



NORTHERN
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TONKAWA | ENID | STILLWATER

Division of Nursing

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Dear Prospective Student:

I am excited that you are interested in the nursing program here at Northern Oklahoma College. We have 3 sites: Tonkawa, Enid and Stillwater. Our nursing program is an Associate Degree program and is designed to be completed in two academic years. Graduates of our program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree with a major in Nursing and are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Registered Nurses. An RN license is granted upon successful passing of this examination.

We select around 100 students each spring for our fall class. If you would like to be considered, please submit a completed application. The deadline for submission of all requested information is March 1 of each calendar year. We look at six different categories for admission. Please look at the admission criteria point sheet to better understand the admission standards. A degree sheet is included in this packet, please review all the requirements. Not all prerequisites have to be taken before acceptance into the program. Overall, retention GPA is extremely important. If you are an LPN/LVN, additional provisions may be necessary in regards to OBN rules and articulation agreements.

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, interviews may be employed as a secondary tool to determine admission. After your completed application has been evaluated, you will be notified of either an acceptance or denial decision in writing.

If you desire to obtain this degree, you will enroll through the Division of Nursing. Please make an appointment with the nursing division in order to assure availability of the appropriate people to assist you. To enroll in pre-nursing courses the entire application does not need to be submitted. However, it is necessary for you to bring your ACT scores and transcripts from high school and all colleges and universities attended for NOC enrollment.

Congratulations on choosing a career in nursing. This decision will affect not only your life but also the lives of others. If we may be of assistance in any way to help you set career goals, please do not hesitate to contact us. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Cammie Fast MS, RNC-OB
Chair, Division of Nursing

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ADMISSION CRITERIA

CATEGORY	CRITERIA	POINTS
College Retention GPA	4.0-3.7	30
	3.6-3.4	25
OR	3.3-3.0	20
	2.9-2.85	15
	Below 2.85	0
High School (HS) Retention GPA -if no college credits the HS GPA will be used	3.5 and above	15
	Below 3.5	0
College Biology or Chemistry Grade within the last 5 years unless has a degree -BISI 1114 or equivalent or -CHEM 1314 or equivalent	A	20
	B	15
	C	5
	Below C	0
OR		
	High School AP Biology or AP Chemistry Grade -if no college Biology or Chemistry, the HS AP Biology or AP Chemistry will be used	
	A	15
	B	10
OR	C or below	0
No college Biology or Chemistry, No HS AP Biology or AP Chemistry ACT subscore for Science Reasoning	20 and above	15
	Below 20	0
ACT or HESI A2 Composite Score -must have been taken within the last 3 years	ACT Scores	
	31-26	25
	25-20	20
	19 and below	0
Health Related Experience -includes work/volunteer experience Will only count the highest score	HESI A2 Scores	
	Greater than 80%	25
	75%-79%	20
	Less than 75%	0
Previous College Degrees -will only count the highest degree earned	Direct care experience/Licensure	10
	Health related volunteer work	5
	No medical/health background	0
Writing Component -typed with at least a 10-point font, 1" margins and 75-200 words in length that answers the following questions: * Why are you interested in nursing? * Why should we choose you for a nursing student?	Masters	5
	Bachelors	3
	Associate	1
	Grammatically strong (no spelling errors, sound sentence structure, logical, coherent with minimal errors, follows criteria, appropriate content)	10
OR		
	Grammatically correct (some spelling errors, sentence structure occasionally lacking, logical most of the time, coherent some of the time with minimal errors, follows criteria, acceptable content)	5
	Grammatically incorrect (numerous spelling errors, lacking sentence structure, illogical, incoherent with numerous errors, does not follow criteria, content deficient)	0

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES*

The following are the approximate costs for completing the nursing program in the catalog sequence. Those students who plan courses over three years will have similar costs over time.

Expenses at Enid and Stillwater campuses will be higher

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screens	125.00	Nursing Books	800.00
Nursing Books	1000.00	Other Books	350.00
Other Books	350.00	Tuition	2205.00
Tuition	2008.00	Travel	600.00
Malpractice Insurance	15.00	Skill's Lab Fees	125.00
Skill's Lab Fees	125.00	ATI Fees	220.00
ATI Fees	220.00	Misc. (supplies)	<u>200.00</u>
Uniforms (shoes, etc)	250.00	TOTAL	\$4500.00
Travel (250 miles per week x16 weeks)**	600.00	Room and Board***	<u>4025.00</u>
NOC Student Nursing Assoc. (optional)	10.00	TOTAL WITH ROOM & BOARD	\$8525.00
Misc. (supplies)	<u>250.00</u>	Criminal Background Check if not done first semester	45.00
TOTAL	\$4953.00		
Room and Board***	<u>4025.00</u>		
TOTAL WITH ROOM & BOARD	\$8978.00		
<u>Third Semester</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screens	125.00	Nursing Books	200.00
Nursing Books	500.00	Other Books	150.00
Other Books	350.00	Tuition	2205.00
Tuition	2008.00	Skills Lab Fees	75.00
Pediatric Hospital Practicum Experience	500.00	ATI Fees	220.00
Travel	600.00	Travel	600.00
Malpractice Insurance	15.00	Nursing Pin (Optional)	25.00
ATI Fees	220.00	State Board Exam	285.00
Skill's Lab Fees	75.00	Graduating Class Composite	25.00
NOC Student Nurses Assoc. (optional)	10.00	Misc. (supplies)	<u>100.00</u>
Misc. (supplies)	<u>100.00</u>	TOTAL	\$3885.00
TOTAL	\$4503.00	Room and Board***	<u>4025.00</u>
Room and Board***	<u>4025.00</u>	TOTAL WITH ROOM & BOARD	\$7910.00
TOTAL WITH ROOM & BOARD	\$8528.00	Criminal Background Check if not done third semester	45.00

Total **estimated** cost *not* including room and board \$17841.00

Total **estimated** cost including room and board \$33941.00

Dr.'s office visit and immunizations will vary according to health provider and are not included in totals

*Prices are subject to change

**Driving at least 250 miles per week during clinicals should be expected.

***Room and Board is an average of available options

Computer and Internet access strongly recommended

GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION AND RETENTION IN THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Enrollment in the nursing program is limited because of available laboratory/clinical facilities in the community, as well as limited faculty and financial resources.

Northern Oklahoma College fully subscribes to all principles and requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for qualified handicapped individuals. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to self-identify their accommodation needs as part of the admissions' process. It is important to note that in order to successfully progress through the nursing curriculum and function as a safe, practicing nurse during the education process and upon graduation, an individual must be able to perform certain physical activities that include vocal, visual, olfactory, auditory and dexterity requirements.

The Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Program will make reasonable academic adjustments to facilitate academic success of qualified individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities. The nursing program has established standards/guidelines in an effort to provide a framework to balance several competing interests that are specific to nursing:

- The rights of applicants and students
- The safety of students, their peers; clients/families and health care team members
- The significant clinical/practicum component of the program
- The clinical agency contracts allowing the nursing program to place nursing students in various healthcare facilities for clinical/practicum

These challenges may prevent some nursing students with disabilities from completing the nursing program.

Therefore, in order to be considered for admission or to be retained in the program after admission, all applicants will possess:

- Sufficient acuity (seeing ability), such as is needed in the accurate preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for client assessment and nursing care, such as observing color and appearance of skin and wounds.
- Sufficient auditory (hearing) perception to receive verbal communication from clients and members of the health care team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as stethoscopes, IV infusion pumps, cardiac monitors, fire alarms, telephones, etc.
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills required in meeting client health care needs safely and holistically. These include, but are not limited to, manipulation of equipment, small space maneuvering, management of multiple tubes and drains, performance of CPR and palpation of body structures and organs. The ability to sit, walk, and stand for extended periods is also needed. Lifting of occasionally 50 pounds, frequent lifting of 25 pounds, and constant lifting of 10 pounds is required.
- Sufficient communication and language skills (speech, comprehension, reading, writing) to interact with clients, family members and the health care team to communicate effectively in English, as may be necessary for clients' interest and safety. Must be able to obtain information, describe client situations and perceive nonverbal communication. The student must be able to interact with people from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.
- Sufficient intellectual functions and emotional stability to plan and implement safe care for clients and to promote effective communication with clients/families/ health care team. The student needs to have the flexibility to function effectively under stress and deal with others who may be experiencing stress. The student must be able to adapt to changing environments and function within the face of uncertainties and ambiguities. Nursing students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, remember, apply, and comprehend various types of data.
- Sufficient olfactory (smelling) abilities to detect presence of odor or smoke.

The individual will need to notify the nursing division in writing if such a disability exists or occurs during progression in the nursing program. Professional documentation may be requested regarding the individual's ability to perform nursing tasks.

An individual denied admission or continuance in the program due to the inability to perform certain activities has the right to appeal any decision made. A complete copy of the Grievance Procedure may be obtained from the Northern Oklahoma College student handbook.



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Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Division is dedicated to the health and well-being of you and your clients. Clinical sites have mandated that we drug test students before attending clinicals. Therefore, we will be testing all nursing students.

You must fully comply with the Drug Policy included with this application. Your signature will show that you fully understand the ramifications of what the Drug Policy states. The Drug Policy statement must be signed and returned with the nursing application. If you choose not to sign this policy, you will not be allowed to enter the nursing program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cammie Fast RNC'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE
DIVISION OF NURSING
POLICY STATEMENT
DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Nursing Division of Northern Oklahoma College is making every effort to protect our students and clients from the dangers of substance abuse. It is known that the illegal use of drugs poses a danger to the health and safety of the user and people associated with a user, such as classmates and clients. Drug abuse also damages the integrity and reputation of all student nurses, the institution, and the nursing division.

Our drug-testing policy is based on the concern that if students are using illicit drugs, they may endanger themselves or cause injury to others. Given this major concern for the students and clients' health and safety, the college will screen for possible drug abuse. The urine test will be used at any time the students' performance is in question, when their behavior is questionable or if they exhibit reasonable suspicion.

All student nurses are subject to compliance with this policy. The definition of a "Student Nurse" is "any participant in a nursing clinical, nursing class, or nursing skills lab activity." All students that accept the privilege of participating in nursing for the college are subject to drug testing. Participants in nursing are free to refuse drug testing; however, those who refuse will not be allowed the privilege to participate in clinicals for the college. This will automatically remove the student from the nursing program.

Reasonable effort will be made to ensure confidentiality of the drug tests which will be conducted by a qualified lab organization using a procedure to protect the identity and integrity of each urine specimen. Confidentiality of the results will be observed. The procedure will be explained and implemented by the testing organization.

Testing times:

1. At any time the student's ability to perform is in question.
2. Any number of routine, unannounced tests, initiated by the Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Division.
3. Random drug screening.

If you do not obtain testing on the day specified, you will have to obtain urine drug screen results from a specified agency within 24 hours. If the students chooses this route, the screening fee will be the responsibility of the student.

A positive drug screen will prevent the student from attending nursing clinicals and lead to dismissal from the program.

I understand and will allow urine drug testing.

STUDENTS NAME (printed) _____ DATE _____

STUDENTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____