Nursing Pathway Model for Exemplary Students

Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of safety, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management, and education are also key nursing roles. Strong demand for nurses will continue.

Potential Careers in Nursing
- Registered nurse
- Licensed practical nurse
- Nurse practitioner
- Medical and health services management
- Nurse aide
- Outpatient facilities
- Home health services
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Public health

Where Nurses Work
- General and surgical hospitals
- Doctor's offices
- Nursing care facilities
- Outpatient facilities
- Home health services
- Pharmaceutical companies
- Public health
- Federal Executive Branch (OES Designation)
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools
- Medical Equipment and Supplies Manufacturing

Recent nursing school graduates enjoy some of the highest starting salaries among their peers in other industries
- $86,470 – Personal Care Services
- $79,530 – Federal Executive Branch (OES Designation)
- $74,940 – Pharmaceutical and Medical Manufacturing
- $74,930 – Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools
- $74,180 – Medical Equipment and Supplies Manufacturing

Did you know...
The job outlook for Registered Nurses is projected to grow at a rate of 19% between 2012 and 2022 (faster than average growth rate of occupations - 11%).

Registered Nurses receive an annual median pay of $65,470 per year with an Associate's degree

NIU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program ranks 21 out of the top 50 schools offering BSN degrees that "...offer the best combination of cost and return on investment so you can know you're getting a degree that is worth your time and tuition."

Your pathway to completion

4 Semesters
Coursework at U-46 – Barlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, or Streamwood High Schools
Health Sciences Cluster, Therapeutic Services Pathway, Registered Nursing Program

4-6 Semesters
Coursework at Elgin Community College
Associates Degree – Nursing
*See grid on following page for more information about the transition from RN to BSN

3 Semesters
Coursework at Northern Illinois University
RN to BS in Nursing
Completion of general education course requirements may require an additional semester.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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Source: www.valuecolleges.com
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The table below shows the courses that, if taken in this sequence, should result in completion of the program in the least amount of time while evenly distributing the course load. Some courses are prerequisites for the courses that follow in the sequence and are subject to change. Please consult your institution’s advising staff for the latest program requirements when registering for courses.

Missing coursework will hinder a student’s progress in the program. To progress seamlessly from one institution to the next, students should obtain a degree from the first institution. All plans of study should meet local and state high school graduation requirements, general education requirements, and prerequisites for advanced courses.

To read this table -
Each column represents a single grade year or semester as noted. Summer coursework may be necessary for some students. All information is taken from online published materials by each institution on its website in February of 2015.

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<th>U - 46 Health Sciences, Therapeutic Services Pathway, Nursing Program</th>
<th>EEC - Associates Degree Nursing</th>
<th>NIU - RN to BS in Nursing</th>
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<td>Grade 9</td>
<td>Prerequisites</td>
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<td>Honors Algebra or Higher math</td>
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<td>AP Calculus, or AP Statistics</td>
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<td>Honors biology</td>
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<td>AP Biology or Principles of Biology (Dual Credit for ECC BIO 110)</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
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<td>AP Psychology</td>
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<td>Orientation to Health Occupations</td>
<td>AP US History</td>
<td>HHE 234 RN 1/2; CNA (AC: NUR 105)</td>
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<td>Fine Arts Course</td>
<td>- Achieve/maintain licensure as RN in the state of Illinois</td>
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<td>Social Studies Course</td>
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<td>- Currently employed as a RN or</td>
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<td>- Have worked as a RN within the past 5 years and have a current license or</td>
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<td>- Have taken a refresher course and have a current license</td>
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<td>Processes for Nursing Leadership (NURS 432)</td>
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<td>General Education Requirements: Creativity and Critical Analysis (6), Nature and Technology (6), Society and Culture (6). An elective from any knowledge domain</td>
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**Recommended out of school experiences in workplaces, weekend and summer activities**
- Thick-bordered boxes indicate an opportunity for AP credit to apply.
- AP or other testing may account for up to 50% of coursework for a degree at ECC.

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