

LPN Step-In | Hybrid | Spring Start
Associate of Science (AS) | 64 Credits

PRE-PROGRAM COURSES		
Prerequisite courses must be completed before entering the program Minimum 2.76 GPA		CREDITS
BIOL 2221	Microbiology	3
BIOL 2260	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2262	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
CHEM 1100	Intro to Chemistry	4
ENGL 1111	College Writing I	3
MATH 1100 OR MATH 1930	College Algebra or Intro to Mathematical Sciences	3
PSYC 2201	Lifespan Psychology	3
FIRST TERM – SPRING 8 Credits		
ADNG 1150	Nursing I	4
ADNG 1300	Transitions to Professional Nursing	4
HLTH 1410	First Aid/ CPR*	
SECOND TERM – FALL 13 Credits		
ADNG 2400	Psychosocial Nursing	2
ADNG 2150	Nursing II	4
ADNG 2100	Clinical II	4
General Education Electives must meet MnTC goal areas 1-10		3
THIRD TERM – SPRING 13 Credits		
PHIL 1201 or PHIL 2210	Ethics or Bioethical Issues	3
ADNG 2050	Advanced Skills Lecture	1
ADNG 2050	Advanced Skills Lab	1
ADNG 2200	Clinical III	4
ADNG 2250	Leadership	2
ADNG 2350	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	2

TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS 256
Program Description

This 64-credit Associate of Science (AS) degree is a three-semester step-in program for current Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who wish to become registered nurses (RNs). Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

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Program Learning Outcomes

Human flourishing – Apply knowledge and skills learned in the program to uphold patients’ rights of self-determination and promote holistic well-being of client and family

Nursing judgment – Make judgments in practice, supported by evidence that integrate nursing science in the provision of safe quality care

Professional Identity – Implement one’s role as a nurse in a manner that reflects the ideals of the profession while developing an identity committed to evidence-based practice, in the provision of compassionate, culturally sensitive, holistic care to a diverse population

Spirit of Inquiry – examine the evidence that underlies clinical nursing practice to challenge the status quo, question underlying assumptions and offer new insights to improve the quality of care for patients, families, and communities

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Accreditation

The Nursing Programs at Northwest Technical College located in Bemidji, MN, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Northwest Technical College's most recent ACEN site visit was March 12-14, 2024. ACEN commended NTC—Bemidji's Technical College for the exceptional breadth and quality of support services available to its nursing students. These services include academic advising, career counseling and a variety of resources designed to ensure student success both during their studies and in their future nursing careers. NTC Nursing Programs were granted continued accreditation through 2032.

Pre-Requisite Requirements (Additional to the prerequisite courses listed on page 1)

- Active LPN Licensure

General Courses

Northwest Technical College integrates a few of general education courses into the structure of the LPN Step-In program. These courses can be completed prior to entering the program to help reduce the credit load during enrollment. However, completing these courses in advance will not shorten the program's duration, as the ADNG core nursing courses must be completed in the sequential order specified by term. The eligible general education courses include the following:

- **PHIL 1201:** Ethics or **PHIL 2210:** Bioethical Issues — 3 credits
- General Education Electives must meet MnTC goal areas 1- 10 — 3 credits

Anatomy & Physiology Requirement

A total of 8 credits in Anatomy & Physiology is required for the program. This is normally met with BIOL 2260 (4 cr.) and BIOL 2262 (4 cr.). Students with fewer than 8 credits between A&P I and II must complete BIOL 2256 Advanced Physiology (2 cr.) at NTC to fulfill the requirement.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council License examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a Registered Nursing (RN). Graduates are currently employed in acute-care hospitals, state hospitals, long-term care facilities including nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices, group homes and childcare centers, health care and public health agencies, armed services, school nursing, industry and private homes. Employment opportunities have experienced a major expansion in recent years.

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