

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	HOURS LEC LAB	
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 – 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 – 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 – 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 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.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon program completion, the nurse graduate will be able to demonstrate safe, entry-level competency in:

- Informatics and Technology.** Utilize information technology in the health care setting and demonstrate proficiency with technological tools to support and enhance client care.
- Managing Care.** Collaboratively contribute within the Scope of Practice to develop, modify, and coordinate comprehensive plans of care, ensuring integrated and effective client support under the direction of a registered nurse or other licensed health care provider.
- Nursing Judgment and Evidence-Based Care.** Apply evidence-based nursing judgment to prioritize care, implement interventions, and report changes in client condition within the Scope of Practice. This includes integrating current evidence, clinical expertise, and client and family preferences to support safe, quality care across the lifespan.
- Patient- and Relationship-Centered Care.** Communicate effectively and deliver client-centered nursing care that addresses physical, developmental, spiritual, cultural, functional, and psychosocial needs across the lifespan, while honoring client values, preferences, and dignity.

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5. **Professional Identity and Behavior.** Demonstrate professional nursing behaviors consistent with integrity, accountability, responsibility, and ethical practice standards, reflecting compliance with legal and regulatory expectations of the Minnesota Board of Nursing.
6. **Quality Improvement.** Participate in quality improvement initiatives through appropriate use of resources and by contributing input into the development and evaluation of policies and procedures within the Scope of Practice.
7. **Safety.** Promote a safe environment for clients, self, and others by recognizing and reporting changes in client condition and responses to interventions to the appropriate licensed health care provider.
8. **Teamwork and Collaboration.** Engage effectively as a member of the interprofessional health care team, demonstrating collaboration and communication to support the delivery of safe, high-quality, client-centered care.

APPLICATION

1. Complete the application process and be admitted to Minnesota North College.
2. Students may apply to the Associate of Science Nursing program – Advanced Standing pathway online at <https://minnesotanorth.edu> by navigating to Academics → Programs → Nursing → Program Requirements. See Holistic Admissions Packet for specific entrance requirements. Applications open September 1 for admission to the following August cohort.

ACCREDITATION

The Minnesota North College Associate Degree in Nursing Program holds initial accreditation from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. 202-909-2487.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

- Articulation agreements with all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

PROGRAM NOTES

- All nursing (NURS) courses must be taken at Minnesota North College.
- Grading details and requirements for satisfactory course completion are outlined in each individual course syllabus. Students must meet all established grading criteria to successfully complete nursing coursework and progress in the program. Students must pass all nursing courses with a “B” or greater and all 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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