

Northern Illinois University Nursing Transfer Guide (2019/2020 catalog)

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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.

NIU's curriculum for the Bachelor of Science with a major 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.

Admission Information

- **Admission deadline** – January 15
- **Applications are accepted between September 1 and January 15**, through the NIU Office of Admissions (specify major as nursing on the NIU application) and the School of Nursing's on-line application which can be found at go.niu.edu/NursingProgramApp (please copy and paste). 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.
- **Transfer admission credit criteria** - Students with 24 or more post-secondary semester hours of credit are considered transfer students.
- **A minimum of 5 prerequisite courses must be completed by the January 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, or an SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score of 570, 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.
- **Admission GPA calculation** NIU uses the sending institution's transcribed cumulative GPA for admission purposes.
Admission decision - Admission is competitive and based primarily on the GPA and number of prerequisites completed and secondarily on the overall GPA (including all transfer and NIU course work) and the reading comprehension score.
- **Grade requirement** - With the exception of ENG151 and 152, NIU will accept the D grade for general education requirements. All nursing major related and attempted prerequisite courses require a minimum C grade.
- Transfer students who enroll as full-time students must plan on a minimum of 5 semesters to complete the required nursing courses.
- The following prerequisite courses must be completed within 7 years of students' first semester in the nursing program: BIOS 213 Intro to Bacteriology or BIOS 313 Microbiology (BIO255), and BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIO263 & 264).

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 (IAI GECC) - only applies to students who have never attended NIU
 - NIU general education requirements

- Prerequisites

<u>NIU course</u>	<u>MCC equivalent course</u>
BIOS103 & 105	BIO157
BIOS 213 <u>or</u> 313	BIO255
BIOS357	BIO263 + 264
CHEM110/111 or 210/211	CHM164 <u>or</u> CHM165 (CHM164 recommended for nursing students)
ENGL203	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. This will not make the course count in the science and math area of general education.)
HDFS280/PSYC225	PSY250
STAT208	MAT120 <u>or</u> 220

- It is preferred that the prerequisites in bold are completed prior to the School of Nursing's application deadline.

Proficiency Examinations - Certain nursing course requirements may be met by proficiency examinations. Contact NIU's Office of Testing Services for proficiency exam information at 815-753-1203.

Education Plan

Completion of the following program will satisfy the NIU Nursing Program's general education and prerequisite requirements and MCC's AS degree requirements. Please refer to MCC's current academic catalog for IAI and Diversity & Multicultural Studies course options and for detailed AA degree requirements

MCC AA Degree Requirements			
MCC Courses	Credits	MCC Courses	Credits
<u>Communications</u>		<u>Diversity & Multicultural Studies</u>	
_____ ENG151 Composition I (C or better)	3	Two 3-credit hour courses are required.	
_____ ENG152 Composition II (C or better)	3	Courses that fulfill this requirement may be used to satisfy requirements in Humanities/	
_____ SPE151 Intro to Speech	3	Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or	
<u>Humanities & Fine Arts</u>		Electives. See current MCC catalog or AA	
_____ IAI Humanities	3	planning sheet for course options.	
_____ IAI Fine Arts	3	<u>Electives</u>	
_____ IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	_____ BIO255 Microbiology	4
<u>Physical and Life Sciences</u>		_____ BIO263 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
_____ CHM164 Elementary Chemistry	4	_____ BIO264 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
_____ BIO157 Fundamentals of Biology	4	_____ HFE250 Nutrition for Wellness	3
<u>Social & Behavioral Sciences</u>		_____ Electives to satisfy 60 credits required	7
_____ PSY151 Introduction to Psychology	3	for AA degree. (Select courses with an	
_____ PSY250 Human Dev Over Lifespan	3	academic advisor)	
_____ IAI Social & Behavioral Sciences	3		
(SOC151 recommended)			
<u>Mathematics</u>		TOTAL CREDITS	
_____ MAT120 or 220 Statistics	3	60 credits required for an MCC AA degree.	