

Frequently asked questions about Nursing program.

Where can I find out career information about the Nursing program?

For an overview on this career regarding skills, abilities, knowledge, wages, benefits, and job outlook go to <http://www.iseek.org/> Minnesota's gateway to career, education, employment and business information.

What requirements need to be completed before filling out an application to the nursing program?

- Chemistry with a lab, completed within 2 years prior to acceptance into the program with a grade C or higher.
- Must be a registered NA/R (nursing assistant / registered) with the Minnesota Department of Health, 651-215-8705. If and when you are accepted into the nursing program your NA/R must stay current up to and including the first day of the fall semester.
 - Cumulative GPA of 3.0 for admission on 10 semester / 1000 level course work or higher at a regionally accredited institution or graduated in the top one-third of your high school class within the last five years. Baccalaureate degree may qualify with a 3.0 GPA on the last 30 credits.
 - Must meet the guideline for Normandale's general application regarding Placement for COMP, READ and MATH.
 - Within the past two years, have completed a math course at the level of at least MATH 0700 with a C grade or higher, or have placed into college level math (1000+) level on the math section of the Course Readiness Assessments. (Statistics or medical dosage courses do not meet the math requirement)
 - Have completed the following general education courses with a grade C or higher:
 - ENG 1101 – Freshman Composition
 - CHEM 1050 – Foundations of Organic and BioChemistry, taken within the last two years
 - BIOL 1141 – Human Anatomy

Do most students finish their liberal arts and science coursework before applying for nursing?

Yes, the majority of our students have completed liberal arts & science coursework prior to application to the nursing program.

The Nursing degree is two years. Can I complete all the coursework for the degree within the two years?

Yes, when you have fulfilled the requirements listed above. The liberal arts and science courses are listed in the catalog and on the Normandale web site that have to be completed before or taken concurrent with NURS 1110, 1120, 2210 and 2220. Check the catalog or web site for specific information. The Nursing program is four sequential semesters starting in the fall for two years. Each nursing course is 8 credits and a prerequisite for the next nursing course.

When are applications accepted?

The deadline for acceptance of applications is February 1st for fall admission to the nursing program.

What will improve my chances of being accepted?

Take and do well in the science courses for the program. Work to keep your GPA well above the minimum required 3.0. Nursing Assistant experience or other health care experience is encouraged.

Are there a lot of applications?

Yes, there is a strong interest in the Nursing program.

Do you have a waiting list for the Nursing program?

No. Candidates who fulfill the requirements after a class has been established may be considered when a seat is available. Anyone who meets the admission requirements but was not offered a seat in the program will need to reapply for a space in the next year's class.

I work in the health field; however I am not a nursing assistant/registered, do I need to be registered?

Yes, all applicants must be registered as a NA/R with MN Department of Health (651/215-8705). This insures the nursing faculty that they will not need to educate you for basic nursing skills covered in the Nursing Assistant Program.

Will my credits from a proprietary medical academy or college(s) transfer to the Nursing Program?

Yes, once you complete the general application to Normandale, the Registrar office will evaluate your official transcript for transfer from regionally accredited institution.

I have already taken CHEM 1050 but it was over 2 years ago, do I have to re-take the chemistry before I can apply to the nursing program?

Possibly not, complete an Academic Petition form to confirm if your Chemistry is good to apply.

Do you have an evening Nursing program?

No, although part of your off campus clinical time will be at night. However the science and liberal arts coursework may be offered in the evenings. Refer to the spring and fall schedule for hours of nursing coursework.

Do you have tutors for your science coursework and what is the cost?

Yes, you will need to check with the College Success Center 952-487-7030. There is no cost for tutors. All required courses needed to graduate with the AS nursing degree must have a grade of "C" or higher.

Does Normandale have additional nursing resources available to assist nursing students succeed?

Yes, there is a Nursing Success and Retention Specialist (Nursing Tutor) available to all Nursing students who are having difficulty with their nursing course work. Additional information and contact instructions will be provided during the first day of class.

How do I get additional information about your Nursing AS degree?

Contact Normandale Community College Office of Admissions for Information Session schedules at 952-487-8210 or visit our website at www.normandale.edu/visit/ .

My science and liberal courses are completed for the Nursing degree. What can I take during between now and my program start date?

The following courses will enhance your program. The following are offered at NORMANDALE:

BIOL 1102 Human Biology (**before BIOL 1141 & 1142**)

BIOL 2204 Microbiology

PHIL 1103 Ethics - *Needed for BSN or MSN degree at Metro State*

BUSN 2100 Human Relations Effective Teams

CAPL 1100 Beginning Computer Applications

ENGC 1102 Technical Writing

HLTH 1107 Principles of Nutrition

HLTH 1010 Health Professions Terminology

MATH 1080 Statistics - *Needed for BSN or MSN degree at Metro State*

MATH 1100 College Algebra & Probability

PHYS 1103 Natural Science Physics

PSYC 1108 Psychology of Death and Dying

PSYC 2210 Development Psychology: Lifespan (4cr)

Goal #6 MnTC - *Needed for BSN or MSN degree at Metro State*

I have a disability. Whom do I contact?

Refer to Normandale catalog Student Services Office for Students with Disabilities 952-487-7305.

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