

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

Requirements for NIU RN-BS in Nursing Degree

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

NOTE: Students enrolled in Harper College's ADN program may be considered for dual admission. Dual degree students must successfully complete the AAS in nursing degree and pass NCLEX to continue enrollment in the NIU RN-BS degree completion program.

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 or contact Undergraduate Admissions at 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. (If current ADN student, 2 letters from faculty members are acceptable).
 - * Forms are available online at <http://www.chhs.niu.edu/nursing/rnbs/resources.shtml>

Step IV: 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.

Harper Nursing ADN Required Courses	NIU Course Equivalent in Nursing BS	Additional Harper courses required for NIU BS in Nursing
BIO 160 Human Anatomy BIO 161 Human Physiology BIO 130 Microbiology	12 credits	BIO 110-waived for RN degree completion students
ENG 101 Composition SPE 101 Speech	6 credits	ENG 102
PSY 101 Intro Psych. PSY 228 Human Develop.	6 credits	
		MTH 165 Elementary Statistics
Humanities or Social Science elective	Recommend 3 credits from Creativity and Critical Thinking	Additional 3 credits from Creativity and Critical Thinking
		Elective from any Domain 3 credits
		CHM 100 (or CHM 110) 4 cr DIT 101 Fund of Nutrition 3 cr (proficiency exam available)

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

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

***Waiver 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.

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Academics

- Must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Must earn a minimum grade of C in each course required in the nursing major and all nursing pre-requisite courses.

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Articulation Plan based on course work required for the AAS Nursing in the Fall 2015 Harper Catalog, 2015-2016 NIU Undergraduate Catalog, and the current NIU Articulation Handbook.