CURRICULUM GUIDELINE FOR PRE-NURSING STUDENTS APPLYING TO ENTER ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM IN SPRING (JANUARY) 2016

Application period is June 15, 2015 – August 14, 2015

Please Note: Program revisions reflecting new GEM standards are effective for students entering the 2015-2016 catalog year. For questions regarding catalog year and ADN program requirements please contact the Health Professions & Nursing Advisor wendy.mcintosh@nic.edu or (208)769-3373.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to meet minimum admission requirements. It is also the applicant’s responsibility to ensure all required information is received by the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices.

The Associate Degree Nursing program uses a selective admission process involving points assigned for the required application materials and, as a continuation of the selection process for finalists, points for an interview and/or writing component. Please be aware because of the number of applicants, completion of all prerequisites and/or general education courses does not guarantee admission into the program.

Upon acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing program, a criminal background check will be required for participation in clinical rotations. Violations which appear on the background check may result in denied access to clinical sites, therefore, inability to complete the ADN program.

Students with visible body art may be denied access to clinical sites, therefore, be unable to complete the ADN program.
Please note that in addition to the prerequisite courses, applicants must also have:

- A High School Diploma or GED by the application deadline. An application to North Idaho College - see New Student Admissions - as well as an application to the NIC ADN Program.

- A valid Certified Nursing Assistant certification from any U.S. state must be submitted at the application deadline. The CNA certification must be maintained through the first semester of the program. CMA certificates are not acceptable.

- A college transcript showing successful completion, by July 30, 2015, of an approved Medical Terminology course from an accredited college. Medical Terminology must be no more than three years old at the time of entry into the ADN program.

- Completed preadmission assessment exam (TEAS-V) taken during application period. For additional information and scheduling, please visit www.nic.edu/TEAS

Regarding course work, to have your application considered for the North Idaho College Associate Degree Nursing Program:

- You must have a cumulative college GPA of at least a 2.50 in the general education courses required for the Associate Degree Nursing program. Beginning with the spring 2016 application cycle, a minimum GPA of 3.0 will be required for program eligibility.

- The Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology courses must be no more than seven years old; otherwise, they will need to be repeated. If Anatomy & Physiology were completed with the required grade, but are more than seven years old, the student may elect to repeat the Anatomy & Physiology courses or take a Pathophysiology course approved by the Director of Nursing for the Associate Degree Nursing program.

  **Suggested Course: LCSC – BIOL 312 Pathophysiology (Online)**

- Please note that if Pathophysiology is completed, points for grades will still be calculated using previous Anatomy & Physiology courses.

- You must have a grade of C/2.0 or better in each required course (a grade of C- is not acceptable). Grades earned in courses appearing on the official transcript at the application deadline and which meet the requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing program will be evaluated for points according to the point system listed on the following page.
COURSES THAT MUST BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 17 FOR JANUARY 2016 ENTRANCE:

__ Algebra competence must be demonstrated by one of the following methods: ACT, SAT, or COMPASS score taken in the 2 years prior to the program application deadline indicating placement above Math 025 (Beginning Algebra) or above Math 108 (Intermediate Algebra) OR completion of Math 025 with a grade of C- or higher.

__ Biology 227 (Human Anatomy & Physiology I) Must be no more than 7 years old

__ Biology 228 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II) Must be no more than 7 years old

__ English 101 (English Composition)

ADDITIONAL GENERAL COURSES: It is highly recommended that students complete as many of the following general education courses as possible before application for admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program:

Courses to be completed by the end of the first semester of the ADN program:

__ Math 108 (Intermediate Algebra) Completion with a grade of C- or higher. Students who have successfully completed a math course from the A.S. degree list in the NIC Catalog need not take this course.

__ Communications 101 (Public Speaking)

__ Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology)

__ Biology 250 (General Microbiology) must be no more than 7 years old

Courses to be completed by the end of the second semester of the ADN program:

__ One Math course from the Math list for the A.S. degree (see NIC Catalog)

__ English 102 (English Composition)

__ Sociology 101 (Introduction to Sociology)

Courses to be completed by the end of the third semester of the ADN program:

__ One course from the Arts & Humanities list for the A.S. degree (see NIC Catalog)

__ One additional course from the Social Science/Arts & Humanities list for the A.S. degree

__ One credit of Physical Education activity or Dance course
Courses to be completed by the end of the fourth semester of the ADN program:

___ A second course from the Arts & Humanities list for the A.S. degree (see NIC Catalog)

___ One credit of Physical Education activity or Dance course
No points are awarded for the High School diploma or GED, valid CNA, Math 025, Math 108, and Medical Terminology course.

**Biology courses and Math course required for A.S. degree:** A=8, B=6, C/2.0=4
- **PE:** 1 point will be given for each successfully completed requirement
- All other courses: A=4, B=3, C/2.0=2
- Courses with grades of P (pass) or S (satisfactory) and courses which have not received a grade due to advance placement scores will be awarded **3 points**.
- Courses which have been documented as **waived** do not receive grades or credits and will not be awarded points, but will be accepted as meeting program requirements.

**Repeated courses:** the most recent course grade will be used and the successful completion of the course (C/2.0 or better) will be considered to have met the program requirement. The assignment of points for repeated courses is detailed below:
- Courses which are greater than seven years old can be repeated once for full point value.
- Courses which are seven years old or less, if repeated once, will be worth half the full point value.
- Courses which are seven years old or less, if repeated more than once (three or more graded attempts in the past seven years) will be awarded **no points**.

Points for the assessment exam (TEAS-V) will be awarded on a sliding point scale for an “adjusted total individual” score of 65% and above. **The total possible points for this exam will be 10.** For additional information and scheduling, please visit [www.nic.edu/TEAS](http://www.nic.edu/TEAS)

**2 points** will be awarded to residents of Idaho's five northern counties (Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone). Residency status will be determined by the Admissions Office based on information submitted on the North Idaho College application form.

After initial review of applicant files, the total number of applicants will be narrowed to a predetermined number based on the number of student to be accepted. The highest ranking applicants will be invited for a writing sample. The score received for the writing sample will be added to the applicant’s previous point total from the categories listed above. Applicants asked to complete a writing sample will be contacted and given specific information.
**Additional Information**

- The minimum GPA of 2.5 for program eligibility will be calculated on degree requirement courses for the Associate Degree Nursing program which have been completed and appear on the transcript at the application deadline.

- Applicants using test scores for a course to meet a degree requirement must submit a paper copy of the test scores if credit for the course is not listed on the transcript. Test scores are valid for two years from the test date.

- If applicants have more than one course which will meet a degree requirement (i.e. three humanities courses), the course meeting the requirement with the best grade will be used in point calculation.

- In the event there are applicants with an equal number of points, and the number of applicants (who are tied) outnumber the remaining open positions in the program, the following system will be used to determine selection:

  1. Applicants with an equal number of points (tied) who have provided appropriate documentation of military service will be put at the top of their point category. If there continues to be a tie:

  2. GPA, as defined above, will be used to rank the remaining tied applicants. If there continues to be a tie:

  3. A random drawing of all the remaining tied applicants will be held for the final slot/s.

- Applicants are permitted a total of two opportunities to successfully complete the Associate Degree Nursing program.
Suggested Coursework

**Suggested English 102 Course**

**ENGL 102:** Potential applicants are strongly recommended to take sections of English 102 specifically indicated for students planning on entering the Associate Degree Nursing program. If this not possible, students need to discuss with their instructor the option of completing course assignments using the APA (American Psychological Association) format.

**Suggested Arts and Humanities Courses**

**PHIL 201:** Logic and Critical Thinking is strongly recommended to partially meet the Arts and Humanities degree requirement.

**COMM 220:** Intro to Intercultural Communications is strongly recommended for completing the Arts and Humanities degree requirement.

**Suggested Mathematics Course**

**MATH 253 (Principles of Applied Statistics)**

*Courses recommended based on student choice of RN to BSN transition. See NIC to LCSC Track*