

Traditional RN | Hybrid | Fall Start
Associate of Science (AS) | 64

PRE-PROGRAM COURSES		
Prerequisite courses must be completed before entering the program Minimum 2.76 GPA		CREDITS
BIOL 2260	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENGL 1111	College Writing	3
BIOL 2221 OR BIOL 2262	Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology II+	3/4
FIRST TERM – FALL 12/13 Credits		
ADNG 1000	Foundation of Nursing	2
ADNG 1050	Foundation of Nursing Skills	4
MATH 1100 OR MATH 1930	College Algebra	3
BIOL 2221 OR BIOL 2262	Microbiology or Anatomy & Physiology II	3/4
HLTH 1410	First Aid/ CPR*	
SECOND TERM – SPRING 15 Credits		
ADNG 1150	Nursing I	4
ADNG 1200	Clinical I	2
PSYCH 2201	Developmental Psychology	3
CHEM 1100	Intro to Chemistry	4
HLTH 1100	Pharmacology	2
THIRD TERM – FALL 13 Credits		
ADNG 2100	Clinical II	4
ADNG 2150	Nursing II	4
ADNG 2400	Psychosocial Nursing	2
General Education Electives must meet MnTC goal areas 2, 6, 7, 8 or 10		3
FOURTH TERM – SPRING 13 Credits		
ADNG 2050	Advanced Skills Lecture	1
ADNG 2050	Advanced Skills Lab	1
ADNG 2200	Clinical III	4
ADNG 2250	Leadership	2
ADNG 2350	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	2

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS 320

Program Description

The Traditional RN Program is a 64-credit Associate of Science degree is a two-year program with a fall start for students with no previous nursing experience. Graduates are eligible to apply for their licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). The hybrid delivery model consists of online courses and in-person meetings. Course work online is asynchronous. It can be completed any time of day or night- whenever your schedule allows. Labs and clinicals take place on campus and in person at either NTC or one of our local clinical sites. Students can plan to be in person for approximately 4 consecutive days per month for the duration of the program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Human flourishing – Apply knowledge and skills learned in the program to uphold patients' rights of self-determination and promote holistic well-being of client and family

Nursing judgment – Make judgments in practice, supported by evidence that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe quality care

Professional Identity – Implement one's role as a nurse in a manner that reflects the ideals of the profession while developing an identity committed to evidence-based practice, in the provision of compassionate, culturally sensitive, holistic care to a diverse population

Spirit of Inquiry – examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for patients, families, and communities

* Students without First Aid/CPR certification must take HLTH 1410 in their first term to be certified before clinicals.

+ Whichever course isn't taken for prerequisites, is taken during the first term of the Traditional RN Program.

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Accreditation

The Nursing Programs at Northwest Technical College located in Bemidji, MN, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Northwest Technical College’s most recent ACEN site visit was March 12-14, 2024. ACEN commended NTC—Bemidji’s Technical College for the exceptional breadth and quality of support services available to its nursing students. These services include academic advising, career counseling and a variety of resources designed to ensure student success both during their studies and in their future nursing careers. NTC Nursing Programs were granted continued accreditation through 2032.

Pre-Requisite Requirements (Additional to the prerequisite courses listed on page 1)

- Acceptance to Northwest Technical College
- A Certified Nursing Assistant active within 5 years or HLTH 1110: Nursing Assistant
- TEAS score of **64** or higher within 2 years — **Must be taken at an in-person approved facility**
- Math Requirement – See table below

MATH 0081 Math Foundations OR MATH 0092 Intermediate Algebra, or higher within 5 years
<u>or</u> Accuplacer score: Advanced Algebraic Functions 240 or higher
<u>or</u> High school GPA of 2.6 or above IF the student graduated high school in past 10 years
<u>or</u> ACT Math score of 22 within 5 years
<u>or</u> Completed NTC Math Guided Self-Placement Form

General Courses

Northwest Technical College integrates a set of general education courses into the structure of the Traditional RN program. These courses can be completed prior to entering the program to help reduce the credit load during enrollment. However, completing these courses in advance will not shorten the program's duration, as the ADNG core nursing courses must be completed in the sequential order specified by term. The eligible general education courses include the following:

- **BIOL 2221:** Microbiology — 3 credits
- **BIOL 2262:** Anatomy & Physiology II — 4 credits
- **CHEM 1100:** Intro to Chemistry — 4 credits
- **MATH 1110:** College Algebra **or** **MATH 1930:** Intro to Mathematical Science — 3 credits
- **PSYCH 2201:** Developmental Psychology — 3 credits
- **HLTH 1100:** Pharmacology — 2 credits
- **PHIL 1201:** Ethics **or** **PHIL 2210:** Bioethical Issues — 3 credits
- **General Education Electives** must meet MnTC goal areas 2, 6, 7, 8 or 10 — 3 credits

Employment Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council License examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a Registered Nursing (RN). Graduates are currently employed in acute-care hospitals, state hospitals, long-term care facilities including nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals, clinics and physicians’ offices, group homes and childcare centers, health care and public health agencies, armed services, school nursing, industry and private homes. Employment opportunities have experienced a major expansion in recent years.

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