

Northern Illinois University RN to BS Transfer Guide 2019/2020 Catalog

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Northern Illinois University (NIU) and McHenry County College (MCC) have entered into a 3+1 degree completion agreement between the AAS in Nursing and the BS in Nursing. All courses are offered online, and you can enter the program in fall, spring or summer. NIU's curriculum for the BS 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.

Admission Information

- 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, niuonline@niu.edu 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 (RN license, transcripts, etc.) on file in the nursing office.
- **University Application Deadlines** – Spring 2020 - December 1, 2019; Summer 2020 – May 15, 2020; Fall 2020 – August 1, 2020. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to NIU well ahead of these deadlines. The entire admission process typically lasts 4-6 weeks.
- **Admission requirements** (see NIU website for details)
 - Admission to the University,
 - Evidence of meeting one of the following, within the past 5 years: employment as a registered nurse, graduation from an approved associate degree nursing program, or completion of an approved refresher course
 - Minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA
 - Must achieve a minimum grade of C or better in all attempted prerequisite courses
 - Licensure to practice nursing in the state of Illinois

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.
 - The RN student will receive 33 semester hours of credit for NURS 303, 305, 313, 314, 315, 318, 319, 323, 333, 336, 343, 422, and 433. The credit is held in "escrow" and posted to the student's transcript upon successful completion of 12 semester hours of NIU nursing credit (must include NURS 347) with a grade of C or better. Students who graduated more than 5 years ago and have not practiced as a registered nurse within the last 5 years will need to demonstrate competency through successful completion of an approved refresher course.
- RN students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.75 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 BSN 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 61 NIU semester hour credits:
 - 33 credits through recent education in an AAS program and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing
 - 28 credits through NIU Nursing coursework.
 - The additional 59 credits include prerequisite and general education coursework, which can be completed through a community college.
- Tuition** - 28 credits in coursework is required from NIU. All other degree requirements can be met with MCC coursework.

Education Plan

- This plan includes coursework that satisfies MCC's AAS in Nursing and NIU general education and prerequisite requirements.
- Courses shown with **bold print** specifically are required by NIU. Minimum grade of C or better is required. (Some of these required courses also apply toward general education coursework.)
- Please refer to MCC's catalog for IAI GECC course options.

MCC AAS in Nursing	Additional MCC coursework to complete NIU general education and elective requirements
General Education Courses Communications _____ ENG151 Composition I (minimum C grade) 3 SH 3 SH _____ SPE151 Intro to Speech 3 SH Humanities _____ PHI251 Ethics 3 SH Life Science _____ BIO255 Microbiology 4 SH Social & Behavioral Sciences _____ PSY151 Intro to Psychology 3 SH Support Courses _____ BIO263 Anatomy & Physiology I & BIO264 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 SH _____ HCE110 Intro to Pharmacology 1 SH _____ HCE111 Info Literacy & Healthcare 1 SH _____ HFE250 Nutrition for Wellness 3 SH _____ PSY250 Human Dev/Lifespan 3 SH Nursing Courses _____ NUR112 Fund. Of Nursing Theory 3 SH _____ NUR115 Fund. Of Nursing Practice 4 SH _____ NUR130 Concepts of Nursing Practice I 5 SH _____ NUR135 Concepts of Nursing Practice II 5 SH _____ NUR212 Concepts of Nursing Practice III 5 SH _____ NUR215 Concepts of Psychiatric Nursing 4 SH _____ NUR222 Concepts of Family Nursing 4 SH _____ NUR225 Complex Issues in Healthcare 2 SH _____ NUR240 Nursing Leadership 5 SH	Additional NIU General Education Courses Foundational Studies/Rhetoric & Composition II _____ ENG152 Composition II 3 SH Foundation Studies/Quantitative Literacy _____ MAT120 or *220 Statistics 3 SH Creativity & Critical Analysis _____ IAI GECC Humanities or Fine Arts 3 SH Creativity & Critical Analysis or Society & Culture _____ ** IAI GECC Social & Behavioral Science <u>or</u> IAI Humanities or Fine Arts 3 SH Nature & Technology _____ BIO157 Fundamentals of Biology 4 SH _____ CHM164 Introductory Chemistry 4 SH Electives _____ **Electives - transferable credit to NIU 9 SH * MAT161 is prerequisite for MAT220 **NOTE: It is possible for you to satisfy AA degree requirements by selecting appropriate courses. Work with an MCC academic advisor and refer to the current academic catalog for detailed AA degree requirements.
Total AAS Credits 69 SH	Additional Credits 29 SH

NOTE:

- Credits for HCE110 and HCE111 do not transfer to NIU.
- You are granted 33 NIU semester hour credits for nursing (NUR) coursework in your AAS program and previous learning experiences in the field of nursing

Credits that Apply to NIU BSN Degree

General Education & Support Courses (through MCC)	59 Credits (30 credits through AAS degree; 29 additional credits)
Nursing Proficiency Credit (AAS nursing coursework)	33 Credits
NIU Nursing Courses	28 Credits
Total	120 Credits

Required NIU Nursing Courses (28 semester hours)

NURS 347 Concepts and Issues in Professional Nursing (4)

NURS 306 Health Assessment for Nursing Practice (2)

NURS 308 Alterations in Biological Systems (3)

NURS 312 Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice (3)

NURS 408 Genetics and Human Genomics for Nurses (1)

NURS 419 Population-Focused Nursing (3)

NURS 425 Nursing Informatics (1)

NURS 432 Processes for Nursing Leadership (3)

NURS 435 Gerontological Nursing (2)

NURS 488 Nursing, Ethics, and the Law (3)

NURS 463 Practicum in Leadership and Population-Focused Nursing (3)