

Nursing - Advanced Standing Track
AS Degree | 64 credits

Campus: Hibbing

Cohorts: Itasca-Grand Rapids and Rainy River-Intl. Falls

PRIOR TO SUMMER SESSION ENTRY – 18 Credits		CREDITS	LEC/LAB HOURS
Completion of a Practical Nursing Program			
BIOL 2371	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 (MnTC 3)	4	3/2
BIOL 2372	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 (MnTC 3)	4	3/2
ENGL 1231	College Composition 1 (MnTC 1)	4	4/0
PSYC 1215	General Psychology (MnTC 5 and 7)	3	3/0
PSYC 1220	Lifespan Development (MnTC 5 and 7)	3	3/0
SUMMER SEMESTER 2025 – 8 Credits			
BIOL 1320	Introduction to Microbiology (MnTC 3)	3	2/2
NURS 1750	Nursing Bridge	5	4/3

Note: All above courses must be completed before entering the second year of the program.

FALL SEMESTER 2025 – 12 Credits			
NURS 2050	Care of Women and Children	4	3/3
NURS 2150	Care of the Client Affected by Acute Stressors	5	3/6
PHIL 1230	Ethics (MnTC 6-T/A and 9)	3	3/0
SPRING SEMESTER 2026 – 13 Credits			
NURS 2250	Care of the Client Affected by Complex Stressors	6	4/6
NURS 2350	Foundations of Leadership	1	.5/1.5
Social Science Course (see below)		3	3/0
Additional Communication Course (see below)		3	3/0

Social Science Course - 3 credits each

ANTH 1215 Cultural Anthropology (MnTC 5 and 8)
 PSYC 2216 Abnormal Psychology (MnTC 5 and 7)
 SOC 1200 Introduction to Sociology (MnTC 5 and 7)
 SOC 1210 Social Problems (MnTC 5 and 8)
 SOC 1215 Marriage and Family (MnTC 5 and 7)
 SOC 2225 Race and Ethnicity (MnTC 5 and 7)
 SOC 2245 Sociology of Sexuality and Gender (MnTC 5 and 7)
 SOC 2255 Aging (MnTC 5 and 9)

Communication Course - 3 credits each

ENGL 1232 College Composition 2 (MnTC 1)
 ENGL 1240 Technical Report Writing (MnTC 1)
 COMM 1210 Introduction to Comm (MnTC 1)
 COMM 1215 Public Speaking (MnTC 1)
 COMM 1220 Interpersonal Comm (MnTC 1)
 COMM 1225 Intercultural Comm (MnTC 1 and 7)
 COMM 1230 Small Group Comm (MnTC 1)

The above stated required nursing and non-nursing courses total 51 credits. Added to this total is the 11 nursing credits of advanced standing and 2 credits for applied nutrition, for a total of 64 semester credits (32 nursing, 32 non-nursing).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Minnesota North College offers an Associate in Science Degree in nursing. Traditional students and advance standing LPNs are accepted. Clinical experiences are provided in area community hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other community-based health care agencies.

OPTIONAL NURSING ELECTIVES

NURS 1755 Clinical Simulation in Nursing, 1 cr.
 NURS 2900 Transition to Practice Essentials, 1 cr.
 NURS 2902 Cultural Diversity in Health Care, 2 cr.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the Nursing AS Degree, the graduate will be able to:

1. Professional Behaviors. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while demonstrating professional behavior that reflects integrity, accountability, responsibility, and ethical nursing practice.
2. Safety. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while minimizing risk of harm to patients through system effectiveness and individual performance.
3. Evidence-Based Practice. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while integrating best current evidence with clinical expertise and patient/family preferences and values for delivery of optimal health care.
4. Patient-Centered Care. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while providing compassionate care that is respectful to patient preference, values, and needs which guides all clinical decisions.
5. Teamwork and Collaboration. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while participating effectively with members of the inter-professional team to achieve quality patient care.
6. Nursing Judgements. Apply the nursing process in providing wholistic care while making judgements in practice substantiated with evidence, utilizing informatics to provide safe, quality care to patients and their families.

ACCREDITATION

Minnesota North College's (AD) nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). The program received initial accreditation in 2012 and has been accredited since that time. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree nursing program is continuing accreditation.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

- Articulation agreements with all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

PROGRAM NOTES

- Students must pass all nursing and required non-nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better.
- [Differential tuition is assessed for the NURS courses.](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Those students who successfully complete the nursing and general education graduation requirements of this program are eligible to apply for licensure and apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Graduates are prepared for entry level positions in hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and clinics. Employment prospects for registered nurses is excellent.

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