

CURRICULUM

First Term

ADN-101	Introduction to Nursing	1 s.h.
BIO-186	Microbiology*	4 s.h.
ENG-105	Composition I*	3 s.h.
	Total	8 s.h.

Second Term

ADN-102	Nursing I	7 s.h.
BIO-206	Anatomy & Physiology I*++	4 s.h.
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology*	3 s.h.
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology*	3 s.h.
	Total	17 s.h.

Third Term

ADN-103	Nursing II	10 s.h.
BIO-151	Nutrition*	3 s.h.
BIO-207	Anatomy & Physiology II*++	4 s.h.
	Total	17 s.h.

Fourth Term

ADN-603	Nursing III	12 s.h.
SOC-110	Sociology*	3 s.h.
	Total	15 s.h.

Fifth Term

ADN-604	Nursing IV	12 s.h.
ENG-106	Composition II*	3 s.h.
	Total	15 s.h.

* Courses which may be taken prior to entry into the ADN program. All prescribed curriculum courses require a "C" or high grade. Once in the ADN program, courses must be taken in the identified sequence and successfully completed with a "C" or higher grade for a student to progress in the program.

++Two semesters of college level anatomy and physiology (BIO-206, Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO-207, Anatomy and Physiology II) must be completed within five years of beginning the nursing component of the curriculum.

Note: "Healthcare Provider (CPR) Certification" offered by the American Heart Association is required and students are responsible to maintain current CPR certification/recertification while enrolled. The initial certification/recertification needs to be completed prior to Nursing I or any re-entry into the program. A yearly TB test is also required prior to Nursing I or any re-entry into the program. Students must be current with these requirements or will not be allowed in the clinical area.

Need More Information??

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Further information regarding progression in the program and specific program policies is provided to the ADN student in the individual program handbook distributed during the first ADN class. Students are referred to this handbook throughout the program. A copy of the ADN Student Handbook is available on request from the Health Division and is posted on the ADN program website at <http://www.niacc.edu/health/adnurse.html>.

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Health Care Opportunities at NIACC



Associate Degree Nursing (RN)



The NIACC ADN Program

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is designed to prepare men and women for general staff registered nursing positions which involve direct care of patients.

There are two routes of entry into the program - one for beginning regular students and one for Licensed Practical Nurses (See specific brochure for ADN Option for Licensed Practical Nurses).

For beginning students, the program can be completed in five academic terms. There are two start times offered: Summer Term II and Fall semester. Transfer students are assessed on an individual basis. Individuals considering enrollment or currently enrolled in the ADN program should be aware that prior felony convictions may prohibit eligibility for licensure upon completion of the program.

The ADN program is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone: 404.975.5000, fax: 404.975.5020, www.nlnac.org).

Applying to the Program

The applicant must complete the application process through the health professions counselor in the Student Services Office or online. A ranking process will be used by the Admissions Committee in the review of ADN applications. Applicants will receive points for the requirements met and applicants will be ranked by the number of points earned.

All applicants must complete a high school diploma or equivalency program. The date of formal application to the program will be the date the applicant submits a complete application to the ADN program. Final acceptance to the program will be when the applicant has been selected according to the ranking process and has successfully completed all of the prerequisites for the ADN program. The date of application will be factored in if two or more applicants tie for the same rank. Completed applications are reviewed starting in October for the next academic year. Applicants will be ranked by the following criteria:

1. One point will be earned for graduating in the upper half of a high school class or for achieving a GED average standard score of 530 or above.

2. One point will be earned for graduating from high school with a least a 3.00 GPA.
 3. One point will be earned for an ACT composite score of 20. COMPASS, ASSET, or SAT scores will not be used for ACT ranking points. If an ADN applicant wants to earn this point, then the applicant must take the ACT exam.
 4. One point will be earned for achieving a 2.25 GPA with completion of at least 12 credit hours of the prescribed support courses in the ADN curriculum. If a student has exceeded 12 credit hours from the prescribed curriculum, these courses will also be included in the calculation of the GPA.
- OR** Two points will be earned for achieving a 3.0 GPA with completion of at least 12 credit hours of the prescribed support courses in the ADN curriculum. If a student has exceeded 12 credit hours from the prescribed curriculum, these courses will also be included in the calculation of the GPA.
5. One point will be earned for the completion of an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree.
- OR** Two points will be earned for the completion of a bachelor's degree.
6. One point will be earned for completion of a C grade or higher: BIO-206, Anatomy and Physiology I, and BIO-207, Anatomy and Physiology II.

Upon acceptance, a physical examination providing evidence of current immunization and sound physical and mental health is required.

Prerequisites

The following required courses must be completed with a C" grade or better:

1. Two full-year courses (two semesters each year) of high school/college preparatory math (e.g., Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry)
- OR** two semesters of college equivalent math.
2. Two semesters of high school/college preparatory chemistry
- OR** one semester of college chemistry.
3. Two semesters of high school/college preparatory biology
- OR** one semester of a college biology course.
4. Successfully complete the 75-hour Nurse Aide Training course (HSC-171 and HSC-174) or the equivalent, submit proof of successful completion of Nurse Aide written and skills tests for placement on the Direct Care Worker Registry, and provide a current CNA certification card.

Recommendations

1. Two semesters of high school computer classes or one semester of a computer application class are strongly recommended.
2. Four to six semesters of high school English and four to six semesters of social studies are strongly recommended.

Criminal background checks and adult/dependent abuse checks will be required for students entering and re-entering the program. Results of these checks will be reviewed by the State Department of Human Services to determine eligibility for clinical enrollment. Drug testing may also be required by individual agencies. Costs for requirements will be the responsibility of the student.

Students seeking entrance into the ADN program should be aware that nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person:

1. who has been denied licensure by the Iowa Board of Nursing.
2. whose license is currently suspended, surrendered, or revoked in any United States jurisdiction.
3. whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered, or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

Degree Earned

Students must attain a C grade in all ADN courses and related required courses. An overall 2.0 GPA in the prescribed curriculum and a minimum overall cumulative college grade point average of 2.00 is required from graduation from the ADN program. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed curriculum and assigned comprehensive review courses, the student is awarded an associate in applied science degree and is eligible for the NCLEX-RN exam. After passing this exam, the graduate receives registered nurse status and is prepared to work in a beginning staff nurse position.

Articulation into BSN Programs

For graduates wishing to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing, the ADN program articulates into other BSN programs in Iowa. The University of Iowa College of Nursing offers a satellite RN to BSN Progression Program on the NIACC campus. Through this program, RNs may complete all coursework for their BSN degree locally.