



## Associate Degree in Nursing Application Information 2025-2026

The Northwest College Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by:



Wyoming State Board of Nursing  
130 Hobbs Ave., Suite B.,  
Cheyenne, WY 82002,  
307-777-7601,  
<http://wsbn.wyo.gov>

The Northwest College Nursing Program at Northwest College, located in Powell, WY, is accredited by the following:



Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326  
(404) 975-5000

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program  
at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>

[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

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## **Associate Degree Nursing Program at Northwest College**

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Northwest College. After completing this program, the student will earn their associate degree in nursing and be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam in Wyoming. Upon licensure, the graduate can practice as an RN in Wyoming. For exam by licensure or endorsement licensure in other states, please see our [website](#) and the appropriate state regulatory agency for more eligibility information.

The Northwest College Nursing program delivers the curriculum in Hybrid and Traditional face-to-face cohorts.

- The Northwest College Hybrid RN Program consists of online coursework, face-to-face labs on the NWC campus in Powell, and face-to-face clinical experiences in the NWC service area (Park County, Big Horn County, and Washakie County). Students admitted to the hybrid program must be willing and able to drive to the NWC Nursing lab and simulation in Powell, WY, and clinical locations within the NWC service area to physically participate as the clinical schedule directs for the duration of the program. Students applying to the Hybrid RN Program must also attest to the online learning experience and acknowledge access/availability of a computer for the duration of the program as part of the application to assess readiness for online learning.
- The Northwest College Traditional RN Program is an entirely face-to-face program. The lecture and lab take place on the NWC Campus in Powell. Clinical experiences occur in the NWC service area (Park County, Big Horn County, and Washakie County). Students are expected to be physically present on the Northwest College campus in Powell or outlying clinical facilities within the NWC service area as directed by the course and clinical schedule for the duration of the program.

Based on seat availability, there are two entry points to the Associate Degree Nursing program:

- The beginning of each cohort (Fall for Traditional and Spring for Hybrid) or
- At mid-point between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semesters (Spring for Hybrid and Fall for Traditional).

Regardless of the program's hybrid or traditional delivery method, the Northwest College Nursing Program uses various technology to support student learning. Computers are used extensively, and students must know that computer literacy is imperative. Regardless of entry point or delivery method, all students must have a background check and entrance drug screen and meet technical and physical requirements as part of a two-tiered admission and entry process.

Students interested in becoming an RN must apply to Northwest College and be accepted by the college before they can apply to the nursing program. The application portal opens for submission to the hybrid program on September 15<sup>th</sup> and closes on the first Friday in November. The application portal for the traditional program opens on January 15<sup>th</sup> and closes the first Friday in March of each year. The application portal and application packets are available online at [www.nwc.edu/nursing](http://www.nwc.edu/nursing). This packet contains the Admission Criteria for applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN). All applications are reviewed by the Nursing Program Director and faculty after the submission deadline. Any incomplete or submitted applications past the deadline will not be considered.

Please read the instructions in this packet and contact us if you have any questions. Best wishes to you as you prepare to apply to the nursing program.

### **Beginning program entry point:**

One entry point is at the beginning of the RN program for new students, re-entry students who have not completed their first and second semesters of Northwest College or other Wyoming community college nursing programs, or transfer students whose curriculum does not align with the Northwest College concept-based curriculum design. Entry for the Traditional program is each August, and entry for the Hybrid program is each January.

To be considered for admission to the nursing program, a completed application must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. on the first Friday in March for the Traditional Program or the first Friday in November for the Hybrid Program.

### **Student Selection Process**

- **Current Lab Science requirement:** Students must satisfactorily complete a science course with a 'C' or higher that includes a lab component within five years of application.
- **Current MATH 1000 or 1400 courses, or higher level of math course (except MATH 1510) completion with a 'C' or greater within the last five years.** If a math course is older than five years, a math placement score that is no older than one year from the date of the test result to the application deadline date indicating placement/ready to enroll in MATH 1000: Accuplacer "Elementary Algebra" 55-84, Compass, "Algebra Domain" 40-65, or Aleks cut score of 30-45.
- **Students have completed all the pre-requisite courses:** Students must satisfactorily complete English I: Introduction to Composition (ENGL 1010), Biology (BIOL 1010) with lab, and Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (ZOO 2010) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts. The Nursing First Year Seminar course is required if the student has accumulated less than 30 credits.
- **Students have completed the TEAS test** within one year and met the National Programmatic Mean score minimum of 67.1.
- **Students have met the cumulative GPA requirement of 2.7** on pre-requisite courses within the program of study.
- **Students have applied to NWC or are active and submitted official transcripts to the Registrar's Office.**
- **Students have submitted a complete online application** by the appropriate deadline.

Students who have satisfactorily completed all the bullet items above will be ranked for consideration for admission into the program. Students currently enrolled in a pre-requisite course are encouraged to apply but will automatically be placed on a waitlist. It is important to note that the waitlist evolves until all incoming seats are filled. Therefore, students on the waitlist may be contacted at any point before the semester to fill unexpected openings in the next incoming cohort. If selected for entry into the program, students must complete the course(s) for the Nursing Department, as indicated by a 'C' or above.

Once the application deadline has passed, the nursing faculty and Nursing Program Director rank the applicants using GPA and TEAS exam results. Top-ranking students will be sent a letter indicating the final steps for entry that require a clear drug screen, successful background check, clinical compliance documents and signed technical/physical requirement documents. It is important to note that any student who fails the entrance drug screen or has a criminal history that would prevent them from participating in clinical experiences or becoming licensed as an RN will not be permitted to enter the program.

Once the entrance steps are completed satisfactorily within the deadlines outlined by the nursing program, students will receive a formal letter notifying them of their official entrance into the program. At that point, enrollment in the appropriate courses corresponding to their course of study will be initiated.

### **Midpoint program entry:**

The second point of entry for the RN program is at the midpoint (between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semesters) for Advanced Placement (LPNs who want to be RNs) students, re-entering nursing students who have completed the first and second semesters of the Northwest College nursing program or other Wyoming community college nursing program, or transfer students whose curriculum aligns with the Northwest College Nursing program's concept-based curriculum.

To be considered for midpoint admission to the nursing program, a completed application must be submitted online by the first Friday in March for the traditional program or the first Friday in November for the hybrid program.

### **Student Selection Process**

- **Current Lab Science requirement:** Students must satisfactorily complete a science course with a 'C' or higher that includes a lab component within five years of application.
- **Current MATH 1000 or 1400 course or higher level of math (except for MATH 1510) completion with a 'C' or greater within the last five years.** If a math course is older than five years, a math placement score that is no older than one year from the date of the test result to the application deadline date indicating placement/ready to enroll in MATH 1000: Accuplacer "Elementary Algebra" 55-84, Compass, "Algebra Domain" 40-65, or Aleks cut score of 30-45.
- **Students have completed all the pre-requisite courses:** Students must satisfactorily complete English I: Introduction to Composition (ENGL 1010), Biology (BIOL 1010) with lab, and Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (ZOO 2010) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts. The Nursing First Year Seminar course is required if it accumulates under 30 credits.
- **Students have completed all the coursework equal to the first two semesters of the ADN program:** Anatomy and Physiology II (ZOO 2020) and General Psychology (PSYC 1000) with a 'C' or higher within three attempts.
- **Non-LPN students have completed the TEAS test** within one year and met the National Programmatic Mean score minimum of 67.1, or if a **licensed LPN, the HESI test** within one year and met the NWC program benchmark of 850.
- **Students have met the cumulative GPA requirement of 2.7** on all courses, including the prerequisites, through the second semester of the nursing program.
- **Students who have applied to NWC** (if not a current NWC student)
- **Students have submitted all official transcripts** to the Registrar's office.
- **The student is in good standing** with NWC and the nursing department or transfer institution.
- **Students have submitted a complete online application** by the appropriate deadline.
- **A Satisfactory Clinical Skills Check-off is scheduled before entry. The skill check-off and re-testing process will follow the** handbook describing "Skill Demonstration." If a student cannot pass the clinical skills check-off satisfactorily after the third attempt, the student will no longer be eligible to progress as an advanced placement student with midpoint entry admission. The unsuccessful student will be referred to the admission process for entry at the beginning of the program.

Once the application deadline has passed, the mid-point applicants are ranked by the nursing faculty and Nursing Program Director using GPA and TEAS/HESI exam results. Based on seat availability, top-ranked students will be sent a letter indicating the final steps for entry, which will require a clear drug screen, successful background check, clinical compliance documents, signed technical/physical requirement documents. It is important to note that any student who fails the entrance drug screen or has a criminal history that would prevent them from participating in clinical experiences or becoming licensed as an RN will not be permitted to enter the program.

Once the entrance steps are completed satisfactorily within the deadlines outlined by the nursing program, students will receive a formal letter notifying them of their official entrance into the program. At that point, enrollment in the appropriate courses corresponding to their course of study will be initiated.

## **TEAS INFORMATION**

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) entrance test is a requirement of the NWC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage and is taken online. The test is intended for use primarily with adult nursing program applicant populations. The objectives assessed are those that nurse educators deem most appropriate and relevant to measure nursing program applicants' entry-level skills and abilities. The Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) administers the TEAS exam.

If you want to take the TEAS test, call Carri Dobbins at 307-754-6257 and arrange to take it. Students should schedule the test early, as their desired test time may fill.

The minimum score for the TEAS test is 67.1, and it can be taken twice per application period. If the minimum score is attained, the highest score will be accepted. Scores used for entrance must be obtained within the year. Students with special needs who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Student Success Center's Disability Support Service Coordinator for testing accommodations.

To prepare for the test, you may consider purchasing reviewing resources on the ATI website at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Study guides are also available at the NWC Hinckley Library on a 24-hour reserve. The test is computerized and takes 3-4 hours. You must arrive at the testing site 15 minutes early and wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. Payment is made during the testing session and is collected online through ATI by debit or credit card. You must present a photo ID at the time you take the test.

The test results are available immediately upon completion. You must upload a copy of your test results to the online application.

## **HESI LPN-TO-RN ENTRANCE EXAM INFORMATION**

This is a 75-item comprehensive exam for Licensed Practical nurses seeking entrance into the LPN to ADN program option. It identifies strengths and weaknesses in the PN content areas of Fundamentals, Pediatric Nursing, Maternity, Professional Issues, Medical Surgical, and Psychiatric / Mental Illness.

The minimum score is 850, and the HESI test can be taken twice per application. If the minimum score is attained, the highest score will be accepted. Scores used for entrance must be obtained within the year. Students with special needs who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Student Success Center's Disability Support Service Coordinator for testing accommodations.

If you want to take the TEAS test, call Carri Dobbins at 307-754-6257 and plan to take it. Students should prepare and schedule the test early, as their desired test time may fill.

To prepare for the test, you may consider purchasing reviewing resources on the ATI website at <https://evolve.elsevier.com/education/hesi/nursing-lpn-lvn/>. Study guides are also available at the NWC Hinckley Library on a 24-hour reserve. The test is computerized and takes 3-4 hours. You must arrive at the testing site 15 minutes early and wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. Payment is made during the testing session and is collected online through Elsevier by debit or credit card. You must present a photo ID at the time you take the test.

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## APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN OF COSTS

Approximate Pre-Entrance Costs - \$265

\*\*Background check, drug test, physical and immunizations

FIRST YEAR		SECOND YEAR	
<b>Uniforms/Equipment</b>			
2 Uniforms	\$ 160.00		
Black Lab Coat (opt)	\$ 65.00		
White or Black Shoes	\$ 65.00		
Bandage Scissors	\$ 6.00		
Safety Glasses	\$ 10.00		
Watch	\$ 25.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 331.00</b>		
<b>Tuition/Fees/Books</b>		<b>Tuition/Fees/Books</b>	
Course Fees (includes ATI)	\$ 764.00	Course Fees (Includes ATI)	\$ 671.00
College Tuition (In-State Resident) for 15.0 credits	\$ 2,442.00	College Tuition (In-State Resident) for 15.0 credits	\$ 2,442.00
Learning Resources (Textbooks & Products)	\$ 1,550.00	Learning Resources (Textbooks and Products)	\$ 1500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,756.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4613.00</b>
<b>Misc. Costs</b>		<b>Misc. Costs</b>	
Travel/Lodging (To/from clinical for two semesters)	\$ 1000.00*	Travel/Lodging (To/from clinical for two semesters)	\$ 1000.00*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1000.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1000.00</b>
<b>Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 3,370.00**</b>	<b>Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 3,370.00**</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE COST 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR</b>		<b>APPROXIMATE COST 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR</b>	
<b>Without Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 6,487.00</b>	<b>Without Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 5613.00</b>
<b>With Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 9,857.00</b>	<b>With Room/Board</b>	<b>\$ 8,983.00</b>

\*Students must be willing and able to physically present on the NWC Powell campus and in the NWC service area to participate in the required clinical assignments. Students must provide transportation to the NWC campus in Powell for face-to-face labs and simulation and between the clinical facilities, including, but not limited to, Powell, Worland, Lovell, Basin, Cody, and Greybull.

\*\* Room & Board cost varies depending on room selection and meal plan. The amount shown is for a Double Room with a Trapper Meal Plan.