



**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
Associate of Science  
**NURSING (ADN)**

Northern New Mexico College's Department of Nursing offers two associate degrees in Nursing (ADN), a certificate in Practical Nursing (PN), and an RN to BSN (Completion Program) at the baccalaureate level.

Formal application and acceptance into the Nursing program is required before students enroll in any NURS-prefixed course listed in the program requirements with the exception of NURS 100 and NURS 100L. Support courses may be taken before entry into the program or during the course of nursing studies.

If you are interested in the Nursing program, please contact the Director of Nursing (505-747-2207) for information, advisement, and an application packet.

**Associate Degree in Nursing Program**  
**PROGRESSION OF NURSING STUDIES**

1. Upon successful **completion of the first year of nursing studies (Level I)** students can progress directly into **Level II** nursing courses.
2. Successful **Level I** nursing students are offered the **option** of enrollment in additional coursework (NURS 119) required for **practical nurse (PN)** candidacy status.
3. Upon successful completion of the optional **PN** course work students are awarded a **Certificate of Practical Nursing** and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).
4. Upon successful **completion of the two year course of nursing studies (Level II)**, graduates of the nursing program are awarded an **Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)** and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX- RN).
5. Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPN/LVN) who are graduates of state approved programs of practical nursing may be **admitted directly into Level II of the Nursing program based on individual assessment of transcripts.**

**PROGRAM POLICIES**

Qualified nursing student candidates are accepted into the Nursing program on a **tentative basis** pending completion of the following requirements:

1. If accepted into the Nursing program, proof of **current immunization status** as outlined in the application packet as well as proof of current **CPR (American Heart Association, Basic Life Support)** must be provided to nursing administration on or before August 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure student placement. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of the student slot.
2. If the nursing student candidate is completing required course work during the summer semester it is the candidate's responsibility to **provide nursing administration with summer course work transcripts** (grades of a "C" or better are required along with a cumulative GPA of 2.5) as soon as possible. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of the student slot.
3. Upon acceptance into the Nursing Program nursing students are required to obtain a **criminal background check to include fingerprinting and drug screens.**

Students can have **no disqualifying criminal convictions** as determined by the New Mexico Department of Public Health *Caregivers Criminal History Screening Program*.

4. If the New Mexico Department of Public Health determines a student has a disqualifying criminal conviction the student will be notified of the decision by the NM Department of Public Health Review Board. The student then has the option of **petitioning** said board for **reconsideration**. During the reconsideration process, the review board must determine the student **forgiven of a past criminal record** for the student to be allowed to participate in the Nursing program course of studies. Failure to be forgiven will result in forfeiture of the student slot.

5. Nursing students must test **negative** on mandatory drug screening. Failure to test negative will result in a review of drug screening results by a private testing entity. **The student will be responsible for the expenses incurred in this additional screening process.** The private testing company will determine the final student drug screening status.

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Once accepted into the program, students **must maintain a grade of “C” or better in each required course in order to remain in the program.** A grade of “D” or below is not acceptable in the Nursing program. The grading scale for the Nursing program is as follows:

100 – 93 = A    92 – 85 = B    84 – 77 = C    76 – 69 = D    Lower than 68 = F

Once accepted into the Nursing program, it is the professional responsibility of all nursing students to maintain a **current immunization and CPR status.**

Please refer to the Northern New Mexico College Nursing Education Program Student Handbook for additional policies and information.

The NM State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, or suspend any license upon grounds that the licensee or applicant violates any of the following actions: is guilty of fraud or deceit in attempting to procure a license; is unfit or incompetent; has been convicted of a felony; is habitually intemperate, is addicted to habit-forming drugs, or is mentally incompetent. **Please consider this before applying to this program.**

### **Prerequisites for Admission Consideration**

1. High School or GED diploma.
2. Cumulative GPA of **2.50** or higher
3. Completion of the following course work with a minimum grade of “C”.
  - ENG 111      English Composition I (3)
  - BIOL 210/L    Microbiology with Lab (4)
  - BIOL 237/L    Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab (4) (within the last 5 years)
  - BIOL 238/L    Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab (4) (within the last 5 years)
  - HSCI 204      Nutrition (3)
  - PSY 105      General Psychology (3)
  - PSY 290      Developmental Psychology (3)
  - NURS 100/L    Nurse Aide with Lab (5)

A state-recognized Nurses’ Assistant (Aide) Certificate will be accepted in lieu of NURS 100/L.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS    29

4. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) taken within the last two years with a minimum score in the 50<sup>th</sup> national percentile.

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This degree is designed as an alternative to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing. This degree allows students to more closely meet the entry baccalaureate requirements of colleges of nursing and articulates with Northern's RN to BSN degree program.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 crs)**

**COMPLETED      Planned Timeline  
(By Semester)**

**Area I: Communications (9 crs)**

- ENG 111 English Composition I (3)  
*Pre-requisites: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation, and*  
SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)  
*Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation*

**Choose one of the following two courses:**

- ENG 112 English Composition II (3)  
*Pre-requisite: ENG 111*  
ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)  
*Pre-requisite: ENG 111*

**Area II: Mathematics (3)**

- MATH 150 College Algebra (3)  
*Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation*  
Or  
MATH 145 Introduction to Probability and Statistics (3)  
*Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation*

**Area III: Laboratory Science (12)**

- BIOL 210/L Microbiology with Lab (4)  
*Pre-requisite: CHEM 110/L*  
BIOL 237/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4)  
*Pre-requisite: CHEM 110/L*  
BIOL 238/L Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4)  
*Pre-requisite: BIOL 237/L or permission of instructor*

**Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (6-9) \***

***Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation***

- PSY 105 General Psychology (3)  
PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)  
*Pre-requisite: PSY 105*
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- ANTH 101/L Physical Anthropology w/Lab (4)  
ANTH 102 Intro to Social & Cultural Anthropology (3) (Fall)  
ANTH 111 Language and Culture (3)  
ANTH 207 Cultures of New Mexico (3)  
ANTH 110 Indian Culture of the Southwest  
ECON 200 Macroeconomics (3)  
ECON 201 Microeconomics (3)  
GEOG 111 World Geography (3)  
PSCI 110 The Political World (3)  
PSCI 120 Contemporary Political Issues (3)  
PSCI 200 American Politics (3)  
PSCI 210 State and Local Government (3)  
PSCI 212 The American Presidency (3)  
PSY 210 Theories of Personality (3)  
PSY 229 Adolescent Psychology (3)  
PSY 230 Psychology of Adjustment (3)  
PSY 232 Abnormal Behavior (3)  
PSY 270 Social Psychology (3)  
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)  
SOC 213 Deviant Behavior (3)  
SOC 216 Ethnic and Intercultural Relations (3)  
SOC 220 Social Problems (3)

SOC 225 Marriage and the Family (3)  
 \* Plus, topic courses with student advisor's approval

**Area V: Humanities and Fine Arts (6-9 crs)\***

**Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation**

- ART 105 Introduction to Art (3)
- ART 107 History of Art I (3)
- ART 208 History of NM Art & Architecture (3)
- ART 211 History of Art II (3)
- DANC 240 Dance Appreciation (3)
- ENG 270 Children's Literature (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 262 Literature of the Southwest (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 112
- ENG 265 Native American Literature 1 (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 266 Native American Literature II (3)
- Pre-requisite: ENG 111
- ENG 280 Readings in Literature (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 290 Study of Literature
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 294 Mythology (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- HIST 101 Western Civilization I (3)
- HIST 102 Western Civilization II (3)
- HIST 161 History of the U.S. to 1877 (3)
- HIST 162 History of the U.S. from 1877 (3)
- HIST 200 History of the World Religions (3)
- HIST 220 Southwestern Women's History (3)
- HIST 230 Chicano Experience in the US (3)
- HIST 250 American Indian History (3)
- HIST 260 History of New Mexico (3)
- HUM 105 Humanities of the Southwest (3)
- HUM 311 Why the Social Sciences Matter \*\* (3)
- HUM 414 Humanity and Creativity \*\* (3)
- HUM 421 History, Literature, Art & Philosophy \*\* (3)
- MUS 102 Theory of Music (3)
- MUS 103 Music History & Literature I (3)
- MUS 105 Music Appreciation (3)
- MUS 218 Music History & Literature II (3)
- PHIL 110 Intro to Philosophical Problems (3)
- PHIL 111 History of Philosophy (3)
- PHIL 150 Critical Thinking (3)
- PHIL 220 Ethics (3)
- PIS 200 Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies (3)
- THE 120 Introduction to Theatre I (3)
- THE 130 History of Theatre (3)

Plus, topic courses with advisor's approval

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**\* You must complete at least 15 cr. between Areas IV and V, maintaining at least two disciplines in each area.**

**HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION (1)**

Elective (1) \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (44)**

- HSCI 204 Nutrition (3)
- Pre-requisite: BIOL 110/L or CHEM 110/L
- NURS 104 Dosage Calculations (2) (Fall)

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<i>Pre-requisite: MATH 100; Co-requisite: NURS 105</i>			
NURS 106	Pharmacology I (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: BIOL 238/L and 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 113/L and NURS 104</i>			
NURS 107	Pharmacology II (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: NURS 106</i>			
NURS 113	Nursing Fundamentals (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisite: NURS 113L</i>			
NURS 113L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 113</i>			
NURS 114L	Introduction to Health Assessment (1)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 104, NURS 106, NURS 113/L, NURS 114L</i>			
NURS 116	Introduction to Maternal-Child Nursing (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204;</i>			
NURS 125	Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 125L</i>			
NURS 125L	Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 125</i>			
NURS 214	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 214L</i>			
NURS 214L	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical (1)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 214</i>			
NURS 217	Maternal/Newborn Nursing (1)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 217L</i>			
NURS 217L	Maternal/Newborn Nursing Clinical (1)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 217</i>			
NURS 218	Pediatric Nursing (1)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; co-requisite: NURS 218L</i>			
NURS 218L	Pediatric Clinical (1)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 218</i>			
NURS 225	Medical/Surgical Nursing II (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 125, NURS 107, NURS 116; Co-requisite: NURS 225L</i>			
NURS 225L	Medical/Surgical II Clinical	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 225</i>			
NURS 235	Medical/Surgical Nursing III (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 225, NURS 217, NURS 218, Co-requisite: NURS 235L</i>			
NURS 235L	Medical/Surgical III Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 235</i>			
NURS 240	Role Transition/Registered Nurse (!)	_____	_____

TOTAL CREDITS 84

**Course Sequencing**  
**YEAR I, LEVEL I**

**Fall** (14)

NURS 104 (2)  
NURS 106 (2)  
NURS 113 (4)  
NURS 113L (2)  
NURS 114L (1)  
SPCH 130 (3)

**Summer**

NURS 119\*

**Spring** (16)

NURS 125 (4)  
NURS 125L (2)  
NURS 116 (2)  
NURS 107 (2)  
Humanities elective (3)  
Communication elective (3)

\* May be offered in Spring or Summer Semester

**YEAR II, LEVEL II**

**Fall** (13)

NURS 225 (4)  
NURS 225L (2)  
NURS 217 (1)  
NURS 217L (1)  
NURS 218 (1)  
NURS 218L (1)  
Humanities/Soc/Behavioral elective (3)

**Spring** (16)

NURS 235 (4)  
NURS 235L (2)  
NURS 214 (2)  
NURS 214L (1)  
NURS 240 (1)  
Humanities elective (3)  
MATH 145 or MATH 150 (3)

**For further information regarding this program requirement please refer to the current Northern New Mexico College Department of Nursing Student Nurse Handbook.**

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## Educational Planning Form (Semester)

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Total Units</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Summer</b>
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