

## FAQs

**1. *What is the minimum ACT required to apply for the nursing (RN) program?***

A minimum composite ACT score of 19 is required to apply for the nursing program. If you already have a bachelor's degree or higher in another subject or an LPN license, then an 18 composite ACT will be accepted to apply.

**2. *Do I need the ACT even though I have a degree?***

Yes. All applicants need an ACT on file with NWCC.

**3. *Do I need the ACT even though I am over age 21?***

Yes. All applicants need an ACT on file with NWCC

**4. *Will you take a SAT conversion?***

We will not accept an ACT score that was converted from a SAT. When the score is converted it could be missing one of the needed sub-scores. The Division of Nursing requires all students to have a science sub-score and we have seen many scores converted that are missing this sub-score.

**5. *Are there any pre-requisites for this program?***

Yes. We require College Algebra, A & P I, and A & P II both with the corresponding labs to be completed with a "C" or better and on the transcript before applying to the Division of Nursing.

**6. *Will my general credits transfer from the other schools I have attended?***

The Registrar is the only person on campus who can tell you if your credits will transfer. You can call or go to the Office of Admissions and Records to inquire about transfer credits. Do not wait until the week of registration to do this or be prepared for a lengthy wait time. Their phone number is 662-562-3219.

**7. *Will my nursing credits transfer from other schools I have attended?***

This will be evaluated on an individual basis and must be approved by the Division of Nursing Director. Refer to the college bulletin for more information or contact the Division Director, Dr. Denise Bynum at dtbynum@northwestms.edu or 662-562-3283.

**8. *If I have already completed all of the pre-requisites and co-requisites listed in the catalog for this program, can I complete the program early or take more than one nursing course at a time?***

No. Regardless of how many total college credits you may have, what other degrees you may have, or time constraints you may be experiencing, the nursing courses are only offered in the order listed and only during the spring and fall semesters. You are only allowed to complete one at a time even if you have completed all of the pre- and co-requisites listed in the plan of study for the track you are pursuing. At this time we are not accepting ANY transfers into the upper levels of the program.

**9. *Do you have summer classes, night classes, or offer a part-time program?***

At this time, the nursing courses are only offered during the spring and fall semesters during the day. The only nursing course offered during the summer is NUR1316 LPN-RN Transition.

**10. When will I know if I have been admitted to the program?**

You should receive an acceptance or denial letter by email within one month of the deadline for the semester you have applied. If you have questions on how to improve your status to be reconsidered, you should contact the admissions committee coordinator, Dianne Scott at [rdscott@northwestms.edu](mailto:rdscott@northwestms.edu) or, to have your file reviewed.

**11. How can I get on the waiting list?**

There is not a waiting list for this program. We only accept applicants through our competitive admission criteria.

**12. What are the deadlines for my application and transcripts to be considered for admission?**

The deadline for all paperwork to be submitted is February 15<sup>th</sup> for fall and September 15<sup>th</sup> for spring. (Ex: If you are applying for Spring 2017, the deadline to have all paperwork completed, turned in is September 15, 2016.)

**13. Do I need to have my transcripts sent to the nursing school?**

You should have an official transcript from each school sent to the Office of Admissions and Records at NWCC. Your transcripts will then be uploaded into the computer database for us to view. Please make sure official copies are on file in the Office of Admissions and Records at the time you are applying for classes in order to be considered for the program to avoid confusion.

**14. How do I get accepted into the nursing program?**

First, you must have a 19 or higher on your ACT (18 if already have a bachelor's degree or higher in another subject or an LPN license. If you are not currently a student at NWCC, you must first apply for NWCC. There are 2 separate applications, one for the school and one for the nursing program. The nursing program application is **only** available during August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 15<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>, and application can only be completed online. All transcripts should be sent to the Office of Admissions and Records at NWCC. You will then have a file started in the nursing office that will be reviewed by the admission committee. Your GPA will be calculated based only on the science and algebra courses listed in the Plan of Study. You will get points for your ACT score and your calculated GPA. The points will then be totaled. All applicants will be ranked by total points, and the applicants with the most points will be accepted each semester. \* See Point calculation sheet provided on website.

**15. As a licensed practical nurse (LPN), how do I pursue advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing program?**

There are two options available for LPN advanced placement: LPN Challenge and the LPN Transition course. The LPN Challenge allows the qualified applicant to take a Foundations of nursing exam,

pharmacology dosage calculation exam, and skills check-off. If successfully completed the student will enter into the second semester of the ADN program, Adult Health I. The LPN Transition course is a rigorous eight week course offered in the summer to qualified applicants. If the LPN Transition course is successfully completed, the applicant can enter into the third semester of the ADN program, Maternal Child Nursing. Requirements and pre-requisite courses for these advanced placement options can be found on the Division of Nursing page of the NWCC website.