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 coursework 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 Nurses (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 1st 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.

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 50th national percentile.
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)**

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

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Pre-requisites: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation, and SPCH 130

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

- **ENG 112** English Composition II (3)
- **ENG 116** Technical Writing (3)

Pre-requisites: ENG 111

**Area II: Mathematics (3)**

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Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

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Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

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

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Pre-requisites: CHEM 110/L

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

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

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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)
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

* 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) ______________________________     _____  ____________

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (44)

HSCI 204 Nutrition (3)

Pre-requisite: BIOL 110/L or CHEM 110/L
NURS 104 Dosage Calculations (2) (Fall)
Pre-requisite: MATH 100; Co-requisite: NURS 105

NURS 106 Pharmacology I (2)
Pre-requisites: BIOL 238/L and 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 113/L and NURS 104

NURS 107 Pharmacology II (2)
Pre-requisite: NURS 106

NURS 113 Nursing Fundamentals (4)
Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisite: NURS 113L

NURS 113L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)
Co-requisite: NURS 113

NURS 114L Introduction to Health Assessment (1)
Pre-requisites: NURS 104, NURS 106, NURS 113/L, NURS 114L

NURS 116 Introduction to Maternal-Child Nursing (2)
Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204;

NURS 125 Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)
Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 125L

NURS 125L Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)
Co-requisite: NURS 125

NURS 214 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (2)
Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 214L

NURS 214L Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical (1)
Co-requisite: NURS 214

NURS 217 Maternal/Newborn Nursing (1)
Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 217L

NURS 217L Maternal/Newborn Nursing Clinical (1)
Co-requisite: NURS 217

NURS 218 Pediatric Nursing (1)
Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; co-requisite: NURS 218L

NURS 218L Pediatric Clinical (1)
Co-requisite: NURS 218

NURS 225 Medical/Surgical Nursing II (4)
Pre-requisites: NURS 125, NURS 107, NURS 116; Co-requisite: NURS 225L

NURS 225L Medical/Surgical II Clinical
Co-requisite: NURS 225

NURS 235 Medical/Surgical Nursing III (4)
Pr-requisites: NURS 225, NURS 217, NURS 218, Co-requisite: NURS 235L

NURS 235L Medical/Surgical III Clinical (2)
Co-requisite: NURS 235

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)

NURS 119*

Spring (16)
NURS 125 (4)
NURS 125L (2)
NURS 116 (2)
NURS 107 (2)
Humanities elective (3)
Communication elective (3)

Summer
NURS 119*

* 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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