

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA
STATE COLLEGE**



FALL 2019

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
PROGRAM**

**PARAMEDIC TO RN
APPLICATION PACKET**

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

FALL 2019 ADMISSION CHECKLIST – PARAMEDIC TO RN

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE FALL 2019 NWF STATE COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM, YOU MUST:

- Apply to NWF State College if you are a new student, or reapply if you have not taken classes within the last two semesters. Select AA Associates of Arts -General as your Academic Plan, with a Concentration of AA Pre-Nursing. If you already have a degree, please speak with a navigator in Student Services before you apply to the program.
- Complete the current online NWF State College Nursing Program Information Session and post-test by March 1, 2019. **NOTE: You will not be eligible if you do not complete the information session.**
- Submit Nursing Program Application Form by March 1, 2019. Application instructions and form will be available beginning January 7, 2019 on the nursing webpage.
- Have a cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale
*The GPA is cumulative. For students who have not earned graded non-developmental college hours at a regionally accredited institution, the high school GPA at the time of graduation or GED scores will be considered.
- Score 75% or higher on each component of the Nursing Admission Assessment Exam (HESI A²) by March 1, 2019.
- Obtain PERT scores (or SAT/ACT scores) and complete all required college prep courses (if needed) by March 1, 2019. **IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED COLLEGE LEVEL MATH AND ENGLISH COURSES, PERT SCORES ARE REQUIRED (unless you are exempt based on graduation from a FL high school in 2007 or later).** Check with your advisor if you are unsure.
- If you are applying for the Paramedic to RN transition track you must have an active, unencumbered Florida Paramedic license or be eligible for Florida Paramedic license. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a Paramedic program may apply, and if accepted, be granted provisional admission provided they obtain licensure no later than the first day of Fall 2019 classes.
- Submit **official high school** transcript or GED diploma or score report to NWFSC admissions office by March 1, 2019. If you are currently taking classes at NWFSC, your transcripts may already be on file. If you are currently in high school, you must be 18 or older and have your diploma before the first day of Fall 2019 classes.
- Submit **official** transcripts from all other postsecondary institutions attended including CLEP, AP, IB transcripts to NWFSC admissions office by March 1, 2019. If you are currently taking classes at NWFSC, your transcripts will already be on file.

Contact for information about the nursing program:

Dr. Charlotte Kuss, Director of Nursing
Niceville Campus, Nursing Department
Building 420, Room 333
Email: kussc@nwfsc.edu
850-729-6400

Kathy McNair, Instructional Support Specialist
Niceville Campus, Nursing Department
Building 420, Room 333
Email: mcnairk@nwfsc.edu
850-729-6400

To schedule an advising appointment, call
850-729-5234.

Please visit the nursing webpage often for
the most up-to-date information about the
application process.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
ASN PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS – FALL 2019

PARAMEDIC TO RN

Pool of Eligible Applicants

1. Admitted to NWF State College
2. Completed Nursing Online Application (Application period: January 7, 2019 through March 1, 2019)
3. Completed current online NWFSC Nursing Program Information Session & submitted post-test/confirmation form by March 1, 2019
4. Score 75% on each of the five components of Nursing Admission Assessment Exam (HESI A2) by March 1, 2019*
 - May take A2 Exam twice during application cycle (June 2, 2018 – March 1, 2019)
5. All final paperwork must be received by March 1, 2019:
 - College placement testing scores and all required prep courses completed
 - ALL transcripts (high school, other college/university *)
 - Cumulative college Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale*
*The GPA is cumulative, using lower-division coursework only.
 - An active, unencumbered Florida Paramedic license or be eligible for Florida Paramedic licensure. Must be licensed by the first day of class for nursing coursework.

All eligible applicants accepted unless the number exceeds the available slots, in which case the following point system will be used for selection.

Selection Point System

Item	Points
a. Successfully completed general education courses (grade of C or higher) taken at Northwest Florida State College (points based on number of credits completed for a maximum of 5 points) 20 or more credits: 5 points 15-19 credits: 4 points 10-14 credits: 3 points 5-9 credits: 2 points 1-4 credits: 1 point	/ 5
b. Current Okaloosa or Walton County Residency by <u>March 1, 2019</u> (subject to additional documentation upon request)	/ 5
c. Viewed NWFSC Nursing Program Information Session and submitted post-test to the nursing office by the due date published on the website. (1 point for each correct answer)	/ 10
d. NWFSC Paramedic Graduate	/ 20
e. Paramedic employment (1 point per year of work in the field verified on Career form) – 10 maximum	/ 10
f. Military Veteran (5 points, additional 5 points for medical MOS or AFSC) – Verified by DD214/Military Transcripts	/ 10
Highest Points from HESI A2	
Maximum of 25 points per section	
Applicants must successfully complete the HESI Admission Exam for RN programs. A minimum score of 75% for each of the five components is required for eligibility. Points for scores above 75% are calculated by subtracting 75 points from the highest score for each section. For example, if the applicant scores 76% in Math, he is awarded 1 point for that section.	
g. Reading Comprehension _____% (your score) – 75% =	/ 25
h. Grammar _____% (your score) – 75%	/ 25
i. Vocabulary _____% (your score) – 75%	/ 25
j. Math _____% (your score) – 75%	/ 25
k. Anatomy & Physiology _____% (your score) – 75%	/ 25
Total points	Highest possible score: 185 points / 185

The applicants with the highest point totals are admitted first. If there is a tie among point totals prior to reaching program capacity, the following formula will be used to determine selection: Score on the HESI A2 Exam + (GPA* x 25) = points

*GPA and acceptance of transfer work is determined based on policies published in the current NWFSC Catalog and Student Handbook and as determined by the College Registrar. College prep, developmental, and upper division courses will not be included in determining GPA.

PARAMEDIC to RN PROGRAM
CAREER EXPERIENCE
RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONSENT

Please complete if you have been employed as a licensed paramedic.

APPLICANT'S NAME (please print) _____

I hereby authorize the release of information related to my employment records from the employers listed below to the AS Nursing Program at NWF State College.

Signature _____

Date _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates Employed: From _____ To _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____ Job Title _____

Does this job require a paramedic license? Yes No

Job Duties

Signature of Employer/Supervisor _____

Date _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates Employed: From _____ To _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____ Job Title _____

Does this job require a paramedic license? Yes No

Job Duties

Signature of Employer/Supervisor _____

Date _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates Employed: From _____ To _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____ Job Title _____

Does this job require a paramedic license? Yes No

Job Duties

Signature of Employer/Supervisor _____

Date _____

SUBMIT THIS FORM TO THE NURSING OFFICE (EMAIL, FAX, MAIL, OR IN PERSON) BY THE APPLICATION CYCLE DEADLINE.
Attach duplicate forms as needed.

HESI A2 Nursing Admission Exam Information

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam is a computerized test that can include up to seven academic exam sections. The Northwest Florida State College Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) requires applicants to take the following five sections:

Math

Reading Comprehension

Vocabulary & General Knowledge

Grammar

Anatomy

IMPORTANT: The HESI A2 exam may be taken twice during the current application cycle (**June 2 - March 1 for Fall admissions or March 2 - June 1 for Spring admissions**).

If you take the exam more than two times during the application cycle, only the scores from the first two exams will count towards your program application. No scores will be considered from previous cycles.

Selection Points

For minimum eligibility: you must score at least 75% on **EACH OF THE FIVE** content exams by the published deadline.

To Schedule the HESI Nursing Admission Exam at the Niceville Campus

- You must schedule an appointment with the Testing Center to take your exam by using their Online Scheduling System:
[Register Blast](#)
- The HESI exam is given at the Testing Center in Building 410.
- You have four hours to complete the exam, so please allow yourself enough time to finish your test before closing. If you do not complete the exam before closing, you will not be allowed to return to finish the exam at a later date.
- Before arriving to take your exam, You **MUST** set up your Evolve account. (See information box below)
- You will need to tell the Testing Center proctor **which version of the exam** (version 1 or version 2) you need to take **based on the current application cycle.**
- You must present a government-issued photo ID or NWFSC ID Card when you arrive at the Testing Center to take your exam.
- The testing fee plus Testing Center registration convenience fee must be paid at the time of registration. You must pay this fee applies each time you take the exam.

Special Circumstances:

- You have previously taken the Admission Assessment exam in the previous application cycle, you MUST take version 1 of the exam; you have the opportunity to take a second version within the current cycle.
- You have taken the exam during the current application cycle in a different location: Take version 2 of the exam here and contact Evolve to have your first exam scores sent to Dr. Charlotte Kuss at kussc@nwfsc.edu.

If you have questions about how to register for the test, please contact the Testing Center:

Phone: (850) 729-6016

E-Mail: testing@nwfsc.edu

Before Test Day

- You MUST set up your Evolve account prior to arriving on test day.
- To set up your Evolve account, click [here](#)
- After filling in your personal information you will be given your user name and password. Remember this in order to expedite your login on test day.

We cannot assist you in retrieving your user name and password at the time of the exam. If you cannot remember this information, you will not be permitted to take the exam.

Things to Bring on Test Day

- Photo ID (such as Driver's License or Student ID)
 - Your username/password for your Evolve account (see above)
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Test Results

- Your results should be available within 24 hours. You will receive an email with a link to your Evolve account to access your scores.
 - This E-Mail will be sent to the address you provided when you created your Evolve account.
 - If you take the HESI Exam at the Niceville Campus OR through using the NWFSC code if taken at a Prometrics Testing Center, your scores will be sent to the nursing department electronically.
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Repeat Test

- You are only allowed two attempts to take the exam during the application cycle. If you take the exam more than two times during the application cycle, only the scores from the first two exams will count towards your program application.
- The highest score you earn on each individual component will be applied towards your points.

- Only scores earned in CURRENT application cycle will be considered.
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Study Guide

- **HESI Study Guide** - "HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review," 4th ed. By Elsevier (ISBN 978-0-3233-5378-6). Available for purchase at the NWFSC College Store or online.
- **Additional study tips for Anatomy & Physiology:** Do a "Google" search for anatomy and physiology reviews. Some interactive review websites that we found are listed below, but there may be other good ones.

[Get Body Smart](#) (interactive tutorials and quizzes)

[Web Anatomy](#) (play the Anatomy Bowl game)

[Practice Questions for Anatomy and Physiology](#) (practice questions with answers)

To Schedule a Test at Another Location

- If you live within the United States, you may take the exam at any Prometric Testing Center. The cost for the exam through Prometric is higher than on campus.
- If you live outside the United States, please call the NWFSC Nursing Department at (850) 729-6400 to arrange testing.
- Before you schedule your exam through Prometric, follow the directions on the Prometric Exam Eligibility Informational Document. [Prometric Exam Eligibility Informational Document](#) [pdf]
- Once you receive your Eligibility notification E-Mail from Elsevier, you will be directed to schedule and pay for your exam via the Prometric website.
- To find an exam center near you visit: [Prometric Elsevier](#) You will select RN Admission Assessment Exam Version 1 or 2, depending on whether this is the first time you are taking the exam during the current admission cycle.
- Go to the testing center of choice, on the scheduled date and time, with your Evolve username & password, along with a valid government issued photo ID.

Northwest Florida State College
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Fall 2019 Application
(PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT PRIOR TO JANUARY 7, 2019)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NWFSC Student ID Number _____ Birthdate _____

Name _____
Last First Middle

Other Legal/Maiden Name(s) Under Which Records May Be Found _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____ College E-Mail _____

High School Graduate? Yes or No If no, when do you expect to graduate? _____
(Circle One)

Note: You must be 18 years or older and have graduated from high school before beginning Fall 2019 Nursing classes.

PLEASE CHECK THE PROGRAM TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

- Associate Degree Nursing (RN)**
- LPN to RN Track** (If you are applying for the LPN to RN track you must have an active, unencumbered Florida Practical Nursing (PN) license or be eligible for Florida PN license. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a PN program may apply, and if accepted, be granted provisional admission provided they obtain licensure no later than the first day of Fall 2019 classes.)
- Paramedic to RN Track** (If you are applying for the Paramedic to RN track you must have an active, unencumbered Florida Paramedic license or be eligible for Florida Paramedic licensure. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a paramedic program may apply, and if accepted, be granted provisional admission provided they obtain licensure no later than the first day of Fall 2019 classes.)

I certify that the information provided on this application is true and understand that reporting false information will result in my disqualification from the applicant pool and program.

Applicant Signature

Date

SUBMIT THE FORM BY MARCH 1, 2019 IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. FAX this form to (850)729-6484
2. Drop it off in person to the Nursing Administration Office (Niceville campus, Bldg 420, Room 333)
3. Scan and E-mail to asnursing@nwfsc.edu
4. Mail to: Northwest Florida State College
Nursing – Bldg 420, Room 333
100 College Blvd
Niceville, FL 32578

Applications will not be considered after the March 1, 2019 deadline

Northwest Florida State College
Associate of Science in Nursing Program (RN)
Fall 2019 Information Session Post-Test and Confirmation Form
PARAMEDIC to RN APPLICANTS

Step 1: Provide your information below: (Please print neatly)

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

_____ College Email: _____

Step 2: Complete the Information Session Post-Test

1. What is the final date that official transcripts may arrive at the College to meet the current deadline?
 - A. March 1, 2019
 - B. March 2, 2019
 - C. May 1, 2019
 - D. June 1, 2019

2. An applicant has been working as a paramedic for 12 years. She will receive 10 points on the Selective Admission Point System for Paramedic to RN applicants.
 - A. True
 - B. False

3. A Paramedic to RN applicant took the HESI Admission Assessment Exam for another program in April 2018. Does she have to take it again to apply to the nursing program at NWFSC for Fall 2019?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

4. An applicant that has any questions regarding eligibility for licensure in nursing due to problems with past felony charges will need to contact the State of Florida Board of Nursing for answers to their questions.
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. An applicant who applied for the program for Spring 2019 met all the requirements but was not accepted. This same applicant wants to apply for Fall 2019. The only action required of the applicant for this new application cycle is to complete a new application to the program.
 - A. True
 - B. False

6. An applicant has taken 3 courses at NWFSC totaling 11 credits and earned an A or B in each one. How many points will he receive for these on the Selective Admission Point System?
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5

7. An applicant earned the following scores on the HESI A2 (entrance) exam: 78%, 94%, 88%, 90% and 96%. What are the total points the applicant will receive for the HESI A2 (entrance) according to the Selective Admission Point System?
 - A. 71
 - B. 446
 - C. 125
 - D. 45

8. All general education and nursing courses required for an AS in Nursing degree must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
 - A. True
 - B. False

9. An applicant who graduated from an out-of-state high school took the college placement test. Based on her results, she must take Intermediate Algebra (MAT1033A). She has not yet taken this course. Her HESI A2 scores are all above 75% and she submitted all paperwork by the deadline. Does she meet minimum eligibility for the Fall 2019 application cycle?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

10. How many points will an applicant who served in the military receive if she was NOT in a medical MOS or AFSC receive on the Selective Admission Point System for Paramedic to RN applicants?
 - A. 20
 - B. 10
 - C. 5
 - D. 0

Step 3: Sign the confirmation:

By signing this form, you are stating that you watched the online information Session for the RN program and that you understand the application process (minimum eligibility requirements and timing) for the Northwest Florida State College Nursing Program.

Signature: _____

Step 4: Submit the form in one of the following ways:

1. FAX this form to (850)729-6484
2. Scan and Email to asnursing@nwfsc.edu
3. Mail to:
Northwest Florida State College
Nursing – Bldg 420, Room 333
100 College Blvd
Niceville, FL 32578
4. Drop it off in person to the Nursing Administration Office (Niceville campus, Bldg 420, Room 333)

NWFSC Paramedic to RN Nursing Program Expenses	Semester 1 15 Credit Hours	Semester 2 16 credit hours	Semester 3 17 credit hours	Semester 4 14 credit hours	Total
Florida Residents: 62 credit hours @ \$104.12 credit hour	\$1,561.80	\$1,665.92	\$1,770.04	\$1,457.68	\$6,455.44
Non-Florida Residents: 62 credit hours @ \$398.02 credit hour	\$5,970.30	\$6,368.32	\$6,766.34	\$5,572.28	\$24,677.24
Textbooks (Approximate per year)	**	\$675.11	\$208.00		\$883.11
Computer Tablet Required for Class and Clinicals		\$250.00			\$250.00
eLearning tools (Nursing Central & SimChart)		\$105.00	\$210.00		\$474.00
Lab Skills Kit (Approximate per year, paid as part of registration fee)		\$165.00	\$125.00	\$42.00	\$462.00
Laboratory Fees (Approximate per year, paid as part of registration fees)		\$182.00	\$182.00	\$135.00	\$681.00
Standardized Testing Fees (Paid as part of registration fees)		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$600.00
Clinical Laboratory Attire		\$358.00			\$358.00
Other fees (Student ID, online course fee)		\$24.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$78.00
Criminal Background and Drug Testing		\$150.00			\$150.00
Physical Examination & Immunizations (may vary due to student's personal health insurance carrier)		\$350.00			\$350.00
Adult, Infant, Child CPR and AED Training		\$55.00			\$55.00
Review Course				\$200.00	\$200.00
Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), Licensure, & Fingerprinting Fees)				\$404.00	\$404.00
*Estimated Costs for Florida Resident	\$1,561.80	\$4,130.03	\$2,660.04	\$2,403.68	\$11,400.55
*Estimated Costs for Non-Florida Residents	\$5,970.30	\$8,832.43	\$7,656.34	\$6,518.28	\$29,622.35

ALL FEES ARE ESTIMATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

*Fees for classes may be paid by semester. These fees reflect the tuition effective Fall 2018.

** Fees and textbook costs for general education classes are not included due to varying nature of the courses.

Present this chart to your financial aid adviser or donor for verification of estimated nursing program costs.

Alabama In-State Fees: Alabama residents qualify for in-state fees at NWFSC plus a \$1.00 per credit hour border state fee.



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Associate in Science in Nursing (RN) Curriculum

PARAMEDIC TO RN – FALL START

FIRST YEAR			
			Credit Hours
SUMMER SEMESTER	BSC1085C	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
	BSC1086C	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
	HUN 2201	Nutrition	3
	TOTAL		14
FALL SEMESTER	HUM_____	Humanities elective*	3
	DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3
	NUR 1231C	Nursing Process II	5
	NUR 1750L	Nursing Process III Clinical Experience	4
	NUR 1142	Pharmacologic Principles in Nursing II	1
TOTAL		16	
SPRING SEMESTER	MAC 1105 or STA 2023	College Algebra or Statistics	3
	MCB 2010C	Microbiology	4
	NUR 2233C	Nursing Process III	6
	NUR 2233L	Nursing Process III Clinical Experience	4
	TOTAL		17

SECOND YEAR			
			Credit Hours
FALL SEMESTER	SYG 2000	Sociology	3
	NUR 2233C	Nursing Process IV	5
	NUR 2233L	Nursing Process IV Clinical Experience	3
		Nursing Clinical Practicum	3
TOTAL		14	
Total Credits of Coursework after Paramedic Program			61
Credits Articulated for Paramedic program+			11
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS			72

**Be sure to take a Humanities course that incorporates the Oral Communication component, which satisfies the program's "Speaking-Across-the-Curriculum" requirement. If you don't have this, you can take a speech course instead. If you have a previous bachelor's degree you have met this requirement.*

+Once you have successfully completed "Spring Semester" coursework, your paramedic coursework will be articulated into your NWFSO official transcript and you will receive a "P" grade for 11 credits of nursing courses.

Once you are admitted to the ASN program, most financial aid plans will ONLY cover courses that are in the ASN program of study. Therefore, PLAN AHEAD and leave enough credits available to take WITH your nursing courses to ensure you have full-time credits each semester if needed.

Northwest Florida State College
Associate Degree in Nursing Program Requirements
Paramedic to RN Fall 2019

Upon acceptance to the Fall 2019 NWF State College Paramedic to RN Nursing Program, students will be required to have the following prior to the start of Fall 2019 classes:

- Complete the following courses with a “C” or higher before the 1st day of Fall 2019 classes:**
 - English Composition I
 - Anatomy & Physiology I
 - Anatomy & Physiology II
 - Nutrition

- Have an active, unencumbered Florida Paramedic License by the 1st day of Fall 2019 classes.**

- Physical examination. Information about access to health forms will be provided after you have been selected to the program.**

Students are required to complete a Nursing and Allied Health Program Health Certificate upon selection to the Nursing Program. This certificate requires a health examination by a licensed healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) as well as acknowledgement that you can meet the Performance Standards.

- A Medical Release must be signed and notarized.**

- Proof of current immunizations:**
 - Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) or Chest x-ray (if you have a history of a positive PPD)
 - Tetanus (within last 10 years)
 - MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Varicella (proof of immunity by positive titer result or record of varicella vaccine)
 - Hepatitis B (or notarized Statement of Decline). This is a series of three injections, which must be started before you begin the program.
 - In addition, clinical facilities are require that all healthcare workers receive the influenza vaccine each year.

- Current AHA (American Heart Association) Healthcare Provider CPR Card**

- Drug screen**

- Background check**

Admission to the nursing program is contingent upon submission of satisfactory results of both a federal criminal background check and a drug screen. If accepted into the nursing program, information on health forms, and how to obtain the background check and the drug screening will be provided during orientation, which is typically held in June.