

Required Courses/Suggested Schedule

The following are the prerequisite and support courses required prior to beginning the nursing aspect of the curriculum. All of these courses must be completed with a minimum of a C grade. NOTE: A cumulative 2.5 GPA is required for the first four courses listed below.

PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	3 s.h.
BIO-151	Nutrition	3 s.h.
BIO-186	Microbiology	4 s.h.
BIO-206	Anatomy & Physiology I++	4 s.h.
BIO-207	Anatomy & Physiology II++	4 s.h.
ENG-105	Composition I	3 s.h.
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology	3 s.h.

Prescribed Curriculum for 2016-2017

First Term (Fall)

ADN-103	Nursing II	10 s.h.
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Second Term (Spring)

ADN-603	Nursing III	12 s.h.
ENG-106	Composition II*	3 s.h.
	Total	15 s.h.

Third Term (Fall)

ADN-604	Nursing IV	12 s.h.
SPC-112	Public Speaking*	3 s.h.
	Total	15 s.h.

* Courses which may be taken prior to entry in the Associate Degree Nursing program.

++ Must be taken within 5 years of beginning the Nursing II course. Students enrolling in Anatomy and Physiology I and II should plan on taking both semesters of the sequence at NIACC or the same college.

Need More Information??

For more information to enroll in the ADN program at NIACC, contact:

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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/nursing-adn-handbook>

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Health Care Opportunities at NIACC



ADN Option for Licensed Practical Nurses



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A limited number of Licensed Practical Nurses who meet the following criteria are eligible to enter the Associate Degree Nursing program on a space available basis only during the fall start date for placement in ADN-103, Nursing II. The student is eligible to begin the application upon completion of ALL prerequisite courses and ALL support courses completed in the first year of the program. Criteria for entry include:

- A current, unencumbered license.
- An ACT composite score of 20.
- Graduation from an approved Practical Nursing program with a minimum of a C (2.0 GPA) in each nursing course.
- Completion of ALL ADN prerequisite courses listed with at least a C in each course.
- Completion of ALL support courses completed in the first year of the program with a minimum grade of C in each course. A minimum overall 2.0 NIACC GPA is required to enter the program and must be maintained throughout the program.
- At least one year must transpire between completion of the PN program and entrance into the ADN program.
- Any transfer student applying for admission, who has been enrolled in a nursing curriculum other than NIACC, will be required to meet with the Division Chair/Program Leader, PN and ADN, to discuss placement in the curriculum after the following items have been received from the transfer institution: course syllabi, clinical placement documentation (hours/sites) reflecting sufficient theory, clinical hours, and experiences comparable to the first year of the ADN curriculum. The student will also, upon written authorization, allow contact with instructors from the transfer institution regarding theory, clinical, and overall student conduct from the Division Chair/Program Leader, PN and ADN, at the transfer institution. Information acquired from these contacts will be considered in acceptance and proper placement into the NIACC nursing curriculum.
- Required employment within the past two years in an acute or long-term care setting involving medication administration and direct patient care with a least 500 hours of documented employment. A form verifying hours of employment and skill sets incorporated while employed will be sent to the employer.
- Participation in a mandatory orientation prior to entering the program.

Admission into this program is in the fall semester only. If there is no evidence of employment as identified in the criteria for entry into ADN-103, Nursing II, the student will be required to enroll in ADN-100, Nursing I.

The ADN program is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) formerly the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone: 404.975.5000, fax: 404.975.5020, <http://www.acenursing.org>).

Applying to the Program

Since the applicant's progress toward meeting prerequisites and admission requirements must be tracked, the applicants to the ADN Option for LPNs program must complete the application process through the Health Professions Counselor located in the Student Development office or online. The LPN candidate should apply at least a year before the desired day of entering the program.

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.

Prerequisites

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

1. One full-year course (two semesters) of high school Algebra II/college preparatory algebra or statistics
2. Two semesters of high school/college preparatory chemistry
3. Two semesters of high school/college preparatory biology

All criteria for the ADN program apply and should be reviewed. This information must be in the applicant's file before the Admissions Committee will act on the application. Upon acceptance, a physical examination providing evidence of current immunization and sound physical and mental health is required. Criminal background checks and adult/dependent abuse checks are required prior to enrollment in the program. Results of the background and abuse checks will be reviewed by the State Department of Human Services to determine eligibility for clinical enrollment. Drug testing may also be required by affiliating agencies. Costs of these requirements will be the responsibility of the student.

Note: "Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification" (CPR) 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.

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 graduate is encouraged to contact the BSN program for information regarding entrance requirements.