Nursing

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Admission Requirements

Northeast Iowa Community College

Until you complete the following admission requirements and are accepted into the program, **you are a Pre-Nursing student**.

Phase 1 Pre-Nursing Student

- [ ] **ATI TEAS ENTRANCE EXAM**
  This exam covers reading, math, science and language usage. A minimum **58.7%** composite score is required. Test dates and scheduling can be found at www.nicc.edu/ati
  Assessment results must be completed within five years of the student's application date and may be transferred from another institution.

COURSEWORK You must complete the following coursework within five years of your application date and receive a minimum grade of C-. The courses take a minimum of two semesters to complete:

- [ ] **Nutrition BIO:151 OR**

  Introduction to Nutrition HSC:221 OR

  Introduction to Nutrition PNN:270

- [ ] **HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I BIO:168**
  Mandatory prerequisite, one year high school biology/chemistry with a minimum grade of C-; or a minimum grade of C- in BIO:102 and BIO:103, BIO:112, BIO:157, BIO:161 or CHM: 110.

- [ ] **HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II BIO:173**
  Mandatory prerequisite, minimum grade of C- in BIO:168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

- [ ] **Dosage Calculations PNN:200**
  Mandatory prerequisite, minimum grade of C- in MAT:053 or MAT:772 OR ALEKS math placement score of 14 or higher.

Transcripts or assessment results must be submitted to the **Admissions Office** at **admissions@nicc.edu.**

Phase 2 Nursing Waiting List

Students accepted into the Pre-Nursing program and may enroll in general education courses.

- Admission requirements are complete and you are waiting for space to open for acceptance into the Nursing program.
- You are ranked by the date you completed all the admission requirements.

Phase 3 Nursing Program Program Acceptance

You have been offered a spot within the Nursing program and must **RESPOND TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BY THE DEADLINE**.

- If you **DECLINE** the offer you will move to the bottom of the program waiting list and remain in Phase 2, Waiting List.
- If you **DO NOT RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE** your application may be canceled and you will need to start the process over.

Phase 4 Program Requirements

The following requirements must be satisfied prior to the first semester of the nursing programs at the College. Introduction to Nursing Concepts is the first clinical course in the nursing program. If any of the following are not completed prior to starting Introduction to Nursing Concepts, acceptance in the program will be offered to another student. A student who does not successfully satisfy the program requirements listed below will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist after submission of the required paperwork.

ORIENTATION

- Complete a pre-nursing online orientation at the start of your first semester at the College.
- Attend a mandatory Introduction to Nursing Concepts program orientation after acceptance to the nursing program.

TRAINING

- Complete the CPR certification (American Heart Association Health Care Professionals BLS or American Red Cross CPR for Healthcare Providers)
- Mandatory Reporter Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- NICC HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogen
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
    - Complete the minimum of a 75-hour CNA course. A copy of your certificate must be submitted. CNA offerings through the College can be found at **nicc.edu/solutions** or with your enrollment advisor.
    - Complete the written and skills competency tests for the CNA registry. A copy of your Direct Care Worker registry results must be submitted. **dia-hfd.state.ia.us**

STUDENT HEALTH AND BACKGROUND SCREENING

- Purchase a CastleBranch package to certify and collect compliance documents required of healthcare professionals.
- Criminal, dependent adult and child abuse background screening
- Physical and immunization records (time-sensitive, one-year expiration)
- Drug testing
- Provide annual proof of health insurance coverage prior to lab and clinical experiences.
- For more detailed information and instructions visit **nicc.edu/programrequirements**

Estimated Program Cost*

Expenses	Practical Nursing	Associate Degree Nursing
Tuition/Fees (does not include pre-requisite courses)	$10,730.25 in-state* | $12,269.25 out-of-state*	$20,582 in-state* | $23,534 out-of-state*
Background Check/Drug Testing	$157.20	$157.20
Physical Exam/Immunizations (Based on health coverage)	Undetermined	Undetermined
Apparel for Labs/Clinicals & Lab Kits	$288	$412
Program Software & Exam Fees	$1,975	$3,875
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Undetermined	Undetermined
Certification Fee	$343	$686
Lab Supply Fees	$250	$460
Books (estimated)	$1,400	$2,140
Estimated Total Cost	**$15,093.45** in-state* **$16,632.45** out-of-state*	**$28,124.20** in-state* **$31,076.20** out-of-state*

** These costs are provided as a guide to financing your education. All costs are estimates at time of publication, are subject to change without notice and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. All costs are based on the 2026-2027 tuition and fee rates.*

Resources

iowa.gov/nursing
discovernursing.com
castlebranch.com
bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/nurse-corps

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