



NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

Associate Degree in Nursing Application Information 2024-2025

The Northwest College Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by:



Wyoming State Board of Nursing
130 Hobbs Ave., Suite B.,
Cheyenne, WY 82002,
307-777-7601,
<http://wsbn.wyo.gov>

The Northwest College Nursing Program at Northwest College located in Powell, WY is accredited by the:



Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program
at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

www.acenursing.org

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

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Associate Degree Nursing Program at Northwest College

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Northwest College. Through the completion of this program, the student will have earned their Associate Degree in Nursing and will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam. Upon licensure, the graduate will have the opportunity to practice as an RN in Wyoming and the United States with a compact licensure status.

The Northwest College Nursing program delivers the curriculum in two different cohort options: Hybrid and Traditional face-to-face.

- The NWC Hybrid RN Program begins each January and consists of online coursework, and physical presence for face-to-face labs and clinical experiences in outlying clinical facilities as directed by the course and clinical schedule. Students applying to the Hybrid RN Program must attest to the online learning experience and acknowledge access/availability of a computer for the duration of the program as part of the application to assess readiness for online learning.
- The Northwest College Traditional RN Program begins each August and is face-to-face lecture, lab, and clinical. Students are expected to be physically present on the Northwest College campus in Powell and outlying clinical facilities as directed by the course and clinical schedule.

Based on seat availability, there are two entry points to the Associate Degree Nursing program:

- The beginning of each cohort (Fall for Traditional and Spring for Hybrid) or
- At mid-point between 2nd and 3rd semesters (Spring for Hybrid and Fall for Traditional).

Regardless of the program's hybrid or traditional delivery method, the Northwest College Nursing Program uses a variety of technology to support student learning. Computers are used extensively, and students need to be aware that computer literacy is imperative. All students, regardless of entry point or delivery method, are required to have a background check, entrance drug screen, and meet technical and physical requirements as part of a two-tiered admission and entry process.

Students who are interested in becoming an RN must apply to Northwest College and be accepted by the college before they can apply to the nursing program. Application packets are available online at www.nwc.edu/nursing. This packet contains Admission Criteria related to applying for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN).

All applications are reviewed by the Nursing Program Director and faculty of the Nursing Program after the submission deadline. Any applications that are incomplete or submitted past the application deadline will not be considered.

Please read the instructions in this packet and reach out to us if you have any questions. Best wishes to you as you prepare to apply to the nursing program.



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Beginning program entry point:

One point of entry is at the beginning of the RN program for new students, re-entry students who have not completed their first and second semesters of Northwest College or other Wyoming community college nursing programs, or transfer students whose curriculum does not align with the Northwest College concept-based curriculum design. Entry for the Traditional program is each August and entry for the Hybrid program is each January.

A completed application must be submitted online by 11:59 pm on the first Friday in March for the Traditional Face-to-Face Program, or the first Friday in November for the Hybrid Program to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program.

Student Selection Process

- **Current Lab Science requirement:** Students must satisfactorily complete a science course with a 'C' or higher that includes a lab component within five years of application.
- **Current MATH 1000 or MATH 1400 course completion with a 'C' or greater within the last 5 years.** If a math course is older than five years, a math placement score that is no older than one year from the date of the test result to the application deadline date indicating placement/ready to enroll in MATH 1000: Accuplacer "Elementary Algebra" 55-84, Compass, "Algebra Domain" 40-65, or Aleks cut score of 30-45.
- **Students have completed all the pre-requisite courses:** Students must complete English I: Introduction to Composition (ENGL 1010), Biology (BIOL 1010) with lab, and Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (ZOO 2010) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts. The Nursing First Year Seminar course is required if the student has less than 30 credits.
- **Students have completed the TEAS test** within one year and met the National Programmatic Mean score minimum of 67.1.
- **Students have met the cumulative GPA requirement of 2.7** on pre-requisite courses within the program of study.
- **Students who have applied to NWC or are active** and have submitted official transcripts to the Registrar's Office.
- **Students have submitted a complete online application** by the appropriate deadline.

Students who have satisfactorily completed all the numbered items above will be ranked for consideration for admission into the program. Students who are currently enrolled in a pre-requisite course are encouraged to apply but will automatically be placed on a waitlist. It is important to note that the waitlist evolves until all incoming seats are filled. Therefore, students on the waitlist may be contacted at any point before the semester to fill unexpected openings in the next incoming cohort. If selected for entry into the program, students must show successful completion of the course(s) to the Nursing Department, as indicated by a 'C' or above.

Once the application deadline has passed, the applicants are ranked by the nursing faculty and Nursing Program Director using GPA and TEAS exam results. Top-ranking students will be sent a letter indicating the final steps for entry that require a clear drug screen, successful background check, clinical tracking documents uploaded to Castle Branch, and signed technical/physical requirement documents. It is important to note that any student who fails the entrance drug screen or has a criminal history that would prevent them from participating in clinical experiences or becoming licensed as an RN, will not be permitted to enter the program.

Once entrance steps are completed satisfactorily within the deadlines outlined by the nursing program, students will be given a formal letter notifying them of their official entrance into the nursing program. At that point, enrollment in the appropriate courses corresponding with their course of study will be initiated.

Midpoint program entry:

The second point of entry for the RN program is at the midpoint (between the 2nd and 3rd semesters) for Advanced Placement (LPNs who want to be RN) students, re-entering nursing students who have completed the first and second semesters of the Northwest College nursing program or other Wyoming community college nursing program or transfer students whose curriculum align with the Northwest College Nursing program's concept-based curriculum.

A completed application must be submitted online by the first Friday in March for the traditional program, or the first Friday in November for the hybrid program to be considered for midpoint admission to the nursing program.

Student Selection Process

- **Current Lab Science requirement:** Students must satisfactorily complete a science course with a 'C' or higher that includes a lab component within five years of application.
- **Current MATH 1000 or MATH 1400 course (or higher) completion with a 'C' or greater within the last 5 years.** If a math course is older than five years, a math placement score that is no older than one year from the date of the test result to the application deadline date indicating placement/ready to enroll in MATH 1000: Accuplacer "Elementary Algebra" 55-84, Compass, "Algebra Domain" 40-65, or Aleks cut score of 30-45.
- **Students have completed all the pre-requisite courses:** Students must satisfactorily complete English I: Introduction to Composition (ENGL 1010), Biology (BIOL 1010) with lab, and Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (ZOO 2010) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts. The Nursing First Year Seminar course is required if accumulates less than 30 credits.
- **Students have completed all the coursework equal to the first two semesters of the ADN program:** Anatomy and Physiology II (ZOO 2020) and General Psychology (PSYC 1000) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts.
- **Non-LPN students have completed the TEAS test** within one year of the application deadline and met the National Programmatic Mean score minimum of 67.1 or if a **licensed LPN, the HESI test** within one year of the application deadline and met the NWC program benchmark of 850.
- **Students have met the cumulative GPA requirement of 2.7** on all courses, including the prerequisites, through the second semester of the nursing program of study.
- **Students who have applied to NWC** (if not a current NWC student)
- **Students have submitted all official transcripts** to the Registrar's office.
- **The student is in good standing** with NWC and the nursing department or transfer institution.
- **Students have submitted a complete online application** by the appropriate deadline.
- **Satisfactory Clinical Skills Check-off** scheduled before entry. The process for skill check-off and re-testing will follow the handbook describing "Skill Demonstration." If a student is unable to pass the clinical skills check off satisfactorily after the third attempt, the student will no longer be eligible to progress as an advanced placement student with mid-point entry admission. The unsuccessful student will be referred to the admission process for entry at the beginning of the program.

Once the application deadline has passed, the mid-point applicants are ranked by the nursing faculty and Nursing Program Director using GPA and TEAS/HESI exam results. Based on seat availability, top-ranked students will be sent a letter indicating final steps for entry that require a clear drug screen, successful background check, clinical tracking documents uploaded to Castle Branch, and signed technical/physical requirement documents. It is important to note that any student who fails the entrance drug screen or has a criminal history that would prevent them from participating in clinical experiences or becoming licensed as an RN, will not be permitted to enter the program.

Once entrance steps are completed satisfactorily within the deadlines outlined by the nursing program, students will be given a formal letter notifying them of their official entrance into the nursing program. At that point, enrollment in the appropriate courses corresponding with their course of study will be initiated.

TEAS INFORMATION

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) entrance test is a requirement of the NWC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage and is taken online. The test is intended for use primarily with adult nursing program applicant populations. The objectives assessed are those that nurse educators deem most appropriate and relevant to measure the entry-level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants. The TEAS exam is administered by the Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI).

If you are interested in taking the TEAS test, call Carri Dobbins at 307-587-6257, to plan to take this test. Students should plan to schedule the test early as the test times close to the application deadline fill quickly.

The minimum score for the TEAS test is 67.1 and it can be taken a total of two times per application. The highest score will be accepted if the minimum score is attained. Scores used for entrance must be obtained within the year. Students with special needs who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Student Success Center's Disability Support Service Coordinator for testing accommodations.

To prepare for the test, you may consider purchasing reviewing resources on the ATI website at www.atitesting.com. Study guides are also available at the NWC Hinckley Library on a 24-hour reserve. The test is computerized and takes 3-4 hours. You must arrive at the testing site 15 minutes early and wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. Payment is made during the testing session and is collected online through ATI by debit or credit card. You must present a photo ID at the time you take the test.

Results of the test are available immediately upon completion of the test. You must upload a copy of your test results to the online application.

HESI LPN-TO-RN ENTRANCE EXAM INFORMATION

This is a 75-item comprehensive exam for Licensed Practical nurses seeking entrance into the LPN to ADN program option. This exam identifies strengths and weaknesses in PN content areas of Fundamentals, Pediatric Nursing, Maternity, Professional Issues, Medical Surgical, and Psychiatric / Mental Illness.

The minimum score is 850 and the HESI test can be taken a total of two times per application. The highest score will be accepted if the minimum score is attained. Scores used for entrance must be obtained within the

year. Students with special needs who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Student Success Center's Disability Support Service Coordinator for testing accommodations.

If you are interested in taking the TEAS test, call Carri Dobbins at 307-754-6257. Students should plan and schedule the test early as test times near the application deadline fill quickly.

To prepare for the test, you may consider purchasing reviewing resources on the ATI website at <https://evolve.elsevier.com/education/hesi/nursing-lpn-lvn/> Study guides are also available at the NWC Hinckley Library on a 24-hour reserve. The test is computerized and takes 3-4 hours. You must arrive at the testing site 15 minutes early and wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. Payment is made during the testing session and is collected online through Elsevier by debit or credit card. You must present a photo ID at the time you take the test.

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APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Approximate Pre-Entrance Costs - \$265

**Background check, drug test, physical and immunizations

FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR	
<u>UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT</u>			
2 Uniforms	\$ 146.00		
White or Black Lab Coat (opt.)	65.00		
White or Black Shoes	65.00		
Hemostat	6.00		
Bandage Scissors	6.00		
Stethoscope	80.00		
Watch	25.00		
TOTAL	\$ 393.00		
<u>TUITION/FEES/BOOKS</u>			
Course Lab Fees	\$ 350.00	Course Lab Fees	\$ 415.00
College Tuition & Fees (In-State Resident)	2,940.00	College Tuition & Fees (In-State Resident)	2,730.00
Books	1279.00	Books	279.00
ATI Resources	466.00	ATI Resources	165.00
TOTAL	\$5,035.00	TOTAL	\$3,589.00
<u>MISC. COSTS</u>			
Travel/Lodging* clinical experiences	\$ 700.00	Travel/Lodging*	\$ 800.00
Optional Books	<u>\$ 170.00</u>	(*To/from clinical for two semesters)	
TOTAL	\$ 870.00	TOTAL	\$ 800.00
ROOM/BOARD	\$3,790.00	ROOM/BOARD	\$3,790.00
APPROXIMATE COST 1ST YEAR			
WITHOUT ROOM/BOARD	\$6,298.00	WITHOUT ROOM/BOARD	\$4,389.00
WITH ROOM/BOARD	\$10,088.00	WITH ROOM/BOARD	\$8,179.00