



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN NURSING FOR RNS

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REQUIRED COURSES:

Course and other requirements can be found at <http://www.niu.edu/nuhs/undergrad/nursing/rn-bn.shtml>

TARGET AUDIENCE:

RNs who wish to complete their Bachelor's degree in nursing. Working RNs who want a convenient location and one evening a week schedule for classes

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must hold a current Illinois RN license
- Practiced as a Registered Nurse within the past five years or have satisfactorily completed an approved refresher course.
- Must have a minimum cumulative 2.50 GPA
- Submit a copy of your application (online at <http://www.niu.edu>), a copy of your current Illinois RN license and official transcripts. Send to NIU Office of Admissions, DeKalb, IL 60115.
- Complete a Goal and Expectancy statement (http://www.niu.edu/nuhs/admission/nursing_rn.shtml)
- Two letters of recommendation: one from a previous faculty member or nursing supervisor and one from current nursing supervisor. (http://www.niu.edu/nuhs/admission/nursing_rn.shtml)

COST:

Tuition information can be found at <http://www.niu.edu/bursar/tuition/tuition.shtml> .

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

New students work directly with advisor to register for their first semester classes. Subsequent registration is via online self-registration at <http://www.niu.edu/myniu/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Program is offered on a semester basis.

DELIVERY MODE:

Small classes taught by NIU Nursing faculty. Use of internet and Blackboard

will be incorporated in the classroom. (Blackboard™ is a course management system used campus-wide at NIU).

LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

University Center of Lake County, Grayslake. Students may also take courses online or at other convenient locations: College of DuPage, Elgin Community College, Harper College, Waubensee Community College, NIU-Naperville, NIU-Rockford, and the main campus in DeKalb.

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Textbooks and required materials may be ordered online at <http://www.niubookstore.niu.edu/home.aspx>

TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Students may transfer up to 66 semester hours of approved coursework from a community college (An additional four hours of physical education may also be transferred for a total of 70 semester hours). RN students will receive **32 semester hours of credit for previous nursing coursework**. These hours will be added to the student's transcript after completion of 12 semester hours of NIU nursing credit.

TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

120 semester hours minimum. Students must earn at least 24 hours through Northern Illinois University.

FINANCIAL AID INFO:

Learn more about financial aid at <http://www.niu.edu/fa> or contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at finaid@niu.edu, (815)753-1395.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

The degree completion program is designed to meet the needs of the working RN. Program structure and courses are tailored to meet your specific needs within a cohort of other RNs.