



NORTHERN ILLINOIS ONLINE INITIATIVE FOR NURSING (NIOIN)

Associate of Applied Science

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Northern Illinois Online Initiative for Nursing is a viable regional collaborative involving four community colleges, one major university and eight hospitals, which proposes to offer a hybrid online ADN program in addition to the four ADN programs already in place.

Didactic nursing classes are taken online whereas the skills labs and clinical experiences are offered concurrently at the community colleges and regional health care facilities, as appropriate. While classroom space is not needed, NIOIN has been assured by all participants that campus lab space and hospital units for clinical experiences will be provided.

It is anticipated that up to ten students could be accepted from each of the four colleges into NIOIN and the students, upon completion, would receive an AAS degree from their respective colleges.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

Positions are available for RNs in long-term care facilities, home health, hospitals, physicians' offices, and clinics. Employment is available nationwide. There is a critical nursing shortage that is expected to continue until at least 2020. Nurses may continue their formal nursing education by going on for a baccalaureate degree at the a number of institutions. HCC nursing graduates may want to consider pursuing a Master's degree in nursing instead of a Bachelors, an option that is becoming more readily available. Students should check with a student advisor or the Nursing/Allied Health Coordinator for more information regarding transfer to other institutions and what requirements may be needed before transfer is possible.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students entering the health care professions (i.e. nursing, medical assistant, emergency medical assistant) must have a positive attitude about the importance of the work that they are being prepared to do. In part, a professional attitude involves personal integrity, the use of positive communication techniques, flexibility in regards to clinical assignments, and taking on a leadership role when necessary.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland for the following program contacts:

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TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST HAVE:

1. High school graduate or GED.
2. Listing in good standing as CNA on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Health Care Worker Registry.
3. Reading/vocabulary at 13th grade level and score of 80 on the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
4. Minimum of three semester credits of online general education course/s which meet nursing program requirements with grade of "B" or better. Additional online courses which apply to the BSN may meet this requirement if required courses are already completed or not available online. Those courses will be evaluated individually.
5. Elementary algebra with a grade of "B" or better at the college level or the equivalent on a college math placement test; intermediate algebra and statistics preferred.
6. High school chemistry with lab with grade of "B" or better or college chemistry with lab with grade of "C" or better.
7. Five – eight semester credits of college level Anatomy and Physiology and four credits of Microbiology with a grade of "C" or better.
8. Minimum over-all college GPA of 3.0.



PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES

1 1/12 Credit Hours

General Education & Prerequisites. The following courses meet AAS requirements for Highland, Kishwaukee, and Rock Valley. Sauk Valley students must add Psych 100, Mat 106 and one humanity to meet AAS requirements.

Anatomy & Physiology	5 hours	Prerequisite
Introduction to Psychology		3 hours
Lifespan Psychology		3 hours
Microbiology	4 hours	Prerequisite
Nutrition		3 hours
Rhetoric & Composition		3 hours
Speech		3 hours

NOTE: One of the three credit courses listed above must be taken online prior to admission, bringing the total number of prerequisite courses to 12 credit hours. Online courses not listed, but applying toward BSN, will be evaluated individually.

Program Pattern (Includes all general education courses except Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology. Students will have one less general education course of their choice as the online prerequisite.)

NOTE: Students who have completed the most general education courses will be admitted to the program first. Therefore, the following pattern of courses only holds true for those marked NUR, which must be taken in sequence after admission.

Semester I

Theory Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 178	Pharmacology (2 hours)
NUR 179	Fundamentals (4 hours) Nutrition (3 hours)
PSY 100	SVCC only (1 hour)

Clinical Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 181	Fundamentals Clinical (5.5 hours)
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Semester II

Theory Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 182	Med/Surg I (4 hours) Introduction to Psych (3 hours) or higher SVCC only (3 hours)
MAT 106	Humanities/Fine Arts SVCC only (3 hours)

Clinical Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 183	Med/Surg I Clinical (5.5 hours) 10 weeks
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Semester III

Theory Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 280	Family Health (5 hours)
NUR 282	Med/Surg II (3 hours) Life Span Psych (3 hours)

Clinical Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 281	Family Health Clinical (3 hours) 8 weeks
NUR 283	Med/Surg II Clinical (3 hours) 8 weeks

Semester IV

Theory Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 284	Prof Roles Nsg (1 hour)
NUR 285	Mental Health (2 hours)
NUR 287	Med/Surg III (3 hours) Rhetoric & Composition (3 hours) Speech (3 hours)

Clinical Requirements in Credit Hours

NUR 286	Mental Health Clinical (3 hours) 8 weeks
NUR 288	Med/Surg III Clinical (3 hours) 8 weeks

PROGRAM TOTAL: 71 Credit Hours for Highland, Kishwaukee and Rock Valley; 78 Credit Hours for Sauk Valley