



Associate Degree in Nursing  
Program Admission Information

## Associate Degree in Nursing Program (RN) – Holistic Admissions Criteria

**Priority application due date: Feb. 1** Traditional students core nursing courses are Year 1 - Fall/Spring and Year 2 - Fall/Spring. Advanced standing students (LPN to RN) enroll in a summer semester bridge course and Year 2 – Fall/Spring. The Associate of Science in Nursing degree requires 64 credits. Applications will be accepted until waitlist spots have been filled.

### We Consider Metrics – 70%

A cumulative **GPA of 3.0** or above and letter grades of “C” or higher across the 8 core required general education credits and 5 credits of most recent required general education credits (see [Associate Degree in Nursing Planner \(RN\)](#) or [LPN to AD \(RN\) Advanced Standing Planner](#) and an overall college GPA of at least 2.0 is required.

GPA's slightly below 3.0 with strong life experience &/or attributes will be considered.

The Health Science Reasoning Test must be taken at a Minnesota North College campus. You may take the HSRT up to two times per application cycle. If testing for a second time, you must wait two weeks (14 calendar days) between attempts.

The HSRT score required is to be determined yet, we are in a pilot phase, a score of 70 is paired with moderate critical thinking.

### We Consider Experiences – 30%

Our holistic admissions process recognizes diverse life experiences, such as healthcare and non-healthcare work, volunteer activities, formal education, and personal background, are valuable to the nursing profession. This approach considers factors such as life experiences, background, and unique perspectives as integral to fostering a well-rounded and inclusive workforce.

Attribute qualities, including strong interpersonal skills, empathy, resilience, and a growth mindset, are essential for building meaningful connections and effectively navigating challenges with optimism and adaptability. Possessing these qualities contributes to personal and professional growth in dynamic environments.

### Acceptance Requirement Highlights

- After conditional acceptance (GPA, HSRT, HAQ) to the Minnesota North College AD Program, all nursing program admission application requirements must be completed for full acceptance (cleared BGS, immunization compliance, clinical onboarding).
- Visit [minnesotanorth.edu/nursing](http://minnesotanorth.edu/nursing) for complete admission information.
- Currency on the MN Nursing Assistant Registry or an unencumbered LPN license throughout the program. The NAHA 1100 Nursing Assistant Home Health Aide course is an option.
- Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers certification (AED on infant, child and adult) with in-person test out of skills component prior to the start of facility clinicals with certification not to expire prior to program completion. Preferably prior to July 31. The ALHE 1400 BLS course is an option.
- General elective course completion and GPA met – see above
- Minnesota North College MN DHS background study **clearance** (through Castle Branch) prior to July 31 (initiate May or June for submission)
- Minnesota North College federal background study **clearance** (through Castle Branch) prior to July 31 (initiate May or June for submission)

## Contact Information

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Itasca and Rainy Campus – available for LPN's seeking further education for RN.  
Practical Nursing information can be found on our website:  
<https://minnesotanorth.edu/programs/nursing/>

### **Accredited by the Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)**

Initial Accreditation Granted: From April 30, 2024, to April 30, 2030

This nursing education program is approved by the  
Minnesota Board of Nursing  
1210 Northland Drive Suite 120 Mendota Heights, MN 55120  
Phone: 612-317-3000  
<https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/>

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Minnesota North College!

We've created the Admission Packet to help you understand the program's admission resources and the application process. We encourage you to read it thoroughly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the advisor or counselor on the campus of your choice or fill out the [Request Information Link](#).

Please note that only students with a completed application for the Nursing Program will be considered for admission. Applications will be accepted from September 1 to **February 1** of each year or until the classes are filled and waiting lists are established. Students move off the waitlist as space becomes available. Wait list movement may happen right up until the first day of fall semester. Remember, only complete applications will be evaluated for acceptance. You must first be accepted to Minnesota North College through the general college application before completing the nursing application for consideration.

If you are conditionally accepted but placed on the waitlist and do not secure a seat in the current class, you may request to be moved to the accepted list for the following year by contacting the Nursing Admissions team.

## Minnesota North College Estimated Costs

\*NOTE: Please note that these are ESTIMATED costs. Before making any payments, check with appropriate department for exact costs.

### Tuition and Fees (2025-2026 School Year)

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Associate Degree Nursing        | \$231.00 per credit |
| General Education (Non-Nursing) | \$188.09 per credit |
| Online Courses                  | \$215.26 per credit |

\*NOTE: Differential tuition rates apply to all resident, reciprocity, and non-resident/non-reciprocity students.

### Nursing Learning Resources

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| ATI Program Supreme Bundle Supplies/Live Review - Course fee each of 2 Augusts for traditional students. LPN to RN students pay a NURS 1750 course fee in June of Bridge entry and the NURS 2150 course fee is not applied. | 2028 grads \$1,384.50 per year (split between NURS 1250 and 2150)<br>2027 grads \$1,271.50 NURS 1750 (June) or NURS 2150 (August) course fees |
| Nursing Textbooks/Resources                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$305 (1st semester) \$400 (2nd semester) using Davis direct order code located in the Portal                                                 |
| Laptop Computer – see handbook specifications                                                                                                                                                                               | \$300.00 + if desired, not required                                                                                                           |

### Clinical Supplies

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| Skills Bags – for nursing lab and simulation activities             | \$98.00 (first year) \$35.00 (second year)        |
| Uniform, Shoes, etc.                                                | \$340.00 depending on qty and brand               |
| Liability Insurance                                                 | \$10.00 each fall semester                        |
| CastleBranch Immunization Tracker Platform (includes a federal BGS) | \$83.75 – pay after conditional acceptance in May |
| Minnesota Department of Health Background Study/Fingerprinting Fee  | \$47.50 – pay after conditional acceptance in May |

### After Graduation Fees

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NCLEX-RN Test Registration Fee (Pearson-Vue) | \$200.00                    |
| Minnesota Board of Nursing Licensure Fee     | \$105.00                    |
| MN Board of Nursing Background Check         | \$33.25                     |
| Nursing Pin at Graduation (Optional Choices) | \$10 - \$80 style dependent |

The following steps are meant to guide you through the process of submitting your application for the nursing program as well as give you details on how criteria are gathered and used in making admission decisions. Only students with a completed Associate Degree in Nursing Program Application are considered for admission.

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| August / September Prior To Start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STEP 1: Apply to Minnesota North College following the <a href="#">Minnesota North Enrollment Checklist</a><br><input type="checkbox"/> Begin or complete prerequisite coursework<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit all required official high school and non-Minnesota State transcripts to Minnesota North College                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| September/October                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go to the college homepage <a href="#">Program Overview - Nursing</a> . Scroll down through the information. Click on the hyperlink "Nursing Application"<br><input type="checkbox"/> Submit the Nursing Program application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1<sup>st</sup> year students – automatically Hibbing campus and clinicals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bridge students - select the clinical location of choice:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hibbing campus with clinicals in Virginia or Hibbing</li> <li>• Grand Rapids – Zoom to the Hibbing classroom from the Itasca campus or attend at Hibbing with Grand Itasca clinicals</li> <li>• Intl Falls - Zoom the Hibbing classroom from the Rainy campus classroom / I Falls area clinicals</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota North College nursing admissions will communicate information with students on the Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT) entrance exam (1 <sup>st</sup> year only) and how to schedule your testing at a Minnesota North College campus location; (This communication will include HSRT testing and dates/scheduling information, Nursing application acknowledgment, and information on when acceptance letters will be sent)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bridge applicants need to ensure semester 1 transcripts are sent to nursing admissions (HSRT is waived)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota North College nursing admissions will communicate how to access the Holistic Admissions Quiz with 1 <sup>st</sup> year and Bridge students |
| November   December   January                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> February 1: Priority application deadline – to be considered for a spot in the program<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1. Submit all required official high school and non-Minnesota State transcripts to Minnesota North College<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2. Take the HSRT if a 1 <sup>st</sup> year student and confirm your score has been shared with the Nursing Admissions team<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3. Take the Holistic Admissions Quiz                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| February                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional acceptance letters sent by the end of March<br><input type="checkbox"/> Accept or decline your offer as indicated in your letter<br><input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> year students accepting a seat in the program are added to the D2L AD Portal (bridge after semester end), the D2L AD Portal will be a main communication hub for advisors, nursing director, and students                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| April                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend mandatory onboarding session, date, time and delivery method will be communicated via e-mail and in the AD Portal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Complete background studies, immunizations, and BLS certification when conditionally accepted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Set up account and upload compliance documentation to the CastleBranch platform                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| May                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Review announcements, content, and instructions in the D2L AD Portal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Bridge students are added to the D2L AD Portal that includes students nurses moving from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> year<br><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule Tb testing for the end of May or in June - annual, X-ray, TSpot or obtain your 1 <sup>st</sup> Mantoux and get it read within 72h. If initial Mantoux is your selection route, obtain your 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mantoux within 7-28 days, then read within 72h.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| June                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Start your Tb compliance – annual, X-ray, TSpot or obtain your 1 <sup>st</sup> Mantoux and get it read within 72h.<br><input type="checkbox"/> If initial Mantoux is your selection route, obtain your 2 <sup>nd</sup> one within 7-28 days, then read within 72h.<br><input type="checkbox"/> If questions regarding the CastleBranch platform arise, call their help desk customer service phone number.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer service 8am-8pm EST Mon-Thurs, 8am-6:30pm EST Friday (888) 723-4263 for questions regarding CB<br><input type="checkbox"/> Initiate both background studies (the Federal is in Castle Branch, instructions and Minnesota North College code for the MN DHS one is available on the AD_Portal.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Review announcements, content, and instructions in the D2L AD Portal |
| July                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize all compliance requirements on or before July 31 <sup>st</sup><br><input type="checkbox"/> Review announcements, content, and instructions in the D2L AD Portal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| August                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MANDATORY NURSING STUDENT ORIENTATION IS LIKELY SCHEDULED FOR THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE START OF FALL SEMESTER – Keep this day free for in-person attendance. SEE MORE INFORMATION IN THE D2L AD PORTAL.                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Traditional Student Nurse application requirements**

| Required courses                                                                                                                                                    | Course completed<br>Where and When | Credits required | Grade      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| ENGL 1031 Composition 1                                                                                                                                             |                                    | 4                |            |
| BIOL 2371 Anatomy & Physiology 1 <b>OR</b><br>BIOL 2371 Anatomy & Physiology 2                                                                                      |                                    | 4                |            |
| Plus most recent additional 5 credits from the application year Program Planner required courses list.<br><a href="#">Program Details - Minnesota North College</a> |                                    |                  |            |
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| HSRT                                                                                                                                                                | Level                              |                  | Score ____ |
| Holistic Admissions Quiz (In Lieu of Essay)                                                                                                                         |                                    |                  |            |

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| Total credits / GPA      |  |            |     |
| Required credits and GPA |  | 15 credits | 3.0 |

\*Nursing Assistant Registry and BLS certification prior to fall start

**Advanced Standing (LPN to RN) student application requirements**

| Required courses                                                                                                            | Course completed<br>Where and When      | Credits required          | Grade               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| ENGL 1031 Composition 1                                                                                                     |                                         | 4                         |                     |
| BIOL 2371 Anatomy & Physiology 1                                                                                            |                                         | 4                         |                     |
| BIOL 2371 Anatomy & Physiology 2                                                                                            |                                         | 4                         |                     |
| PSYC 1205 General Psychology                                                                                                |                                         | 3                         |                     |
| PSYC 1350 Lifespan Development                                                                                              |                                         | 3                         |                     |
| Fall Semester core nursing course<br>GPA. Credit totals varies, Minnesota<br>North PN – 17 credits (Replaces HSRT<br>score) |                                         | Core Nursing credits ____ | Core<br>Credits/GPA |
| Instructor Recommendation Rating                                                                                            | Provide e-mail of Nursing<br>Instructor |                           | Rating              |
| Holistic Admissions Quiz (in lieu of<br>essay)                                                                              |                                         |                           |                     |

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| Total credits / GPA      |  |            |     |
| Required credits and GPA |  | 26 credits | 3.0 |

\*Minnesota Board of Nursing LPN licensure and BLS certification required prior to fall semester.