



Associate of Science Nursing



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Student Information and Application Packet
2026 - 2028

Complete Application Are Due October 31st, 2025

Direct experience is the only way to build up an understanding that is not only intellectual but intuitive and practical, involving the senses and the heart as well as the rational mind. ~Rupert Sheldrake in "The World We Used to Live In: Remembering the Powers of the Medicine Man" by Vine Deloria.



Educational Program:

The Associates of Science program is fully approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing. Aaniiih Nakoda College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Effective May 2024, the associate degree nursing program at Aaniiih Nakoda College, located in Harlem MT on the Fort Belknap Reservation is nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

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

After prerequisite coursework is completed, the Aaniiih Nakoda College (ANC) Registered Nurse Program consists of an additional two years. The actual coursework for the nursing program is competency-based and integrated with clinical hands-on experience. The primary goal is to prepare graduates with the knowledge, skills, and values to enter the workforce, after successful passage of the national NCLEX license exam given to all students of nursing.

Students commit to a full week at ANC, where they are in class or at clinicals for the fall and spring semesters. This program, while very exciting, is extremely fast-paced and challenging. There are many tests, quizzes, and assignments each week, to complete prior to class/clinical outside of class time. Students will be expected to spend outside classroom time as well as practicing lab/clinical skills. A fully equipped SIMS station is in the nursing laboratory, on the ground floor of the Returning Buffalo building for students to enhance their education and skills needed in patient care. A good rule of thumb is that for every class hour, at least 3 hours in preparation or in the completion of assignments will be needed.

Admission to Aaniiih Nakoda College

Students must be admitted to the College prior to the submission of the Nursing Program Application. Therefore, no applications will be reviewed unless the applicant applies first to the College and official transcripts are reviewed by the Registrar. The college application and a copy of unofficial transcripts must then be sent to lsvingen@ancollege.edu

Acceptance to Aaniiih Nakoda College requires a completed admissions application file, which may be obtained by visiting the campus, calling the Registrar, Tanya Cochran tcochran@ancollege.edu (406) 353-3924, or Danielle Jackson djackson@ancollege.edu (406) 353-3912 downloading it from the institution's website. Admission and transfer information can also be found in the *Aaniiih Nakoda College Student Handbook* which can be found on the website.

Admission into the Associates of Science *Grow Our Own* Nursing Program

All eligibility forms & criteria are enclosed in the Associate of Science Nursing Program Information and Application Packet.

To be eligible to apply for admission into the Associates of Science *Grow Our Own* Nursing Program, applicants must have the following:



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- Show that they have been admitted to Aaniiih Nakoda College and are currently in good standing with the college. ***No applications will be reviewed unless the applicant applies first to the College and official transcripts are reviewed by the Registrar.***
- Acceptance to Aaniiih Nakoda College requires a completed admissions application file, which may be obtained by visiting the campus, calling the Registrar, (406) 353-3924, contacting the nursing department at (406) 353-3928 or downloading it from the institution's website
- Completed all prerequisite course work with a minimum **overall GPA of 2.5**. Prerequisite coursework can be taken at other institutions, but it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm those courses are equivalent to the program's prerequisites and are transferable to this institution (consult with the Registrar if you have questions)
- ***Prerequisite science courses (Anatomy & Physiology I and II with Lab and Intro to General Chemistry with Lab, Microbiology with lab) must be completed within five (5) years of applying with at least a "C" grade, "B" preferred, and other courses must be completed within 15 years of applying to the Nursing Program.***

Students who are applying for admission that have previous bachelor's, master's, or doctorate degrees will be evaluated and advised on a case-by-case basis as to what classes need to be completed to be admitted into the nursing program.

Student Requirements

It is a privilege for Aaniiih Nakoda College nursing student to work with the various health care facilities in Montana. To ensure safety and well-being of all patients, background checks, urine drug screens, and immunizations to prevent communicable diseases have become standard requirements for employment in health care today. This has likewise become a requirement of our valued clinical agencies. ***It is therefore important that students within this nursing program complete the requirements and healthcare compliance before beginning clinical practice each year. If a student does not complete requirements prior to the start of the first day of clinicals, that student will not be allowed to attend clinical experiences and therefore will not be able to progress in the nursing program. There is no guarantee for accommodations to complete clinicals in alternate settings if student cannot meet clinical facility requirements for background checks, urine drug screens and immunizations.*** Thus, failure to complete requirements for clinical will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. It is to be noted that if a student cannot complete the clinical requirements of the nursing program, as approved and required by the Montana Board of Nursing, the student cannot progress in the program.

1. **Liability insurance:** Each student must have professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program. The cost for this coverage is included in the fees paid each semester. A copy of the liability insurance form is on file with the Nursing Program.
2. **Fingerprint/Background Checks:** Students in the Nursing Program may be required to undergo multiple background checks to participate with assigned clinical agencies. The process and policy for background checks will be on file with the Nursing Program Administrative Assistant and will be distributed to students upon acceptance to the Nursing Program. Students are encouraged to review the [*Criminal History and Nursing Licensure*](#) section at the end of the handbook. Students are encouraged to complete background checks immediately upon acceptance to the Nursing Program to be able to attend nursing clinicals in the fall. Students will need to start the background check/fingerprint process by working with the Nursing Program Administrative Assistant.



3. **Health requirements:**

- a. **Health Insurance** Aaniiih Nakoda College requires all students to carry their own medical health insurance. Students involved in injury or exposure during the clinical experience should seek treatment in the Emergency Room. Students will be responsible for their own medical expenses.
 - b. **Immunizations:** In addition to immunizations required for admission to Aaniiih Nakoda College (MMR and negative PPD testing or x-ray verifying absence of contagious disease), nursing students will be required to have the following:
 - **Flu vaccinations:** annual flu vaccinations are required before being admitted to some clinical sites. Students who are allergic to eggs or who have other medical or religious reasons for not getting the vaccine must wear a mask during their clinical rotation when they are within 6 feet of any other person.
 - **Tuberculosis Testing (PPD):** Initial testing for admission to the nursing program requires a 2 step PPD. Once first PPD is placed return for reading 48 to 72 hours after. Return for second PPD placement 7-21 days after first reading of PPD. If any tests have a positive reading a chest x-ray and further evaluation is necessary. When you turn in your results to the Director of Nursing at Aaniiih Nakoda College, please ask your provider to include actual skin test measurements if there are any (for a positive or near positive test). For your next year in clinical sites at Aaniiih Nakoda College, nursing students who had the PPD the previous year as nursing students will only be required to have a one-step Tuberculosis Test the second year.
 - **Hepatitis B series:** Series of 3 vaccinations against bloodborne Hepatitis B virus. These vaccinations can be completed at Fort Belknap outpatient ambulatory care or Fort Belknap Public Health.
 - Other vaccinations such as COVID vaccinations may be required by clinical facilities.
 - c. **BLS from American Heart Association (AHA):** A current healthcare providers BLS course will be required before classes begin.
4. **Proof:** of health requirements listed above and BLS are due to the Nursing Program by the first of the first week of class for students to attend clinicals in clinical facilities. Failure to turn in paperwork by the end of the first week of class will result in student withdrawal from the Nursing Program. The Aaniiih Nakoda College withdrawal policy can be found on pages 37 of the Aaniiih Nakoda College Catalog.
 5. **Mandatory Nursing Orientation:** if a student misses nursing orientation, they will no longer be in the Nursing Program and will not be able to attend nursing classes or clinicals.
 6. **Attendance:** In accordance with the *Aaniiih Nakoda College Student Handbook*, class attendance is an important factor in the student's success at Aaniiih Nakoda College. When registering for classes by effect the student enters a contract, in which they are assuming responsibility for attendance and completing class assignments. Attendance is maintained in all classes for financial aid purposes as a student must maintain a 60% attendance rate to receive a Pell grant. Failure to maintain this rate may affect the amount of Pell grant a student receives and may result in the payback of the Pell funds. Some instructors require attendance as part of the course requirements for grading purposes.



7. **Freedom from drug and alcohol impairment:** The Aaniiih Nakoda *Grow Our Own* Nursing Program will follow the College's no tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol policy, both of which can be found in the *Aaniiih Nakoda College Student Handbook*. Any evidence of suspicion of drug or alcohol use is grounds for immediate dismissal from classroom, lab or clinical setting and may result in dismissal from the Nursing Program. Suspected use of drugs or alcohol, or any other condition or circumstance that constitutes unreasonable risk to the safety and well-being of the patient can result in dismissal from the Nursing Program.
8. **Students commit to full time status in the Nursing Program:** at which time they are in class or at clinical for the fall and spring semesters. This program, while very exciting, is extremely fast-paced and challenging. There are many tests, quizzes, and assignments each week, to complete prior to class/clinical outside of class time. Students will find it necessary to spend outside classroom time as well as practicing lab/clinical skills. A fully equipped SIMS lab is in the nursing laboratory, on the ground floor of the Tataga Kni ("Returning Buffalo") building for students to enhance their education and skills needed in patient care. A good rule of thumb is that for every class hour, at least 3 hours in preparation or in the completion of assignments will be needed.
9. **Physical, motor skills, mental, sensory, cognitive, communication, behavioral, emotional, environmental, and cultural requirements – please see the current *Nursing Student Handbook* and pages 12-13 of this document for these requirements.**

Program Admission Process:

The Associates of Science Nursing Program Admissions Committee (Dean of Student Affairs and the Academic Dean) reviews application packets and uses established admissions criteria to rank applicants for admission. The Application Evaluation form used by the committee is enclosed for your review. Criteria for selection emphasize academic performance in prerequisite course work, previous education, CNA work experience, Community or Health Related Volunteerism, a written paragraph and potentially, and an oral interview.

The deadline for applications to the Associates of Science Nursing Program is October 31st, 2025. Completed Program Application Packets may be hand delivered to the Registrar, or Lynette Svingen, Nursing Program Director, or mailed to the Address below and postmarked by 10/31/2025.

Contact Information:

Aaniiih Nakoda College Registrar
(406) 353-3924

-or-

Lynette Svingen, Nursing Program Director
(406) 353-3931

Mailing Address:

The Associates of Science Nursing Program
Admissions Committee
Aaniiih Nakoda College
P.O. Box 159
Harlem, MT 59526

- Please send all application items as a completed packet. **Items will not be accepted separately from the application.** We are not responsible for any late or misfiled information. **Priority Application Due Date: October 31st, 2025.** No late applications will be accepted.
- **Note that submission of false material in this Application Packet will be grounds for non-admission or, if discovered after admission, grounds for expulsion.**



- It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all requirements are met by the established deadline. Deadlines, guidelines, and policies apply equally to all students; thus, there can be no exceptions.
- Admission Criteria is reviewed by the nurse education committee, and based on their recommendation's acceptance letters will be the semester prior to starting the program or no later than ***June 1st, 2026***.
- Aaniiih Nakoda College does not maintain a waiting list. **Applicants must reapply each year.**
- To ensure the safety and well-being of all patients, background checks are required before a student begins the clinical portion of the nursing education program.

Transfer Policy, From Another Registered Nurse (RN) Program

- Any student who has failed two nursing courses will not be considered for admission.
- Any student who has failed and/or withdrawn from any nursing course(s) more than once will not be considered.
- Students requesting transfer admission must provide a letter from the Director of Nursing program of the last school attended stating that the student is in good standing (no suspensions, probation, and unsafe practice, unethical or illegal conduct).
- All students must meet admission requirements for Aaniiih Nakoda College and submit the ASN program application; acceptance into the ASN program is competitive, application does not guarantee acceptance.
- No course for transfer will be accepted unless a grade of "C" or better was earned.
- It is ultimately the responsibility of the student seeking transfer credits to obtain the following information from the college they took the class and ensure the Registrar receives it:
 - A copy of the transcript from the college
 - A course description from the catalog year that the course was taken – this can be found in the catalog for that year or on the course syllabus from that year.
 - Inability to locate the required information will result in the inability of the Registrar to approve transfer courses, which could result in an inability to be admitted to the nursing program.

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) Requirements

LPN's applying to the Nursing Program will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for their eligibility to transfer in and potential plans for completing required prerequisites.

Placement will be dependent on:

- Classes needed, how long the student has been an LPN and the curriculum in which the student earned his/her LPN licensure.
- All academic credit must be received for nursing courses from a regionally accredited institution.
- Completing a competency skills check off which includes fundamentals and medical-surgical skills. A knowledge competency check off which includes professional practice and critical thinking. The competency check off's must be completed with the nursing department and a score of 85% or higher must be received for consideration (see scoring below). Any score lower than 85% will require reapplying to the nursing program upon remediation.

Scoring:

- 85-100%: Ready for RN-level clinical placement
- 70-84%: Requires remediation before entry
- <70%: Not ready; reassessment needed



Equal Opportunity Policy

Aaniiih Nakoda College is committed to the provision of equal opportunity for education, employment, and participation in all college programs and activities without regard to race, color, gender, marital status, disability, age, religion, political affiliation and/or national origin.

The College's Equal Opportunity Officer is the Dean of Student Affairs, P.O. Box 159, Harlem, MT 59526. Telephone 406 -353-3913.

Notification of Acceptance:

Students will be notified of their acceptance into the program via letter.

- Students will receive and must complete the intent to enroll form and return it to the college as soon as possible after you receive your acceptance letter and by the due date specified. If this letter of intent to enroll is not returned by the assigned date, your place will be given to another student.
- **Accepted students will be required to provide:**
 - proof of BLS training, negative PPD testing, immunization and completed Hepatitis B series, including yearly flu shots **before** the beginning of the fall semester at the nursing orientation.
 - Updated documentation of all requirements must be submitted to the Department of Nursing, prior to expiration date.
- All students enrolled in the nursing education program are required to have health insurance and **provide proof of health insurance prior to classes starting**. Students will be financially responsible for their health care if they become ill or are injured in the clinical setting.
- Accepted students should plan on registering for courses in the third week of August and attending mandatory Associates of Science Nursing Orientation (date and time to be announced), including mandatory health science orientation (HIPAA, OSHA and Blood Borne Pathogens).
- Students not accepted will be notified in June of the year of application.



Associates of Nursing Curriculum - Prerequisites

Aaniiih Nakoda College Prerequisite Courses that must be completed before admission into the Associates of Science *Grow Our Own* Nursing Program.

ANC Prereqs:		State curriculum prereqs	
BIOH 201/BIOH L201 – A&P I with lab	4	BIOH 201/BIOH L201	4
BIOH 211/BIOH L211 – A&P II with lab	4	BIOH 211/BIOH L211	4
CHMY 141/L141 College Chemistry I and Lab or CHMY 121/L121 – Intro to General Chemistry and Lab	4	CHMY 121/L121	4
M 121 – College Algebra	3-4	M 121	3
AIS 100 – Intro to American Indian Studies	3		
ANL 155/150 – Aaniiih or Nakoda Language I - <i>another Tribal language could substitute from another Tribal College</i>	3		
SOCL 100 – Intro to Sociology	3	SOCL 100	3
WRIT 101 – College Writing	3	WRIT 101	3
NUTR 221 – Basic Human Nutrition	3	NUTR 221	3
PSYX 100 – Intro to Psychology	3	PSYX 100	3
BIOM 250/L250 – Microbiology for Health Sciences and Lab	4		
Total hours:	37-38	Total Hours	27

****Each of the following are requirements for graduation from Aaniiih Nakoda's Nursing Program.** They must be completed as prerequisite courses.

- AIS 155 Aaniiih OR AIS 150 Nakoda Language I
- AIS 100 Intro to American Indian Studies
- SOCL 100 Intro to Sociology



Aaniiih Nakoda College Nursing Program Coursework –Curriculum

1st Year:

NRSG 256	Pathophysiology – Offered in the summers, online option could be available	3		
Semester I (Fall 2026)				
Course Number	Course Title	Didactic Credits	Lab Credits	Clinical Credits
NRSG 135/L135	Pharmacology and Lab	3	1	
NRSG 130/L130	Fundamentals of Nursing and Lab	4	3	
NRSG 138/L138	Adult Nursing I and Clinical	1		1
45 clinical hrs; 120 lab hrs	Semester Total	8	4	1
Semester II (Spring 2027)				
Course Number	Course Title			
NRSG 140/L140	Adult Nursing II and Clinical	3		3
NRSG 142/L142	Maternal/Child Nursing I and Clinical	2		1
NRSG 258/L258	Mental Health Nursing	3		1
225 clinical hrs	Semester Total	8		5

Before students start the 2nd year, I.V. Therapy skill will be a hands-on part of nursing orientation. Students must plan on spending 2hrs to every 1 credit hour of study time outside of the classroom.

2nd Year:

Semester III (Summer 2027)				
Course Number	Course Title	Didactic Credits	Lab Credits	Clinical Credits
NRSG 252/L252	Maternal/Child Nursing II	2		1
45 clinical hrs	Semester Total	2		1
Semester IV (Fall 2028)				
NRSG 266/L266	Managing Client Care and Clinical	2		2
NRSG 262/L262	Adult Nursing III, Clinical, and Lab	3	2	1
NRSG 298	Professional Practice and NCLEX prep	2		
135 clinical hrs; 60 lab hrs.	Semester Total	7	2	3
	Total ASN Program Credits	66-67	6	10

1 clinical credit = 45 hours clinical time

1 lab credit = 30 hours lab time

1 lecture credit = 15 hours classroom time

Once enrolled in nursing courses, a minimum of a grade of “C” in all courses is required to continue in the program. In the clinical settings, students must achieve a grade of 75% in all rotations of each clinical experience **to progress to the next semester.**



Aaniiih Nakoda College Associates of Science Nursing Program Application Packet Cover Sheet

Submit pages 10-17 to Aaniiih Nakoda College Nursing Program

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE (Home) _____ (Other) _____

E-Mail ADDRESS (If applicable) _____

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____

Check-off List

☒	<u>Item</u>
	Complete application (pgs. 10-15, Immunization record, PPD testing, current influenza vaccine, COVID (if applicable), BLS, Proof of Health insurance, and confirmed admission to Aaniiih Nakoda College
	Signed "Required Functional Abilities" (pgs. 11-13)
	CNA, Work and Volunteer Experience (pages 11-12)
	Written paragraph (page 14, 15)
	<u>Official</u> Transcripts for all completed secondary education (other than ANC) (Send transcripts to Registrar – no need to include in packet)
	LPNs: signed page 16
	*Application Evaluation Form (Completed by Evaluators) (page 13-14)
	RN Transfer students: Letter from Director of Nursing of last school attended
	Email or bring a copy of the application to the Nursing Department: lsvingen@ancollege.edu
	Interview with admission committee

****Important Note:**

Upon completion of the program, it is to the discretion of The Montana Board of Nursing to allow any convicted felon to take the national exam. If you feel this may affect you, contact the Montana Board of Nursing on an individual basis for further information before making an application to the program.



Required Functional abilities for admission to the Nursing Program

A student in Aaniiih Nakoda College's Nursing Program as well as a registered nurse in the nursing profession is expected to be able to meet or exceed the following requirements:

Physical requirements:

- **Gross Motor Skills:** Students must be able to: Walk, move within confined spaces, & Mobility sit and maintain balance, stand and maintain balance, reach above shoulders (IVs) and reach below waist (plug ins), sit, stand, twist, move quickly, push/pull, bend/stoop, climb (ladders, stools &/or stairs), squat/crouch and/or kneel while maintaining balance as required during clinical activities to provide care to clients of all ages in all health care settings and to function in emergency situations
- **Fine Motor Skills:** Students must be able to: Pick up objects with hands, grasp small objects with hands, write with a pen or pencil, key/type (use a computer), pinch/pick or otherwise work with fingers (syringe), twist (turn knobs with hands), squeeze with finger (eye dropper), manipulate supplies and equipment skillfully, demonstrate bilateral manual dexterity of all fingers to grasp, control and perform precise procedures to provide safe care
- **Physical Endurance:** Students must be able to: Stand (at client side during procedure), sustain repetitive movements, maintain physical tolerance (work an entire shift), for extended periods of time relative to each particular course &/or clinical rotations of 6, 8, 10 and/or 12 continuous hours
- **Physical Strength:** Students must be able to: Push and pull 25 pounds (position clients), support 25 pounds of weight (ambulate client), lift 25 pounds (transfer client), move light objects up to 10 pounds, move heavy objects weighing from 10 to 50 pounds, lift a minimum of 50 pounds from the floor to the waist, defend self against combative client, carry equipment/supplies, use upper body strength (restrain a client), squeeze with hands (fire extinguisher)

Behavioral & Emotional requirements:

- **Emotional Stability:** Students must be able to: Establish mature, sensitive, therapeutic relationships with appropriate personal & therapeutic boundaries, provide clients with emotional/psycho-social support, adapt to changing environment/stress, deal with unexpected crises, focus attention on task, monitor own emotions, perform multiple responsibilities concurrently, empathize with the situations & circumstances of others and be aware how their values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions and experiences affect perceptions and relationships with others, handle strong emotions appropriately (e.g. grief, anger)
- **Interpersonal Skills:** Students must be able to: Negotiate interpersonal conflict, respect differences in clients/others, establish therapeutic rapport with clients, and establish rapport with faculty, peers and others
- **Analytical Thinking:** Students must be able to: Use short- and long-term memory, transfer knowledge from one situation to another, process information, assess, reason, analyze, integrate information, evaluate outcomes, problem 17 solve, prioritize task to respond to client changing conditions, organize tasks to completion
- **Critical Thinking Skills:** Students must be able to: Identify cause-effect relationships, plan/control activities for others, synthesize knowledge and skills, sequence and prioritize information, skills and abilities, plan activities for others, complete tasks in a timely manner, identify missing elements when gathering data
- **Professional Conduct:** Students must be able to: Morally reason and practice in an ethical manner, learn & abide by professional standards of practice, engage in patient care of all patient populations including but not limited to newborns, children, adolescents, adults, geriatric, developmentally disabled, medically compromised and/or vulnerable persons in designated clinical settings, possess personal attributes of honesty, integrity, compassion, empathy, responsibility & tolerance, demonstrate personal accountability for own actions, and give and receive constructive criticism



Sensory requirements:

- **Hearing:** Students must be able to: Hear and correctly understand normal conversational speaking level sounds, hear faint voices, hear faint body sounds (BP, bowel & lung sounds), hear in situations when unable to visualize speaker's lips (due to wearing surgical mask), hear and distinguish auditory alarms, pager/intercom, and differentiate wide normal range of tones 16
- **Visual:** Students must be able to: See objects up to 20 inches away, see objects up to 20 feet away, see objects more than 20 feet away, use peripheral vision, correctly distinguish colors and distinguish range of intensity of colors, correctly read fine print, medical records, digital and computer screens, to differentiate fine markings (i.e. syringes)
- **Depth Perception:** Students must be able to: Use appropriate depth perception to perform basic and advanced skills correctly (e.g. insert IVs, administer injections, insert catheters/nasogastric tubes)
- **Tactile:** Students must be able to: Feel with sensitivity to distinguish vibrations/pulsations (pulses), detect temperature, feel differences in surface characteristics (skin turgor), texture, feel differences in sizes, shapes (palpate vein), and detect environmental temperature
- **Smell:** Students must be able to: Safely detect and differentiate odors emanating from clients or the environment, detect smoke, fire, gases or noxious smells, indicating unsafe conditions or changing client status

Communication requirements:

- **Convey Information:** Students must be able to: Convey information in the English language via spoken/written/computer communication (progress notes) and document patient care in legal records
- **Speech:** Students must be able to: Speak the English language to effectively communicate with others, interact clearly with others, speak clearly on the telephone, explain procedures, influence others, direct activities of others, teach client/family/groups, give clear oral reports, advocate for others
- **Written:** Students must be able to: Use the English language to write legibly, spell correctly, use proper grammar, provide written reports, communicate clearly via written and/or electronic media, use a computer

Cognitive Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students must be able to: Read and understand the English language in written and/or electronic documents
- **Arithmetic Competence:** Students must be able to: Complete, read and understand columns of writing (flow sheets), read digital displays, read graphs/graphic printouts (I&O), calibrate equipment, convert numbers to/from metric, read graphs (vital sign sheets), tell time (English & military), measure time (duration), count rates (pulse rate), use measuring devices (thermometer), read measurement scales, count, add, subtract, multiply, divide, convert to/from metric, compute fractions (medication dosages), use a calculator, write numbers in records

Environmental Requirements:

- **Function in Varied Environments:** Students must be able to function in a variety of environments which may include infectious diseases, biohazardous materials, electrical hazards, fumes/noxious odors, working with hands in water, and working with or near deceased persons
- **Use of Machines, Supplies & Equipment:** Students must have the ability to properly and safely use various machines, supplies, equipment, and tools in performing client care



Cultural requirements:

- Students should be aware of the respect and dignity afforded to all patients and with great empathy for Seniors and Elders of the Indian community and other non-Indian communities
- Students must be aware that silence is a powerful form of communication and learn to modulate their behavior when interacting with patients
- Students must realize family and community members need to be close to the patient and treat non-staff in the room as an asset for the patient not a hindrance for their care
- Students should be able to greet their Aaniinen and Nakoda patients in their own language and become a patient advocate for them
- Students should have the foundation to ensure the Cultural Safety of their patients

The above listing is composed of general examples. Specific jobs may have other requirements.

I have read the above requirements and understand that my inability to comply with these may result in my failure to successfully complete the program I have chosen.

Student Signature

Date



Aaniiih Nakoda College Associate of Science Nursing Program

WORK EXPERIENCE – CNA, Medical and other (Current LPN, EMT, CNA, or Allied Health will receive 2-5 pts.).

NAME & ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION OR EXPERIENCE SITE	JOB TITLE AND SUPERVISOR'S	DATES WORKED & HOURS/wk	JOB RESPONSIBILITY

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY AND/OR HEALTH RELATED AREAS

NAME & ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION OR EXPERIENCE SITE	JOB TITLE AND SUPERVISOR'S NAME & PHONE NUMBER	DATES WORKED & HOURS	JOB RESPONSIBILITY



AANIIH NAKODA COLLEGE
ASSOCIATES OF SCIENCE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM Application
Evaluation Form (3 pages to be completed by the Nursing program)

FOR STUDENT REFERENCE

Eligibility Assessment: (Check each box to indicate requirement has been met)

- ✓ Pathophysiology NRSRG 256
- ✓ Admitted to Aaniiih Nakoda College and in good standing
- ✓ Anatomy & Physiology I and II with the Lab a grade of “C” is required but a “B” preferred
 Introduction to Gen Chemistry with Lab a grade of “C” is required, but a “B” preferred
 Microbiology with Lab and a grade of “C” is required, but a “B” preferred
- ✓ Other prerequisite courses completed with minimum grade of “C”, grade of “B” is preferred
- ✓ 2.5 Cumulative Prerequisite GPA (extracted per courses below)

If needed:

- ✓ RN Transfer students – letter from Director of Nursing program of last school attended
- ✓ LPN signed admission document
- ✓ Completion of Competency check-off (earning 85% or higher)

Admissions Criteria Scoring:

A. Performance in Science Prerequisites – Points for Grade Earned:

Course #	Course Title	Grade	Points for Grade Earned A=4 B=3 C=2	Credits	GPA PTS (Pts for grade earned x credits)	Emphasis	Emphasized Points for Grades (Points for grade earned x emphasis)	College Taken from if not ANC (and year)
*BIO 213	Anatomy & Physiology I /Lab			x 4		x2		
*BIO 214	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab			x 4		x2		
*CHMY 121	Intro to Gen. Chemistry/Lab			x 4		x2		
*BIOM 250	Microbiology/Lab			x 4		x2		
WRIT 101	College Writing I			x 3		x2		
M 121	College Algebra			x 3		x2		
NUTR 221	Basic Human Nutrition			x 3		x1		
PSYX 100	Intro to Psychology			x 3		x1		
AIS 100	Intro to American Indian Studies			x 3		x 1		
AIS 150/155	Aaniiih/Nakoda Language			x 3		x 1		
SOCL 100	Intro to Sociology			x 3		x 1		
NRSRG 256	Pathophysiology			x 3				
Total Credits Earned								
Total GPA Points								
Total Points with Emphasis								

**These classes must be completed within 5 years of applying*

Total Points with Emphasis (60 pts possible)	
Application Points from page 14 (40 pts possible)	
Interview Points (if required)	
Total Points Overall	
Extracted GPA (total GPA points earned /total credits earned)	



Following Categories are point criteria:

- Degree Attained: 2-5 points
 - **Previous Educational Attainment (5 points maximum – points awarded for one degree only) *Verification required – transcript with degree or certification posted – on file with registrar***
- Cultural Heritage: 10-15 Point
 - Resident of Blaine, Phillips, or Hill County = 5 points
 - Lives on Fort Belknap Reservation
- CNA (Current or experience): 1-5 points
- Medical Occupational Experience (other than CNA): 2-5 points
 - ***Verification Required***
- Volunteer Experience: 2-5 Points
 - ***Volunteer Experience in Community and/or health related areas (5 point possible) Verification required***

Rubric for written paragraph:

One to two paragraphs, 1-page maximum length. (5 points possible)

1. Explore the following topic: ***Describe what it would mean to you to be an Aaniiih Nakoda College Nurse Graduate.*** This question is in relation to the nursing program outcomes mentioned in our *Nursing Student Handbook*.
2. Guidelines: Paper should 1-2 paragraphs in length, no more than 1 page. Spelling and grammar check are essential.

Levels of Achievement

Criteria	Met	Partially Met	Not Met
Critical Thinking and content development (30%)	The following are discussed: • Philosophy of “Growing Our Own” and/or working collaboratively with clients, their families and the health care communities (2) • The integration of Native American, family-centered care (1) 3 pts	The following are mentioned and not discussed: • Philosophy of “Growing Our Own” and/or working collaboratively with clients, their families and the health care communities • The integration of Native American, family-centered care 1.5 pt	The following are not mentioned or discussed: • Philosophy of “Growing Our Own” and/or working collaboratively with clients, their families and the health care communities • The integration of Native American, family-centered care 0 pts.
Organization (15%)	Structure of the paper is clear and easy to follow. Paragraph transitions are logical and maintain flow of thought throughout the paper. 1pts	Structure is somewhat clear and easy to follow. Paragraph transitions are present. 0.5 pts	Structure of paper is not easy to follow. Paragraph transitions no present or need improvement. Limited organization, disjointed transitions. 0 pts
Grammar, spelling, punctuation (10%)	Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed. Spelling is correct. Language is clear and precise, sentences display consistently strong, varied structure. 1 pt	Paper contains some grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. Language lacks clarity or includes the use of some jargon or conversational tone. 0.5 pts	Paper contains numerous grammatical, punctuation and spelling errors. Language uses jargon or conversational tone. 0 pts
Total Earned	5 pts	2.5 pts	0 pts
Comments			

Associates of Science Nursing Program Application Aaniiih Nakoda College 2024/2025

LPN Admission Requirements (LPNs who have not attended another RN program):

LPN admissions are considered on a case-by-case basis. Admission to the program depends on your previous education and preparation for the ASN program. Prerequisite classes for LPN need to be in line with prerequisite classes for the ASN program. Course descriptions from LPN education may be requested.

LPNs have the option of entering the Nursing Program upon meeting the following:

<i>Requirements</i>	<i>Check off when complete</i>
An unencumbered LPN/LVN license • Immediate notification to nursing program if a student applying for or currently enrolled in the nursing program is required to go before the Board of Nursing (in any state) for potential disciplinary action. If a student is not forthcoming with such information, this will result in immediate dismissal from the nursing program.	☐
Completion of the following classes as pre-requisites (would consider co-requisites on a case-by-case basis). These classes do not have to be completed at Aaniiih Nakoda College. • Pathophysiology • Microbiology • Intro to American Indian Studies (AIS 100) *See Prerequisites (page 8) for complete list*	☐
Completion up to 5 days of mandatory orientation prior to the start of classes with an opportunity to demonstrate skills and knowledge in the following areas: • Medicine Wheel Paradigm • Care Planning • Preparation for online access for materials • Demonstrate SBAR Communication • Medication Pass • Head-to-toe assessment • Insertion of NG tube • Sterile procedures (i.e. insertion of indwelling catheter, completion of sterile & clean dressing change) • A&P refresher exam • Fundamentals of nursing refresher exam • Vital signs demonstration • Math for meds (practice and refresher exam) • IV skills check off • APA formatting refresher • Skills review/evaluation (all skills must with an 85% or higher to qualify for admission to the program)	☐
Transcripts from institution where LPN/LVN education earned as well as transcripts indicating a listing of additional classes or continuing education that has been completed that may contribute to the knowledge and advancement.	☐
A resume of all health care work experience including a list of health care continuing education (last 2 years), certifications, and skills performed as an LPN	☐

*I have read the above requirements and understand that my inability to comply with these will result in my inability to start in the second year of the ANC Nursing Program. The Director of the Nursing Program would meet with you to discuss alternate options.

Student Signature