

**Northern Illinois University  
NIU-HARPER RN-BS DEGREE COMPLETION**

**Overall Requirements for NIU BS in Nursing Degree**

**Step I:** Complete the degree requirements for the Harper College Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing

**Step II: Apply for NIU Admission**

- Submit your application, a copy of your current Illinois RN license and your official transcripts to the NIU Office of Admissions.
  - Apply to NIU at [www.niu.edu](http://www.niu.edu) or contact Undergraduate Admissions at [admissions@niu.edu](mailto:admissions@niu.edu) or (800)892-3050.

**Step III: Nursing Program admission** (send to: Nursing Program, 1240 Normal Rd, DeKalb, IL 60115)

- Goal and Expectancy statement\*
- Two letters of recommendation on an approved form\* one from a current nursing supervisor and the other from a faculty member or another supervisor

\* Forms are available online at <http://www.chhs.niu.edu/nursing/rnbs/resources.shtml>

**Step III:** Meet with the NIU Undergraduate Nursing Academic Advisor to review your previous course work, discuss appropriate courses to meet your goals, and plan the details of completing your degree.

<b>Harper Nursing ADN Required Courses</b>	<b>NIU Course Equivalent in Nursing BS</b>	<b>Additional Harper courses required for NIU BS in Nursing</b>
<b>BIO 160</b> Human Anatomy <b>BIO 161</b> Human Physiology <b>BIO 130</b> Microbiology 12 credits	12 credits	<b>BIO 110</b> -waived for RN degree completion students
<b>ENG 101</b> Composition <b>SPE 101</b> Speech 6 credits	6 credits	<b>ENG 102</b>
<b>PSY 101</b> Intro Psyc. <b>PSY 228</b> Human Develop. 6 credits	6 credits	
		<b>MTH 165</b> Elementary Statistics
Humanities or Social Science elective 3 credits	3 credits (or 3 credits of Social Science)	<b>Humanities</b> 9 credits –at least 1 class from liberal arts and 1 from visual & performing arts
		<b>Social Science or Interdisciplinary</b> 3 credits* *TBD with consultation with advisor
		<b>CHM 100</b> (or CHM 110) 4 cr <b>DIT 101</b> Fund of Nutrition 3 cr (proficiency exam available)

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***Required NIU Nursing Courses 28 semester hours*** (Offered onsite at Harper College)

<b>NURS 347</b>	<b>Concepts and Issues in Professional Nursing (4)</b>
<b>NURS 312</b>	<b>Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice (3)</b>
<b>NURS 304</b>	<b>Health Assessment (1)*</b>
<b>NURS 307</b>	<b>Health Assessment laboratory (1)*</b>
<b>NURS 308</b>	<b>Alterations in Biological Systems (3)*</b>
<b>NURS 408</b>	<b>Genetics and Human Genomics for Nurses (1)</b>
<b>NURS 419</b>	<b>Population-Focused Nursing (3)</b>
<b>NURS 425</b>	<b>Nursing Informatics (1)</b>
<b>NURS 432</b>	<b>Processes for Nursing Leadership (3)</b>
<b>NURS 435</b>	<b>Gerontological Nursing (2)</b>
<b>NURS 488</b>	<b>Nursing, Ethics, and the Law (3)</b>
<b>NURS 463</b>	<b>Practicum in Leadership and Population-Focused Nursing (3)</b>

\*Waiver may be possible if Harper College courses, NUR 180: Pathophysiology and/or NUR 210: Physical Assessment, completed within past 5 years. Contact NIU nursing academic advisor for further information.

Thirty-three semester hours of proficiency/"escrow" credit will be awarded upon successful completion of NURS 347 and additional hours of NIU nursing course work

***Sixty-one total semester hours of NIU nursing credit awarded***-28 hours NIU required nursing coursework plus 33 hours of NIU proficiency credit.

### **Academics**

- Must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA
- Must earn a grade of at least C in each course required in the major and all pre-requisite courses for the major
- The Bachelor of Science degree requires a total of 120 hours. Elective hours may be needed to meet this requirement.

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Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS Nursing in the 2012-2013 Harper Catalog, 2013-2014 NIU Undergraduate Catalog and on the current NIU Articulation Handbook.