



DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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.

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.**
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PROGRAM POLICIES

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

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.

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.

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*.

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.

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:

A= 92-100% B= 83-91% C= 75-82% D= 67-74% F=67%

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.

Sequence of Nursing/General Education Courses for Associate Degree in Nursing

Year I, Level I

Fall Semester

NURS 113 Nursing Fundamentals (4)
NURS 113L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)
NURS 104 Dosage Calculation (2)
NURS 105 Pharmacology (4)

Summer Semester

NURS 119 Role Transition-PN * (2)

Spring Semester

NURS 115 Med/Surg Nursing I (4)
NURS 115L Med/Surg Nursing I Clinical (2)
NURS 116 Intro to Maternal/Child (2)
HPER Elective (1) * **
Humanities or English Elective (3-6) * **

*Optional ** Suggested Time Frame

Year II, Level II

Fall Semester

NURS 215 Med/Surg Nursing II (4)
 NURS 215L Med/ Surg Nursing Clinical (2)
 NURS 216 Maternal/Child Nursing (4)
 NURS 216L Maternal/Child Clinical (2)

Spring Semester

NURS 228 Integrated Adult Nursing (4)
 NURS 228L Integrated Adult Nursing Clin (2)
 NURS 214 Psych/Mental Health Nursing (2)
 NURS 214L Psych/ Mental Health Clinical (1)
 Humanities Elective or English Elective (3-6) * **

* Optional
 ** Suggested Time Frame

Graduation Requirement:

ATI-RN PREDICTOR

Level II nursing students must score a predicted probability of greater than or equal to 95% to be considered as passing the NCLEX-RN predictor.

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

**Certificate
 PRACTICAL NURSE**

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (21)

COMPLETED

**Planned Timeline
 (By Semester)**

Communications (3)

ENG 111 English Composition I (3)
Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

Math/Computers/Lab Sciences (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

Social/Behavioral Science (6)

PSY 105 General Psychology (3)
Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation
 PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)
Pre-requisite: PSY 105

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (23)

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 105 Pharmacology (4)
Pre-requisites: BIOL 238/L and 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 113/L and NURS 104
 NURS 113 Nursing Fundamentals (4)
Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisites: NURS 105, BIOL 210/L, and HSCI 204
 NURS 113L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)
Co-requisite: NURS 113
 NURS 115 Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)
Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 115L, PSY 290, and CS 102
 NURS 115L Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)
Co-requisite: NURS 115
 NURS 116 Intro to Maternal-Child Nursing (2)
Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204; Co-requisites: PSY 290
 NURS 119 Role Transition – PN (2)*

TOTAL CREDITS 44
Sequence of Courses
Year I, Level I

Fall Semester

NURS 113
 NURS 113L
 NURS 105
 NURS 104

Spring Semester

NURS 115
 NURS 115L
 NURS 116
 NURS 119 *

* May be offered in Spring or Summer

Associate of Applied Science
NURSING (ADN)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (27)

COMPLETED

**Planned Timeline
(By Semester)**

Communications (6)

ENG 111 English Composition I (3)
Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

Choose one of the following courses:

ENG 112 English Composition II (3)

Pre-requisite: ENG 111

ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)

Pre-requisite: ENG 111

SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)

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

SPAN 230 Span. for Health Professions

Math/Computers/Lab Sciences (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

Social/Behavioral Sciences (6)

PSY 105 General Psychology (3)

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

PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)

Pre-requisite: PSY 105

Humanities and Fine Arts (3)

Elective (3) _____

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 Calculation (2) (Fall)

Pre-requisite: MATH 100; Co-requisite: NURS 115

NURS 105 Pharmacology (4) (within the last 5 years)

Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L, and HSCI 190; Co-requisites: BIOL 210/L

NURS 113 Nursing Fundamentals (4)

Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisites: NURS 105, BIOL 210/L, and HSCI 204

NURS 113L Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)

Co-requisite: NURS 113

NURS 115 Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)

Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 115L, PSY 290, and CS 102

NURS 115L	Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 115</i>			
NURS 116	Introduction to Maternal/ Child Nursing (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204; Co-requisites: NURS 116L and PSY 290</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 215	Medical/Surgical Nursing II (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 215L</i>			
NURS 215L	Medical/Surgical Nursing II Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 215</i>			
NURS 216	Maternal/Child Nursing (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 216L</i>			
NURS 216L	Maternal/Child Nursing Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 216</i>			
NURS 228	Integrated Adult Nursing (4) (Spring)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: NURS 215/L, and NURS 216/L; Co-requisites: NURS 228L</i>			
NURS 228L	Integrated Adult Nursing Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 228</i>			

TOTAL CREDITS 72

**Sequence of Courses
Year I, Level I**

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
NURS 113	NURS 115
NURS 113L	NURS 115L
NURS 105	NURS 116
NURS 104	
HSCI 204	

Year II, Level II

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
(*NURS200)	HPER Elective
NURS 215	NURS 228
NURS 215L	NURS 228L
NURS 216	NURS 214
NURS 216L	NURS 214L
Comms Elective	Humanities Elective

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

- ENG 112
- ENG 116
- SPCH 130
- SPAN 230

(*NURS 200 (Role Transition – RN) is a pre- or co-requisite for Licensed Practical Nurses who completed their programs two or more years ago)

Graduation Requirement: Students must pass the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor with a score of 60th or greater national percentile in order to graduate from this program

**Associate of Science
NURSING (ADN)**

This degree is designed as an alternative to the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing to allow students to more closely meet the baccalaureate requirements of colleges of nursing, such as that at Northern, while completing their requirements to apply for state licensure as an RN. Upon completion of this program you will be eligible to take the

National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). After completion, you may continue to a baccalaureate degree in Nursing (BSN) program.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (39)

COMPLETED **Planned Timeline**
(By Semester)

Communications (9)

ENG 111 English Composition I (3)
Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

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

Mathematics (3)

MATH 150 College Algebra (3)
Pre-requisite: MATH 130 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation

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

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

If you choose to take a third course in this discipline, it must be from a discipline other than PSY. If you choose a third course from this area, you need only complete two (6 crs) of humanities courses.

ANTH 101/L Physical Anthropology w/Lab (4)

ANTH 102 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)

ANTH 111 Language and Culture (3)

ANTH 207 Cultures of New Mexico (3)

ECON 200 Macroeconomics (3)

ECON 201 Microeconomics (3)

GEOG 111 World Geography (3)

PSCI 110 The Political World (3)

PSCI 200 American Politics (3)

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

SOC 220 Social Problems (3)

SOC 225 Marriage and the Family (3)

Humanities and Fine Arts (6-9) *

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

You must select courses from **at least two different discipline areas** from the following list. If you have chosen to take three courses from the social sciences area, you will need two courses from this area, each of which must be from different disciplines.

ART 105 Introduction to Art (3)

ART 107 History of Art (3)

ENG Literature courses numbered 260-298 (3)

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 260 History of New Mexico (3)

HUM 101 Humanities I (3)

HUM 102 Humanities II (3)

MUS 105 Music Appreciation (3)

PHIL 110	Introduction to Philosophical Problems (3)	_____	_____
PHIL 220	Ethics (3)	_____	_____
THE 120	Introduction to Theatre I (3)	_____	_____
THE 130	History of Theatre (3)	_____	_____
THE 220	Introduction to Theatre II (3)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: THE 120; Co-requisite: THE 150</i>			
THE 225	Creative Drama Techniques for the Classroom K-12 (3)	_____	_____
THE 238	Teatro Chicano (3)	_____	_____

You must complete 15 crs between these (*) two areas.

HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION (1)

Elective (1) _____

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (44)

HSCI 204	Nutrition (3)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: BIOL 110/L or CHEM 110/L</i>			
NURS 104	Dosage Calculations (2) (Fall)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: MATH 100; Co-requisite: NURS 105</i>			
NURS 105	Pharmacology (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: BIOL 238/L and 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 113/L and NURS 104</i>			
NURS 113	Nursing Fundamentals (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238/L; Co-requisites: NURS 105, BIOL 210/L, and HSCI 204</i>			
NURS 113L	Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 113</i>			
NURS 115	Medical/Surgical Nursing I (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 113/L, BIOL 210/L; Co-requisites: NURS 115L, PSY 290, and CS 102</i>			
NURS 115L	Medical/Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 115</i>			
NURS 116	Intro to Maternal/ Child Nursing (2)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: NURS 105, NURS 113/L, and HSCI 204; Co-requisite: PSY 290</i>			
(NURS 200	Role Transition - RN (2) * (Fall)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: Completion of course requirements for LPN/LVN program or current licensure as LPN/LVN</i>			
<i>*Required as pre- or co-requisite for LPNs who completed two or more years ago.)</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 215	Medical/Surgical Nursing II (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 215L</i>			
NURS 215L	Medical-Surgical Nursing II Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 215</i>			
NURS 216	Maternal-Child Nursing II (4)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisites: All Level-I courses; Co-requisite: NURS 216L</i>			
NURS 216L	Maternal-Child Nursing II Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 216</i>			
NURS 228	Integrated Adult Nursing (4) (Spring)	_____	_____
<i>Pre-requisite: NURS 215/L, and NURS 216/L; Co-requisites: NURS 228L</i>			
NURS 228L	Integrated Adult Nursing Clinical (2)	_____	_____
<i>Co-requisite: NURS 228</i>			
<i>(* NURS 200 is a prerequisite for LPN/ LVN's who completed their programs two or more years prior to entry into the RN level of training.)</i>			

TOTAL CREDITS 84

Graduation Requirement: Students must pass the ATI RN Comprehensive Predictor with a score of 60th or greater national percentile in order to graduate from this program.

Educational Planning Form (Semester)

Name _____ Date _____
 Major _____ Student ID _____

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
Total Units	Total Units	Total Units
Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
Total Units	Total Units	Total Units
Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
Total Units	Total Units	Total Units

Advisor's Signature _____

Student Signature _____