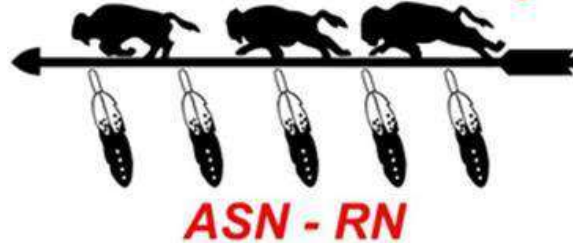




Aaniiih Nakoda College



Associate of Science Nursing

Student Information and Application Packet

Completed applications are due June 1st

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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

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Quick Application Guide

Use this packet to confirm eligibility, prepare required documents, and submit your application to the Aaniiih Nakoda College Associate of Science Nursing Program. Admission is competitive. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Application deadline	June 1st
Submit completed packet to	Lynette Svingen, Nursing Program Director lsvingen@ancollege.edu
Program contact	(406) 353-3931 Aaniiih Nakoda College, P.O. Box 159, Harlem, MT 59526
College admission	Applicants must also be admitted to Aaniiih Nakoda College. Registrar: (406) 353-3907

Application Checklist

	Completed ANC Nursing Program Application form.
	Admission to Aaniiih Nakoda College completed and applicant remains in good academic and disciplinary standing.
	Unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended included with this application.
	Official transcripts sent separately to the Aaniiih Nakoda College Registrar.
	Required prerequisite coursework completed with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
	Designated emphasis courses meet the five-year recency requirement or an approved earned-degree exception is documented.
	Required Functional Abilities acknowledgment signed.
	CNA, healthcare work, community, and/or volunteer experience information completed, if applicable.
	Completed one-page written summary using the rubric included with the application.
	LPN advanced-placement documentation completed, if applicable. Copy of Current, Active LPN license
	RN transfer applicants: letter from prior Nursing Program Director included, if applicable.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements below before the application can be reviewed. Selection is competitive and is based on the published admission criteria.

Requirement	Standard
College admission	Applicant must be admitted to Aaniiih Nakoda College before the Nursing Program application is reviewed.
Academic standing	Applicant must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
Prerequisite GPA	Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 in required prerequisite coursework.
Minimum course grade	A grade of C or higher is required in required nursing prerequisite coursework.
Course recency	Designated emphasis courses must be completed within five years of admission unless an earned-degree exception is approved.
Transcripts	Official transcripts must be submitted to the Registrar. Unofficial transcripts should be included with the Nursing Program application.

Designated Emphasis Courses - Five-Year Recency Rule

- BIOH 201/BIOH L201 - Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab
- BIOH 211/BIOH L211 - Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab
- CHMY 121/L121 or CHMY 141/L141 - Chemistry with Lab
- BIOM 250/L250 - Microbiology with Lab
- WRIT 101 - College Writing I
- M 121 - College Algebra

Applicants with an associate degree or higher may request an earned-degree exception for emphasis courses completed more than five years before admission. The Nursing Admission Committee reviews exceptions individually. The exception does not waive prerequisites, minimum grades, GPA, or other requirements.

Application Review and Notification

- Applications must be submitted as a complete packet by the deadline. No late applications will be accepted.
- The Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee reviews complete applications using the published criteria.
- Acceptance letters will be issued during the semester before the program begins and no later than July 15th.
- Aaniiih Nakoda College does not maintain a waiting list. Applicants who are not admitted must reapply in a future cycle.

Program Overview

Aaniih Nakoda College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Its Associate of Science Grow Our Own Nursing Program is approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

After prerequisite coursework is completed, the program includes 44 credits of nursing courses. Coursework is competency-based and integrated with laboratory, simulation, and clinical learning. Graduates are prepared to enter the nursing workforce after successful passage of the NCLEX-RN licensure examination.

Program Commitment

- Students should expect a full weekly commitment that may include class, laboratory, simulation, clinical experiences, tests, quizzes, and assignments.
- Students should plan to study approximately 3-4 hours outside of class for every hour of classroom instruction.
- Didactic, laboratory/simulation, and clinical components are evaluated separately. Each component must be completed successfully for progression.
- Students must earn at least 75% in required nursing and prerequisite courses and meet all published examination, quiz, laboratory, simulation, and clinical requirements.

Curriculum Summary

Semester	Course Title	Didactic	Lab	Clinical
Fall 2026	NRSG 135/L135 Pharmacology and Lab NRSG 130/L130 Fundamentals of Nursing and Lab NRSG 138/L138 Adult Nursing I and Clinical	8	4	1
Spring 2027	NRSG 140/L140 Adult Nursing II and Clinical NRSG 142/L142 Maternal/Child Nursing I and Clinical NRSG 258/L258 Mental Health Nursing	8	0	5
Summer 2027	NRSG 252/L252 Maternal/Child Nursing II	2	0	1
Fall 2027	NRSG 266/L266 Managing Client Care and Clinical NRSG 262/L262 Adult Nursing III, Clinical, and Lab NRSG 298 Professional Practice and NCLEX Prep	7	1	4
Program Total	Total Nursing Program Credits	25	5	11
Notes	1 clinical credit = 45 hours; 1 lab credit = 30 hours; 1 lecture credit = 15 hours. IV Therapy skill is included in NRSG 135 & NRSG 138.			

Applicant Information

Full legal name	
Mailing address	
City / State / ZIP	
Phone number	
Email address	
Are you an enrolled member of a federally or state-recognized Tribe? If yes, please identify your Tribe.	
Date of birth	
Are you currently admitted to ANC? Yes ____ No ____	
Have you previously attended a nursing program? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, where:	
Are you applying to more than one nursing school? Yes ____ No ____	
Applicant signature / Date	

By signing this application, the applicant certifies that all completed information and attached documents are accurate. False information may result in denial of admission or removal from the program if discovered after admission.

**** The Nursing Department may require an entrance examination for admission. Applicants will be notified in advance if an examination is required.*

Education, Licensure, and Experience

High School / Equivalency

School / Program	City / State	Date Completed

Colleges and Universities Attended

Institution	Major/Program	Dates	Credits	Degree/Certificate

Licensure / Certification / Military Experience

Type	License/ID Number	State	Expiration / Notes
CNA			
LPN			
EMT/Paramedic			
Military/Veteran			

Healthcare Work and Community / Volunteer Experience

Organization / Site	Role / Supervisor	Dates / Hours	Responsibilities

Post-Acceptance Clinical Compliance Requirements

Accepted students must satisfy all Nursing Program and assigned clinical-agency compliance requirements before participating in clinical experiences and must remain compliant throughout enrollment. Students are responsible for associated costs unless otherwise specified.

Initial in box	Current BLS for Healthcare Providers certification from the American Heart Association or other Nursing Program-approved provider.
	Health insurance maintained throughout enrollment.
	Criminal background check, fingerprinting, and drug screening as required by the Nursing Program and clinical agencies (will be completed once accepted to the Nursing Program)
	MMR and Varicella vaccination series or accepted laboratory evidence of immunity.
	Current adult Tdap and Hepatitis B series or accepted laboratory evidence of immunity.
	Tuberculosis screening or other required testing/clearance. Must show proof of two-step PPD initially.
	Seasonal influenza vaccination or required documentation must be submitted by October 1, as required by the Nursing Program or clinical agency.
	Mandatory Nursing Orientation and all required trainings, including agency-specific orientation when assigned.

Clinical agencies may add or revise requirements. Failure to meet deadlines may prevent clinical participation and may delay or prevent progression.

Required Functional Abilities Acknowledgment

Applicants and students must be able to perform the essential functions required for safe nursing practice, with or without reasonable accommodation. Qualified individuals requesting accommodation must follow the College accommodation process. The categories below summarize activities commonly encountered in nursing education and practice.

Functional Area	Applicant must be able to...
Physical	Move safely in clinical environments; assist with patient movement; use equipment; stand, reach, bend, and perform fine-motor tasks needed for safe care.
Behavioral & Emotional	Maintain therapeutic boundaries, adapt to stress, manage emotions, accept feedback, and demonstrate accountability.
Sensory	Use hearing, vision, touch, and smell to assess patient needs, safely administer medications, identify environmental hazards, and accurately read and measure medication doses using syringes with fine markings.
Communication	Communicate clearly in spoken, written, and electronic formats; explain procedures; give reports; advocate for patients.
Cognitive	Read, calculate, reason, prioritize, use clinical judgment, and complete nursing tasks accurately and safely.
Environmental	Function safely around clinical equipment, infectious disease risks, biohazardous materials, and other healthcare-environment hazards.
Cultural Safety	Demonstrate respect and dignity for all patients, including Aaniiih and Nakoda patients, Elders, families, and community members. Students should support culturally safe care and patient advocacy.

I have read the essential-function requirements and understand that I must be able to meet them, with or without reasonable accommodation, to be admitted to, progress in, and graduate from the Nursing Program. I understand that I am responsible for requesting accommodation through the College process.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Evaluation Form - For Nursing Program Use

Eligibility Assessment

	Admitted to Aaniiih Nakoda College and in good academic/disciplinary standing.
	Required prerequisite courses completed with a grade of C or higher.
	Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 verified.
	Designated emphasis courses meet five-year recency requirement or approved exception documented.
	Official transcripts received by Registrar; unofficial transcripts included in packet.
	RN transfer applicants only: letter from prior Nursing Program Director included.
	LPN advanced-placement applicants only: Submit proof of a current, unencumbered LPN license and required validation documentation. If applicable, include proof of successful IV certification course completion.

Prerequisite Course Scoring

Course #	Course Title	Grade	Grade Pts	Credits	GPA Pts	Emphasis	Emphasis Pts
BIOH 201/L201	Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab		A=4 B=3 C=2	x4		x2	
BIOH 211/L211	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab		A=4 B=3 C=2	x4		x2	
CHMY 121/L121 or 141/L141	Chemistry with Lab		A=4 B=3 C=2	x4		x2	
BIOM 250/L250	Microbiology/Lab		A=4 B=3 C=2	x4		x2	
WRIT 101	College Writing I		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x2	
M 121	College Algebra		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x2	
NUTR 221	Basic Human Nutrition		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x1	
PSYX 100	Introduction to Psychology		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x1	
AIS 100	Introduction to American Indian Studies		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x1	
ANL 155/150	Aaniiih/Nakoda Language I		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x1	
SOCL 100	Introduction to Sociology		A=4 B=3 C=2	x3		x1	
NRSG 256	Pathophysiology - not included in prerequisite GPA						
Totals	Total credits / GPA points / emphasized points						

Designated emphasis courses must have been completed within five years of admission unless an earned-degree exception has been approved.

Total Points with Emphasis (60 pts possible)	
Applicant Background, Experience, and Written Paragraph Points (40 pts possible)	
Interview Points, if required	
Total Points Overall	

Applicant Background, Experience, and Value Points - For Nursing Program Use

Category	Points	Documentation / Notes
Previous educational attainment - highest completed degree/certification only	2-5 pts*	Transcript or certification on file
Resident of Blaine, Phillips, or Hill County	5 pts	Verification as required
Lives on Fort Belknap Reservation	10 additional pts	Verification as required
Current or previous CNA experience	1-5 pts*	License/certificate or employment documentation
Medical occupational experience other than CNA	2-5 pts*	Verification required
Community and/or health-related volunteer experience	2-5 pts*	Verification required
Written paragraph	0-5 pts	Score using rubric on following page

Scoring rules:

- **Education:** Score one completed degree or certification only, using the approved 2-5-point scale: HS, AA, BA, MA (2,3,4 or 5 points respectively).
- **Experience:** Award 1 point per completed year within the stated range. CNA experience begins at 1 year; other medical and qualifying volunteer experience begin at 2 years. Each category is capped at 5 points.
- **Residency:** Award 5 points for residence in Blaine, Phillips, or Hill County and 10 additional points for residence on the Fort Belknap Reservation. Residency points do not vary by years of residence (15 points maximum).
- **Written paragraph:** Award 0-5 points using the rubric on the following page.

Maximum application score: 40 points.

Written Paragraph Prompt and Rubric

Prompt: Describe what it would mean to you to be an Aaniiih Nakoda College Nurse Graduate. In your response, refer to the Nursing Program outcomes and the philosophy of “*Grow Our Own*”.

Length: One page maximum. Use clear organization, correct spelling and grammar, and professional language. Follow rubric below.

Criteria	Met	Partially Met	Not Met	Score
Critical Thinking and Content Development	Discusses Growing Our Own and/or collaborative care with clients, families, and healthcare communities; integrates Native American and family-centered care.	Mentions these ideas but does not discuss or connect them fully.	Does not mention or discuss these required ideas.	
Organization	Structure is clear and easy to follow; transitions are logical and support flow of thought.	Structure is somewhat clear; transitions are present but uneven.	Organization is unclear, hard to follow, or disjointed.	
Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation	Rules of grammar, usage, and punctuation are followed; spelling is correct; language is clear and precise.	Some errors are present; language may lack clarity or use conversational tone.	Frequent errors interfere with clarity; language is not professional.	

Total Earned: _____ / 5 Comments:

LPN Advanced Placement Requirements

LPN advanced placement is available only to applicants who meet all Nursing Program admission and prerequisite requirements and successfully complete the Nursing Program validation process. Advanced placement is not guaranteed.

Requirement	Complete
Current, unencumbered LPN/LVN license. Applicant must immediately notify the Nursing Program of any pending or imposed licensing-board action.	
Meet all Nursing Program admission and prerequisite requirements. Submit unofficial transcripts and Nursing application to lsvingen@ancollege.edu	
Complete the Nursing Program LPN Advanced Placement Validation Process, which may include nursing knowledge, clinical judgment, clinical skills, medication math/administration/safety, SBAR, simulation, or other competency-based assessment.	
Provide transcripts from the LPN/LVN education program and all other colleges/universities attended to the college Registrar	
Provide a resume of healthcare work experience, continuing education from the last two years, certifications, and LPN skills performed.	

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Final Acknowledgment

I understand that admission to the Nursing Program is competitive; that clinical requirements may change based on Nursing Program or clinical-agency requirements; and that I am responsible for submitting a complete, accurate packet by the deadline.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____