

Dear Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Nursing program at Northwest Iowa Community College. In order to be considered for the Nursing program, you must first complete the enclosed application items.

- **Nursing Program Application-page 2 (please complete immediately and submit)**
- **High School Transcripts or High School Equivalency (Unless already submitted)**
- **College Transcripts (Unless classes taken at Northwest Iowa Community College)**
- **Proof of completion of the 75-Hour Nurse Aide course**
- **HESI A2 Entrance Assessment with a 75% Score in Both Reading Comprehension and Basic Math Skills**
- **Proof of Completion of Practical Nursing Prerequisite Courses**

*The cumulative college GPA maybe considered for Practical Nursing or Practical Nursing Extended admission*

Nursing applications are reviewed once all application items are completed. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the application items are completed and have been received at the Enrollment Office at Northwest Iowa Community College. Students will be accepted pending openings for the program. Please submit your completed application items to:

Lisa Story, Director of Enrollment, Northwest Iowa Community College  
603 West Park Street  
Sheldon, Iowa 51201

The Nursing Program is a limited enrollment program so completion of the prerequisites and/or minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. This is a competitive program with an emphasis placed on academic performance and the determination to succeed.

If you have any questions concerning the application process for the Nursing Program please contact:

Lisa Story, Director of Enrollment  
1-800-352-4907 Extension 115

Kim Karhoff, Director of Nursing Education  
1-800-352-4907 Extension 146

#### **Nondiscrimination in Education Statement**

It is the policy of Northwest Iowa Community College not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, religion, and actual or potential parental, family or marital status in its programs, activities, or employment practices as required by federal and state civil rights statutes and all other applicable federal and state laws, regulations and orders. The Board of Trustees shall monitor progress on this policy through the President's appointed Affirmative Action/Equity Coordinator(s).

If you have any questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy, please contact one of the Equity Coordinators at Northwest Iowa Community College, 603 West Park Street, Sheldon, Iowa, room D403b or room A101D, email [equity@nwicc.edu](mailto:equity@nwicc.edu), phone number 712-324-5061, extension 113 or extension 137, fax 712-324-4136; or the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661, email [OCR.Chicago@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Chicago@ed.gov), phone number 312-730-1560, fax 312-730-1576.



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College

State

Dates Attended

Degree(s) Earned

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*\*Please include an official/copy of transcripts from all colleges attended with your application.*

## **Northwest Iowa Community College Nursing Program Information**

### **Completion of Prerequisites**

Students must have previously completed prerequisites of the program with a “C” or higher before they will be considered for the program. **Students must submit proof of their completion of these classes.** Students must also successfully complete the written and skills portion of the nurse aide state certification exam before they can begin the nursing program.

### **Background Check**

All students starting the nursing program must complete a Criminal Record/Child and Adult Abuse Check prior to attending clinical. The background check is completed online on the NCC campus before the first clinical rotation. Students are responsible for the \$105.00 fee. If a discrepancy is found, further review will be needed and a decision will be made by DHS for eligibility.

### **CPR, Health Assessment, Child/Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting Class**

CPR for Healthcare Providers, a Health Assessment specific to our nursing program and a 2-3 hour Child/Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting Class is required before beginning the first clinical rotation.

### **Clinical Travel**

Students accepted into the program will be responsible for all expenses incurred while traveling to and from all clinical sites or classes. These are the possible clinical sites:

#### **Practical/Extended Practical**

Community Memorial Health Center-Hartley  
Heritage House-Orange City  
Whispering Heights-Rock Valley  
Sanford/Sheldon Medical Center  
Orange City Area Health System  
Sioux Center Community Hospital  
Osceola Community Hospital-Sibley

#### **Associate/Hybrid Associate Degree**

Sanford-USD Medical Center-Sioux Falls  
Keystone Treatment Center-Canton, SD  
Mercy Medical Center-Sioux City  
Cherokee Mental Health Institute

**Northwest Iowa Community College  
Nursing Program of Study**

*Please mark any of the courses below you have completed. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check if you have completed the 75 Hour Certified Nurse Aid Course.

**Prerequisite Courses:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Date of Completion</b>	<b>College Attended</b>
Medical Terminology (2 credits)		
Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (4 credits)		
College Transferable Math (3 credits)		

**Practical Nursing General Courses:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Date of Completion</b>	<b>College Attended</b>
Human Anatomy and Physiology II with lab (4 credits)		
Composition I (3 credits)		
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)		
Nutrition (3 credits)		

**Associate Degree Nursing General Courses:**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Date of Completion</b>	<b>College Attended</b>
Microbiology with Lab (4 credits)		
Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)		
Abnormal Psychology (3 credits)		

Please enclose an **official** transcript if the above courses were completed at a college other than Northwest Iowa Community College. If an official transcript was previously sent to Northwest Iowa Community College, please include an unofficial copy of the transcripts in this packet. **If documentation of courses completed is not provided, your application will not be considered.**

## Northwest Iowa Community College HESI A2 Entrance Exam

The HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam is an assessment tool used to evaluate prospective nursing students and their potential for successful program completion. The HESI consists of two academic exams, as well as a personality profile that identifies the individual applicant's learning style. There is an A2 HESI Prep Book (study guide) in the NCC library that you can utilize prior to taking the exam as well as online study resources the library staff can assist you with if you are interested. The HESI Admission Assessment will consist of the following:

- Reading Comprehension-provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.
- Basic Math Skills-focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc.
- Learning Style-assesses the preferred learning style of the prospective applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited to that learning style. *This component of the test is not used as admission criteria but to simply enhance your personal study habits and academic success.*
- Personality Profile-assesses personality related to preferred learning style. *This component of the test is not used as admission criteria but to simply enhance your personal study habits and academic success.*

### Process for your assessment appointment:

1. Call the Testing Center at 1-800-352-4907 Ext. 274 to schedule your assessment. Please make your appointment **at least 48 hours prior** to your desired testing date.
2. On the day of testing, you will be required to pay the \$45 testing fee at the business office prior to taking the assessment. **You must bring your payment receipt to the Testing Center before you will be allowed to test.** This includes all re-takes.
3. You must have a photo identification with you to present at the Testing Center. (Driver's license, school ID, etc.)
4. The exam is approximately 3 hours however you may leave when you have the test completed.
5. You must reach the required benchmark set by the NCC Nursing faculty to be approved for admission into the nursing program. The benchmark is a 75% on each section of the exam.
6. If you do not reach the required benchmark in each section, there is a 2 week waiting period before retaking the assessment. You will only need to retake the areas in which you did not reach the benchmark. (ie. Reading Comprehension and/or Basic Math Skills). You will receive recommendations for remediation after taking the exam. You will be required to

remediate using these recommendations before scheduling your retake. You may take the assessment up to 3 times.

7. If after 3 attempts you have not reached the required benchmark, you must continue to remediate and continue taking college level courses as recommended by the nursing faculty.
8. You must wait a minimum of 3 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt to retake the HESI. The process starts over at this point.