

Sauk Valley Community College 2014-2015

Fall 2014, Spring 2015, and Summer 2015
Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information

B.S. in Nursing
chhs.niu.edu/nursing
815-753-6557

**Admission to the nursing program is limited and competitive.
Admission to NIU does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.**

1. Transfer and re-entering applicants to the university with 24 or more postsecondary semester hours, who are not registered nurses, will be considered transfer applicants and will be considered as a separate applicant pool. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a program advisor before enrolling to determine whether prior course work satisfies prerequisites. Prospective students who are not RNs should contact an advisor from the College of Health & Human Sciences at (815) 753-1891, HHSAdvisingHelp@niu.edu.
2. Applicants must compete a minimum of five (or preferably more) of the prerequisite courses by the February 15 deadline. Additionally, applicants must achieve a minimum of a C or better in all attempted prerequisite courses.
3. All applicants (who are not RNs) must submit an official copy of the ACT Reading Score of 24 or higher or pass the Accuplacer Reading Examination. Arrangements for taking the Accuplacer Reading Examination must be made through the NIU Office of Testing Services (815) 753-1203. Applicants with a baccalaureate or higher degree from a U.S. Institution are exempt from the reading score requirement. Reading scores must be submitted by **February 15**.

Transfer students who are not RNs must apply to Northern Illinois University through the Office of Admissions by February 15 and specify their major as Nursing. All applicants must submit ALL application materials by February 15-this includes ALL current official transcripts.

NIU Courses	Sauk Valley Equivalents
BIOS 103 General Biology (3) and BIOS 105 (1)	BIO 103 or 105
BIOS 213 Introduction to Bacteriology (3) <i>or</i>	BIO 111
BIOS 313 Microbiology (4)	BIO 111
BIOS 357 Human Anatomy and Physiology (5)	BIO 109 & 110
CHEM 110 Chemistry (3) and	CHE 102 OR 103
CHEM 111 Chemistry Lab (1) <i>or</i>	CHE 103
CHEM 210 General Chemistry I (3) and	CHE105
CHEM 212 General Chemistry Lab I (1)	CHE 105
ENGL 104 Rhetoric and Composition II (3)	ENG 103
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology (3)	PSY 103
FCNS 201 Human Nutrition (3)	N/A
FCNS 280 Human Development: the Family and Society (3) <i>or</i>	PSY 200
PSYC 225 Lifespan Development: Childhood through Adulthood (3)	PSY 200
STAT 208 Basic statistics (3) <i>or</i>	MAT 240
STAT 301 Elementary Statistics (4)	N/A

4. Admission to the nursing program is competitive and will be based primarily on the GPA in the prerequisite courses, the number of prerequisites completed by the end of the fall semester, and the overall GPA (as calculated by NIU).
5. Enrollment in Nursing courses will be contingent upon the successful completion of all prerequisites. The following prerequisite courses must be completed within seven years of admission to the nursing program: BIOS 213 or BIOS 313; and BIOS 357.

RN students will be considered for admission as soon as the NIU application process is complete. Admission requirements are: graduation from an accredited School of Nursing, admission to NIU as a regular degree-seeking student, licensure to practice Nursing in the state of Illinois, practice as a Registered Nurse within the past five years or provide evidence of a refresher course, GPA from a college or university consistent with the standards required by the NIU School of Nursing and Health Studies, completion of a goal and expectancy statement, and two letters of recommendation – one from a previous faculty member and one from a Nursing supervisor. Goal statement and reference forms are available on-line: <http://chhs.niu.edu/nurs/mbs/admission.asp>. RNs are restricted to completion of no more than 6 semester hours of NIU Nursing courses prior to admission to the School of Nursing and Health Studies. Please refer to the course catalog for details about NIU's R.N. – B.S. in Nursing Degree Completion Program. Prospective RN-BS students should contact Brigit Amburgey at (815) 753-6557, amburgey@niu.edu for advising.

Program application deadline for freshmen and transfers: February 15

RNs only: Meet regular admission deadlines for each semester. Submit all application materials to the Office of Admissions.

Students intending to transfer to NIU should seek academic advisement from their community college counselor.