



NWCCD NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sheridan College and Gillette College

FOR ENTRY FALL 2026

- _____ Apply to NWCCD as a Health Science major (if not already enrolled)
- _____ Meet with General Advising Department if new to NWCCD
- _____ Meet with Nursing Coordinator
- _____ Submit official transcripts to jjohnson@sheridan.edu
 - For all colleges previously attended: <https://tsorder.studentclearinghouse.org/>
 - For high school or HSEC: <https://diplomasender.com/#/>
- _____ Complete all pre-requisite courses for full points
- _____ Achieve 2.5 cumulative GPA for pre-requisites and completed co-requisite classes
- _____ Complete HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2) exam with a 75% or higher
- _____ Complete online Nursing Program Application by March 1 deadline

For Further Information:

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL NWCCD STUDENTS

Campus Safety

NWCCD is committed to maintaining a safe and secure campus environment. As a part of ongoing safety efforts, NWCCD publishes an annual report that discloses crime statistics on and around our campuses. A direct link to the most recent Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is provided here: [2024-ASFSR_Crime-Stats-for-2023_FINAL.pdf](#). If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this report, please contact the Office of Risk Management at 307-675-0812.

The following link will lead you to the NWCCD Campus Safety page where you can find NWCCD's Campus Rules and Regulations and the Campus Safety Plan.

<https://www.sheridan.edu/student-life/campus-safety/>

Equal Opportunity: Non-Discrimination Clause

Northern Wyoming Community College District prohibits discrimination in employment, educational programs, and activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or any other class protected under state and federal law. The District also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to its facilities. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act may be referred to titleix@sheridan.edu or in person with NWCCD's Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Sheridan College, Griffith Memorial Building, Room 141D, 1 Whitney Way, Sheridan, WY 82801; 307-675-0505. Inquiries also may be made to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204-3582; 303-844-3417; or TDD 303-844-3417.

2026 NWCCD ADN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Prerequisite courses can be taken at any accredited college or university and must be completed with a grade of C or higher prior to application to the program in order to receive points towards your application. Grades of passing (P) or satisfactory (S) for pre-requisite classes will receive full points towards nursing application rank.

Applicants may be concurrently enrolled in up to two (2) of the four (4) pre-requisite courses and apply. Points will be awarded for completed pre-requisite courses only, and zero (0) points will be received for unfinished courses. If offered a seat in the program, final acceptance is contingent on successful completion of the concurrently enrolled pre-requisite course with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the spring semester. Pre-requisite courses must be complete and verified by an official transcript by June 1.

- ENGL 1010 English I (3 credits)
- MATH 1000 Problem Solving (3 credits), MATH 1400 College Algebra (4 credits) or equivalent. Equivalent classes include MATH 1405 Trigonometry, MATH 1450 Algebra and Trigonometry, MATH 2200 Calculus I, MATH 2205 Calculus II, MATH 2210 Calculus III
- BIOL 1010 General Biology 1 (4 credits) or equivalent (BIOL 1000)
- ZOO 2010 Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4 credits)

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Students who wish to transfer college-level credit from other schools must submit all official transcripts to the college. Coursework completed at another institution does not guarantee direct equivalency at NWCCD. Once transcripts are received courses are evaluated based upon the content completed and the Records office issues a Transfer Equivalency Report (TRER) which may be accessed by the student through the NWCCD self-service portal. Passing CLEP or Advanced Placement (AP) scores are accepted in lieu of coursework for courses per NWCCD policies. Items must be officially submitted, reviewed, and accepted by the Records office. Official CLEP and AP transcripts can be requested from CollegeBoard.org.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT

Applicant must be a high school graduate or equivalent. Documentation of graduation from high school or college in the form of a valid high school diploma or higher earned degree, transcript, or other acceptable documentation confirming the applicant meets or exceeds the academic achievement equivalent to a high school diploma. Students may apply while still enrolled in their final semester of high school; however full acceptance is contingent upon receipt of documentation indicating completion.

GPA

A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required; this is calculated from completed pre-requisite and co-requisite courses applicable to the Associate Degree in Nursing.

HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM

Applicants must take the HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2) exam as part of the nursing program application process. The assessment must be taken prior to the March 1 application deadline and a cumulative score of 75% or higher must be achieved. The HESI A2 may be repeated once (must wait 14 days between tests) between March 2 and March 1 for score improvement. Only passing scores achieved by the March 1 application deadline in the current admission cycle will be considered. The higher of the two scores is used.

NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Submit the nursing program application for admission to the Sheridan College Nursing Program. This is a separate application from the general NWCCD application. Find the Nursing Program Application on the NWCCD website.

DEADLINE

The nursing application deadline is **March 1** for admission in the fall semester. Late applications and transcripts will not be reviewed. Once the application is submitted, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Nursing office at the college to confirm receipt.

SELECTION PROCESS

Acceptance to the program is competitive and applicants are evaluated based on a three-tier system. Each year approximately 64 students combined are selected to enter the program on the Sheridan campus at the branch campus in Gillette. Applicants are ranked in order according to total points.

TIER I: Application Evaluation and Ranking

Applicants are evaluated using a point system. Points are earned in the following two areas:

1. Pre-requisite points: up to 16 points are awarded for the letter grades earned in the pre-requisite classes as follows: A or S = 4 points, B = 3 points, C = 2 points.
2. HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam: a cumulative score of 75% or higher must be achieved for program admission eligibility.

The total pre-requisite points achieved (up to 16) are added to the higher HESI A2 score to determine overall ranking. Applicants with the highest points are offered a seat in the program.

TIER II: Seat Deposit and Conditional Acceptance

Once offered a seat in the program, submit a signed Acceptance or Declination Form indicating intention. If accepting, a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit to hold your seat in the program is due by the annual program-designated date.

TIER III: Post Selection Requirements

Full admission is awarded upon successful completion of various requirements. Applicants who have conditionally accepted a position in the class must attend the Nursing Program Orientation and will receive full instructions for fulfilling the required items. Requirements may include but are not limited to the following:

background screening, drug screen, and documentation of the following: health examination and required immunizations, and American Heart Association Providers BLS certification. Failure to complete the post-selection requirements by the assigned due dates will result in a rescinded admission offer and loss of seat deposit.

BACKGROUND FINDINGS

Applicants with questions or concerns regarding future licensure based on results of the criminal background check or drug screen should contact the Wyoming State Board of Nursing at 307-777-7601. Admission to the nursing program is not a guarantee of professional licensure.

NOTIFICATION

All applicants are notified of acceptance decisions approximately 4 weeks after application deadline. Applicants will receive an email or letter with notice of acceptance to the program, placement on the alternate list, or non-acceptance. An alternate list is maintained in the event an applicant declines acceptance. Students placed on the alternate list will be notified in the order of their ranking should an opening occur in the current admission cycle.

NURSING PROGRAM ORIENTATION

All applicants who accept a seat in the nursing program must attend the Nursing Program Orientation in mid-May. Students will receive important information about the program, faculty, and various requirements that will make them eligible to attend clinicals. Students will also meet their new cohort of fellow students and begin the Tier III of acceptance into the program.

NWCCD ADN PROGRAM OF STUDY

ADN PRE-REQUISITE COURSES				
Term	Grade	Points	Course	Cr
			ENGL 1010 English I	3
			MATH 1000 or 1400 , 1405, 1450, 2200, 2205, 2210	3-4
			BIOL 1010 General Biology	4
			ZOO 2010 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ADN PROGRAM COURSES				
Term	Grade	YEAR 1, FALL SEMESTER		Cr
		NURS 1100 Nursing Care in Health Promotion		9
		ZOO 2020 Anatomy & Physiology II		4
		HOEC 1146 Nutrition or FCSC 1140/1141		3 2
YEAR 1, SPRING SEMESTER				
		NURS 1200 Nursing Care in Chronic Illness		9
		PSYC 1000 General Psychology		4
YEAR 2, FALL SEMESTER				
		NURS 2300 Nursing Care in Acute Illness		9
		Advanced Writing ENGL 2030, 1020, 2005, 2020, BADM 1020, COMM 2100, 2010		3
YEAR 2, SPRING SEMESTER				
		NURS 2400 Nursing Care in Complex Illness		9
		US & WY Constitution POLS 1000 or HIST 1251, 1211, 1221		3
Total ADN Credits				66-68

ADDITIONAL NWCCD COURSES FOR BSN (NOT REQUIRED FOR ADN)				
Term	Grade	Course	Cr	
		CHEM 1000/1020 Chemistry	4	
		MOLB 2210 Microbiology / MOLB 2240 Medical Microbiology	4	
		STATS 2050/2070 Statistics	4	

BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM OF STUDY: ReNEW

For graduates and current students of a Wyoming ReNEW ADN
program

2025-2026

UNIVERSITY STUDIES PROGRAM (USP): All UW students complete the University Studies Program: www.uwyo.edu/unst

RELATED COURSEWORK: *These courses may be taken in conjunction with nursing courses pursuant to prerequisite requirements. Grades of C or better are required.*

MATH 1000 or 1400 - Math.....	3
<i>MATH 1400 may be required for other related coursework</i>	
STAT 2050 or 2070 - Statistics	4
FCSC 1140 or 1141 - Nutrition.....	2-3
Humanities Elective Course.....	3
LIFE 1010 - General Biology	4
CHEM 1000 or 1020 - Intro or General Chemistry	4
<i>Must have a grade of B or better if taking CHEM 1000</i>	
MICR/MOLB 2021 or 2240 - Microbiology	4
NURS 4650 - Pathopharmacology for Nurses.....	4
<i>Prereq's: LIFE 1010, CHEM 1000/1020, Human Anatomy, & Human Physiology</i>	
Approved upper division elective coursework.....	2-3

Total Related Coursework Hours: 30-32

NURSING COURSEWORK: *2-credit courses are delivered as 8-week, half-semester blocks. Fall and Spring semesters offer first- half and second-half blocks. Summer semester is a single block. Grades of C or better are required.*

ENTRY POINT: Students can enroll in these courses while enrolled in a Wyoming ReNEW ADN program.

Tier 1

NURS 3006 - BSN Completion Foundations.....	2
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Tier 2

Prereq's: Completion of Tier 1

NURS 4055 - Application of Evidence in Nursing Practice	3
<i>Satisfies USP COM3; Prereq's: STAT 2050/2070, COM1 & COM2</i>	
NURS 4630 - Public/Community Health	2
NURS 4830 - Leadership in Healthcare Today	2

Tier 3

Prereq's: Completion of Tier 2

NURS 4665 - Healthcare Informatics	3
NURS 4635 - Community as Client	2
NURS 4640 - Health Equity	2
NURS 4645 - Population Health.....	2
NURS 4675 - Healthcare Policy.....	2
NURS 4840 - Healthcare Systems	2

Tier 4

Prereq's: Completion of Tier 3, ReNEW ADN degree, & ALL Related Coursework

*Registration for these courses is granted only after completion of all Tier 1, 2, and 3 courses, ReNEW ADN degree, all related coursework, and formalizing enrollment.

NURS 4835 - Leading Nursing Practice	2
NURS 4845 - Innovation in Nursing Practice	2

EXIT POINT: This is the last class that a student will take in their degree program which can be taken concurrently with NURS 4835 & NURS 4845.

NURS 4855 - Contemporary Nursing Practice	2
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Total Nursing Coursework Hours: 28

MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE 120

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Thinking about applying to this program? Please email renew@uwyo.edu to speak with our Academic Advisor for more information!

- USP REQUIREMENTS are met via the ReNEW ADN, verification of approved US & WY Constitutions course, and NURS 4055.

ReNEW Nursing Curriculum

This four-semester program (after completion of the necessary prerequisites and acceptance into the program) is part of the statewide nursing curriculum Revolutionizing Nursing Education in Wyoming (ReNEW) which is designed as a baccalaureate curriculum with an ADN benchmark allowing students to sit for the NCLEX-RN (licensure exam) at the completion of the fourth semester. This curriculum allows students to complete an Associate Degree in Nursing, gain RN licensure and employment, and then transition seamlessly into the University of Wyoming for their senior year and complete a bachelor's degree.

The curriculum includes a balance of general education and nursing courses that assist students in acquiring the knowledge and skills to function as beginning practitioners of nursing. Students receive classroom instruction and coordinated clinical experience in the nursing care of patients in health care settings under the supervision and guidance of the nursing faculty. Clinical sites are in a variety of settings and travel may be required.

The nursing curriculum at Northern Wyoming Community College District is a leveled educational program to facilitate career mobility. The first two semesters provide a foundation for progression in the field of nursing and prepare the student to enter the second level of the nursing curriculum. At this point, after completion of the prerequisites and the first two semesters of the program, a student may choose to take the optional Practical Nursing Roles course which will give them the ability to earn a certificate and provide eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEXPN) and attain licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Upon completion of the 2-year program, the graduate earns an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) and attain licensure as a Registered Nurse. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Students are encouraged to contact the Nursing department directly for program-specific questions. Current Nursing students should refer to the respective catalog in which they began the Nursing program. Admission to the NWCCD Nursing Program is competitive and students must be in satisfactory academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for the nursing curriculum.

Revolutionizing Nursing Education in Wyoming (ReNEW) Common Statement: More and more nurses are completing their baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) in order to enhance their employment opportunities, facilitate career advancement and/or prepare for graduate education. ReNEW is a shared statewide curriculum providing a streamlined bridge from the associate degree in nursing to the BSN

The ReNEW program plan is a four-year, eight semester baccalaureate curriculum.

- You can start at one of the Wyoming community colleges and be dually enrolled at the University of Wyoming.
- Upon successful completion of the five-semester ADN benchmark, you are awarded an associate degree in nursing. Upon completion of the eight semesters, the BSN degree is awarded.
- The courses/clinical experiences needed to complete the BSN in year four are available through the university online so you do not have to leave home.
- NWCCD began the ReNEW curriculum August 2018.

HESI Admission Assessment Exam



With the HESI Admission Assessment Exam, you can test program applicants in three main academic areas — English Language, Math, Science — and two personal assessment areas. By gauging students' academic readiness and identifying learning and personality styles, you'll be able to admit the best prospective students to your nursing program.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (Each exam includes 55 test items - 50 scored and 5 pilot)

- **Reading Comprehension**

Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.

Recommended time: 60 minutes

- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge**

Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in health care fields.

Recommended time: 50 minutes

- **Grammar**

Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. *Recommended time: 50 minutes*

MATH (Exam includes 55 test items - 50 scored and 5 pilot)

- **Basic Math Skills**

Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. *Recommended time: 50 minutes*

SCIENCE (Each exam includes 30 test items - 25 scored and 5 pilot)

- **Anatomy and Physiology**

Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. *Recommended time: 25 minutes*

- **NOTE: BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY ARE NOT TESTED BY NWCCD NURSING**

REPORTING

Detailed diagnostic reports are provided for both prospective students and educators. Institutional summary reports are prepared for every school that administers the exam that includes composite scores, subject-area composite scores, and percentage scores. Individual student reports include scoring explanations and missed questions by topic for the Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, and Basic Math Skills questions.

STATISTICALLY VALID AND RELIABLE

Peer-reviewed research findings* indicate HESI Admission Assessment scores are valid predictors of student success and can therefore assist educators in the selection process and assist students in identifying and remediating academic weaknesses prior to entering a program.

** Knauss, P.J. and Wilson, P. (2013). Predicting Early Academic Success: HESI™ Admissions Assessment (A²) Exam. Journal of Professional Nursing, 29:25*
Chen, S. and Voyles, D. (2013). Admission Assessment (A2): Relationship to Student Retention. Journal of Professional Nursing, 29:25.

Underwood, L.M., Williams, L.L., and Lee, M.B. (2013). A Comparison of Baccalaureate Nursing Students' Pre-Admission Exam Scores and First Semester Course Outcomes. Chen, S. and Voyles, D. (2013). Admission Assessment (A2): Relationship to Student Retention. Journal of Professional Nursing, 29:5.

TARGETED REMEDIATION FOR STUDENTS

When the HESI Admission Assessment Exam is completed, applicants are provided personalized, electronic remediation content at no-cost. Remediation content is available for all of the exams. Remediation materials can be added to a printable study packet for review.

HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT (A2) EXAM FAQs

What is the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam? The HESI Admission Assessment, or HESI A2, is a computerized exam designed to assess the academic readiness of prospective students for higher education. Learn more [HESI - Elsevier Student Life](#).

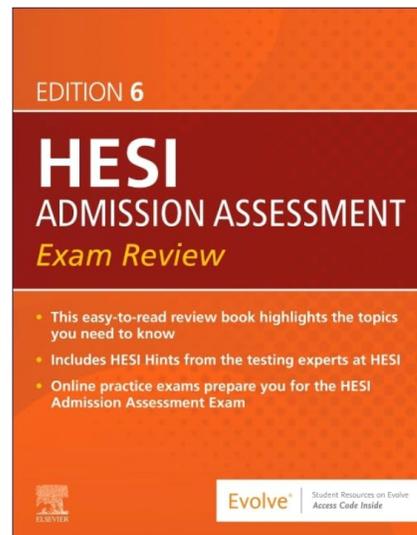
Where can I take the HESI A2 exam? The Sheridan College Testing Center offers HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2) testing in the Kooi Library located in the Griffith Memorial Building on the Sheridan Campus. Contact the Nursing Coordinator for scheduling instructions. Exams must be scheduled a minimum of 2 business days in advance of the desired test date.

What does the HESI A2 cost? The exam is \$75.00 and is paid at the Testing Center.

What should I bring with me? Bring only photo identification. Testing supplies will be issued, including paper and pencil. A basic calculator is provided. Lockers are provided for personal items. Students will be permitted short breaks if needed. Total time allotted to complete the exam is 6 hours.

How should I prepare? Elsevier publishes review materials for this exam that may be purchased directly through [Elsevier](#) or through your local bookstore. In addition, the study booklet, *Admission Assessment Exam Review* (Elsevier Health Services), may be available for check out at the college library. Visit <http://www.hesi-exam.com/hesi-a2-entrance-exam/> for further information and study materials.

The recommended review book is the HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 6th edition, 2024. ISBN-13: 978-0443114090



What is the passing score? In order to meet eligibility requirements students must achieve an overall cumulative score of 75%. Admission to the Nursing Program is highly competitive and is not guaranteed even if you meet a grade or test score criteria. Each applicant is evaluated on the strength of the credentials presented and judged against equally strong applicants. The higher your score, the stronger your application becomes. Official scores are obtained directly from Elsevier. Score results must be within the 12 month period up until the posted deadline—March 1st each year. Score results after this deadline will be considered for the next year's admission cycle.

What if I don't pass the HESI A2 the first time? Students have the option to retake the test one time within a 12 month timeframe. Students must wait 14 days between attempts. The HESI entrance exam scores must be less than one year old from the March 1 deadline of the current year. Scores from tests taken in violation of the 14 day rule are invalid. The Nursing Program uses the higher score to determine eligibility and ranking for acceptance.

Nursing Program Fee Estimate – 2026-2027
(Subject to Change)

Description	Per Semester	Total for Program
Acceptance Fee (refunded upon program start)		\$250
Tuition for 4 nursing classes (36 cr - 9 cr per semester/\$161 per cr)	\$1449	\$5,796
Program fee per semester	\$750	\$3,000
Simulation fee per semester	\$100	\$400
Standardized Testing Fee per semester (Elsevier/HESI)	\$145	\$580
Unit Testing Fee per year (ExamSoft)	\$80	\$160
End of Program NClex Review Course		\$200-450
Laptop Computer (no Chromebooks/iPads)		\$900
Uniforms and Supplies		\$550
Textbooks – one time purchase at start of program		\$1,700
CastleBranch Account – one time purchase at Orientation		\$242
Random Drug Screen		\$66
American Heart Association Providers BLS Certification		\$62
Immunizations, Titters, and Physical Exam – costs depend on student needs and choice of medical provider. Students are responsible for any/all costs to complete the requirements.		\$300
ESTIMATED Program Cost		\$14,206