

CURRICULUM FOR 2017-2018

Prerequisites: Term 0

PSY-111	Intro to Psychology	3 s.h.
	Total	3 s.h.

Term 1

BIO-186	Microbiology*	4 s.h.
ENG-105	Composition I*	3 s.h.
	Total	7 s.h.

Term 2

ADN-100	Nursing I	8 s.h.
BIO-206	Anatomy & Physiology I*++	4 s.h.
PSY-121	Developmental Psychology*	3 s.h.
	Total	15 s.h.

Term 3

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.

Term 4

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

Term 5

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 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. Students enrolled 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?

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>

For more information about the ADN program at NIACC, contact:

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Health Care Opportunities at NIACC



Associate Degree Nursing



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 and Fall terms. 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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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Applying to the Program

The applicant must complete the application process through the health professions counselor in the Student Services Office or online. 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. Completed applications are reviewed starting in December for the next academic year.

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 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.

Prerequisites

The ADN program will have the following prerequisites for entry into the program beginning the Summer of 2016:

- ACT composite score of 20 OR
- An Associate in Arts degree from an accredited college with a minimum 2.5 GPA OR
- a Bachelor degree from an accredited institution
- Biology: two semesters of high school/college preparatory biology
- Chemistry: two semesters of high school chemistry/college preparatory chemistry
- One full year course (2 semesters) of high school algebra II/ college preparatory algebra or statistics
- Introduction to Psychology (PSY-111) (3 s.h.)

A minimum of a C grade in each course. A minimal overall 2.0 NIACC GPA is required to enter the program and must be maintained throughout the program.

- Submit proof of completion of the 75-hour Certified Nurse Aide Program or equivalent.
- Submit proof of successful completion of Nurse Aide written and skills tests for placement on the Direct Care Worker Registry.
- A transcript indicating the applicant has passed both tests or a Registry card will serve as verification.

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.

Note: "Basic Life Support (BLS) 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.

Recommendations

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

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 provides a foundation for completion of BSN programs in Iowa. The University of Iowa College of Nursing offers an RN to BSN Progression Program. Through this program, RNs may complete all prerequisite coursework at NIACC.

To enroll in the ADN program at NIACC, contact:

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