



Northern New Mexico College Associate Degree in Nursing Program (ADN)

NNMC offers a rigorous, evidence-based two year associate degree in nursing curriculum. The ADN program is approved by the State of New Mexico Board of Nursing (36-401) and has National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) Candidate status.

Graduates of the ADN program obtain either an Associate of Applied Science or an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. There is a Practical Nurse Certificate option after successful completion of the first year (Level I) of nursing course work.

The mission of the ADN program is to provide a quality education that prepares nurses at the advanced beginner level to provide safe, holistic care to clients across the lifespan. The ADN program focuses on admitting and graduating students from the local community. The graduates of the ADN program are role models for others and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.

The concept of educational humanism, as found in the writings of Carl Rogers and H. Jerome Freiberg, and the philosophy and theory of human caring, as developed by nursing theorist Jean Watson, serve as the foundation for the ADN program philosophy and provide the disciplinary, scientific, and professional guidelines within which both faculty members and students learn and grow.

Upon successful completion of the first year nursing courses (level I), students may opt to take two additional nursing courses (NURS 116L and NURS 119) and receive a Practical Nurse Certificate. Students are then eligible to take the PN National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). Students may exit the program at this time or continue on with second year nursing courses (level II).

Upon successful completion of the second year nursing courses (level II) students receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing or an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the RN licensure exam (NCLEX-RN).

Graduates of the ADN program are prepared to continue toward completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at a four-year college or university.

Admission to NNMC does not ensure admission to the ADN program. Program capacity requires limited enrollment. Applicants are rank-ordered based on cumulative points earned on selection criteria.

The ADN program is demanding and requires a full-time commitment, extensive study time outside the classroom, and occasional travel outside the area. Because of the rigorous nature of the program, limited employment is recommended.

Due to the rapidly changing nature of the health care system as well as state-mandated changes, the ADN program faculty review and revise the curriculum on an ongoing basis. Changes can be anticipated regarding admission requirements, course requirements, and program policies. Students are advised to seek initial and ongoing advisement from the program director or a nursing advisor.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from the ADN program are prepared to enter nursing practice at the advanced beginner level. Areas of employment include acute care facilities, long-term care, home health care, physician's offices, clinics, schools, and other settings.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LICENSURE

The New Mexico State Board of Nursing has restrictions for licensure and may deny, revoke, or suspend any license applied for upon grounds of particular felony violations. NNMC assumes no responsibility for the denial of licensure by the New Mexico Board of Nursing or any state Board of Nursing.

Federal law requires certain health care agencies to conduct criminal background checks on their employees. This requirement may be mandated for students placed in these health care facilities for clinical training. Behaviors which may be cause for a student being ineligible for clinical placement include but are not limited to the following: physical or sexual abuse, theft, illegal use of weapons, and

illegal use or possession of controlled substances.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADN PROGRAM

1. Graduation from High School or GED
2. Cumulative college GPA of 2.50 or higher
3. Minimum score at \geq 50th national percentile on standardized entrance exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills "TEAS" test version V). The TEAS must be taken by the end of the spring semester prior to anticipated entry into the program. Scores are valid for two years. The TEAS can only be taken twice during an academic year. Each test will be reviewed and the highest overall test score will be awarded to the applicant. Test dates, fee information, and registration are available at the nursing office (747-2207).
4. Submission of a completed nursing application packet by the last Friday of April for fall admission consideration. Packets are available in the nursing department by mid-March.
5. Completion of the following pre-requisite course work by the end of the spring semester prior to anticipated entry into the ADN program with a grade of "C."

ENG 111 English Composition I
PSY 105 General Psychology
PSY 290 Developmental Psychology
BIOL 237 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 237L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab I
BIOL 238 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIOL 238L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab II
BIOL 210 Microbiology
BIOL 210 Microbiology Lab
HSCI 204 Nutrition
NURS 100 & 100L Nurse Aide and Nurse Aide Lab
(completed within two (2) years prior to entry into the ADN program)
or a current state nurse aide certification

Note:

- Anatomy and Physiology Courses must be completed within five (5) years prior to entry into the ADN program.
- All nursing students are expected to have basic computer skills including word processing and internet access.
- All nursing students must have and maintain current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR) certification and current immunizations prior to participating in clinical nursing courses.
- Formal application and acceptance into the nursing program is required before students may enroll in any NURS-prefixed courses listed in the program requirements. Support courses may be taken before entry into the program.

It is the student's responsibility to assure that all application documents are on file in the nursing department by the deadline outlined in the application packet. The application deadline is strictly adhered to.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR LPNS

Applicants already licensed as a practical nurse may apply for advanced placement. *Applicants must:*

1. Complete admission to Northern New Mexico College.
2. Apply for admission to the ADN Program by the advertised date.
3. Submit transcripts of prior nursing education and courses for which transfer credit is requested.
4. Be a graduate of a school of practical nursing with a "C" or above in all nursing courses.
5. Pass the national licensing examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) and possess a current LPN license.
6. Have completed the following general education courses (or their equivalent): BIOL 210L, BIOL 237/L, BIOL 238L, ENG 111, PSY 105, HSCI 204, PSY 290.

7. Have basic computer skills including word processing and internet access.

8. Maintain current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR) certification and current immunizations prior to participating in clinical nursing courses.

9. Formal application and acceptance into the nursing program is required before students may enroll in any NURS-prefixed courses listed in the program requirements. Support courses may be taken before entry into the program.

Note: Once accepted for advanced placement into Level II nursing studies, LPNs must complete a nursing transition class (NURS 200) offered at NNMC during the summer session.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program are subject to the same admission and progression requirements as all nursing students. The Registrar and nursing faculty will evaluate transcripts, course syllabi, and course outlines to determine eligibility and placement status. Potential students must have completed all transfer courses with a grade of "C" or better. Students must complete their last 15 credit hours at NNMC in order to graduate.

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