

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Additional Admission Requirements

Students who are not Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) must begin their nursing education at Iowa Western by applying to and enrolling in the Practical Nursing program. Upon successful completion of the LPN program, students may progress into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

Students interested in the ADN program must complete the admission requirements outlined below by the acceptance deadline. Applicants must submit both the [Iowa Western application](#) for admission and the **new for fall 2025 Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) application**. If the program does not fill by the deadline, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached.

The Nursing programs at Iowa Western are approved by the [Iowa Board of Nursing](#):
Address: River Point Business Park, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA 50309-4685
Phone: 515-281-3255

Program Locations, Start Dates, and Deadlines:

Location	Semester Program Begins	Acceptance Deadline	Program Capacity
Council Bluffs	Fall (August)	January 31	16
Council Bluffs	Spring (January)	September 1	16
Clarinda Center	Summer (June)	January 31	8

Important: Apply to Iowa Western for your intended start term and submit the **new for fall 2025 ADN application** once all requirements are met. Ensure all documents are submitted and your application reflects the correct start term, year, and location.

Section 1: College Admissions Requirements

To apply for Iowa Western, complete the following steps:

- Submit an Application:**
 - Apply online at www.iwcc.edu.
 - There is no application fee.
 - Select your preferred location and start term when completing the application. Refer to the chart provided for options.
- Request Transcripts:**
 - Have your final, official high school transcript, HiSET/GED transcript, or college transcript sent to Iowa Western. For more details on submitting official transcripts, please refer to item 2 on the [Admissions page](#).
- Optional Test Scores:**
 - Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT) are not required for admission.
 - If available, submit your most recent scores to help advisors determine placement in math and English courses.

Note: Completing these steps ensures acceptance to Iowa Western as a General Studies AS student with a secondary program of "Prep Associate Degree of Nursing." Students can then enroll in general education courses required for the ADN program. For help with registration or admissions requirements, contact us at admissions@iwcc.edu or call 712-325-3277.

Section 2: Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Requirements

To apply for the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program, complete the following steps:

- 1. Provide Practical Nursing License:**
 - Submit a copy of your current, valid, and unrestricted Practical Nursing (LPN) license through the [ADN application](#).
- 2. Complete Prerequisite Courses:**
 - Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each of the following courses:
 - SPC 112: Public Speaking
 - PSY 121: Developmental Psychology
 - BIO 151: Nutrition
 - ENG 105: Composition I
 - BIO 168: Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Labs
 - *Prerequisite:* A "C" or higher in college-level Human Biology, or one year of high school Anatomy & Physiology within the past two years.
 - BIO 173: Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Labs
 - *Prerequisite:* A "C" or higher in Anatomy & Physiology I with Labs.
- 3. New for fall 2025 Submit an ADN Application:**
 - Complete the [Associate Degree of Nursing application](#), ensuring all required attachments are included. Missing items will result in the application being returned for correction.

Note: Ensure all requirements are met before submitting the [ADN application](#). For assistance, contact the Admissions Office at admissions@iwcc.edu or 712-325-3277.

Section 3: Acceptance Process

- 1. Eligibility and Application Review:**
 - Complete the College Admissions Requirements (Section 1) and the Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Requirements (Section 2), including the **new for fall 2025 ADN application**.
 - Incomplete applications will be returned for correction.
- 2. Priority Deadlines:**
 - Acceptance begins after the listed priority deadlines:
 - **Fall Semester:** January 31
 - **Spring Semester:** September 1
 - Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis after these dates until the program is full.
- 3. Selection Process:**
 - If the number of eligible applicants exceeds program capacity, priority is given to:
 - Students with the earliest admission file completion date.
 - *Tiebreaker:* Students with the highest number of prerequisite courses completed at Iowa Western.
- 4. Alternate List:**
 - Once the program is full, remaining eligible applicants are placed on an alternate list.
 - If a student declines their spot, an alternate will be offered a place in the program.
- 5. Notification:**
 - Students accepted into the program or placed on the alternate list will be notified via email approximately two weeks after the priority deadline.
 - Applications missing required items or containing errors will be returned with notes for correction.



Section 4: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What if I am a current Practical Nursing student at Iowa Western?

If you're in the Practical Nursing program, you don't need to submit a new admission application for the ADN program. To progress, maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher in your PNN nursing courses. Progression is handled directly by the Nursing Department.

2. How long does it take to get into the ADN program?

The time varies depending on how long it takes to complete the admissions and program requirements. Completing prerequisites typically takes two to three semesters for students with no prior college credits.

3. Is there a separate application process for the ADN program?

Yes. Beginning in fall 2025, students must complete the [ADN application](#) after meeting all required admissions steps. Incomplete applications will be returned for correction.

4. Can I reapply if I don't meet the requirements in time?

Yes, you can reapply by submitting a new [ADN application](#) once you complete the requirements.

5. How will I know if I've been accepted?

Accepted students and those on the alternate list will receive an email approximately two weeks after the priority deadline.

6. What are the next steps after being accepted?

Accepted students must:

- Register for classes.
- Attend a nursing orientation event.
- Complete a criminal background check and physical paperwork.
- Submit vaccination records or required documentation for those unable or unwilling to receive vaccinations, as determined by clinical site policies.

*Admissions Requirements are subject to change. Contact the Admissions Office with questions.

Non-Discrimination Clause:

Iowa Western is committed to providing an inclusive environment. Please review our [Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination](#) for the latest information.

Admissions Contact Information:

Admissions Office:

- Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- Phone: (712) 325-3277
- Email: admissions@iwcc.edu

