN student will receive 32 semester hours of credit for NURS 303, 305, 314, 315, 318, 313, 319, 422, 333, 323, 343, 433, and 336. The credit is held in "escrow" and posted to the student's transcript upon successful completion of 12 semester hours of NIU nursing credit with a grade of C or better.
 - Students who graduated over five years ago from a nursing program and have practiced as registered nurses within the last two years automatically will be granted the 32 semester hours of credit, after completing a minimum of 12 semester hours of NIU nursing coursework.
 - Students who graduated more than five years ago and have not practiced as a registered nurse within the last two years will need to demonstrate competency through successful completion of the Regents Examinations for Medical-Surgical Nursing, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, and Pediatric and Obstetrical Nursing.
- RN students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 after completing 9 semester hours at NIU will be dismissed from the nursing major.
- The following options satisfy NIU's general education requirements for transfer students:
 - Illinois Articulation Initiative General Education Core Curriculum (IAI GECC)
 - An MCC AA or AS degree
- The RN to BS program at NIU requires 120 semester hours of credit.
 - Included in the 120 required NIU credits are general education, prerequisite, and nursing coursework.
 - The program consists of 63 NIU semester hour credits:
 - 32 credits granted through recent education through an ADN program and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing and
 - 31 credits through NIU Nursing coursework.
 - The additional 57 credits include prerequisite and general education coursework, which can be completed through a community college.

