

**ADMISSION TO THE TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

# Admission to the Traditional Undergraduate Program

Contact the Office of Admissions at 651-631-5111 or 800-827-6827, [admissions@unwsp.edu](mailto:admissions@unwsp.edu), or [unwsp.edu/admissions](http://unwsp.edu/admissions).

## Applying to Northwestern

Please arrange to have the following sent to the Office of Admissions:

- Biographical and essay portions of the application ([unwsp.edu](http://unwsp.edu)/apply)
- Official high school transcript
- ACT/SAT/CLT scores (Northwestern requests, but does not require, the writing section of the ACT exam.)

Prospective students who demonstrate potential to impact the university community through unique abilities, character, skills, or background will be shown preference in the admission process.

The university does not discriminate on grounds of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, or disability. Admission to University of Northwestern does not guarantee any unique or specific disability-related accommodations. Prospective students with such concerns should contact Disability Services at 651-631-5292 (see also page 8).

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL SEMESTER

The New Student application deadline is August 1. However, the university strongly recommends applying prior to May 1. Admission may close prior to the stated deadline.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING SEMESTER

The New Student application deadline is December 15. Admission may close prior to the stated deadline.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NURSING PROGRAM

March 16.

## Admission Criteria

The following are criteria for admission to Northwestern's traditional undergraduate program:

1. Evidence of a new birth in Jesus Christ.
2. Likelihood of a successful university experience.
3. High school/home school diploma or GED certificate.
4. Transcripts for all courses attempted, whether high school or college.
5. A minimum 2.50 high school cum GPA for all non-transfer applicants or transfer applicants without a post-high school collegiate GPA.
6. A minimum 2.50 cumulative post-high school collegiate GPA for all transfer applicants.
7. A minimum 2.75 cumulative post-high school collegiate GPA for all post-baccalaureate applicants.
8. ACT/SAT/CLT scores for all non-transfer applicants (requested, not required).
9. TOEFL/IELTS/PTE/Duolingo scores as applicable (see Admission of International Students).
10. Ability to contribute to the University of Northwestern "community of excellence."
11. Willingness to contribute to and abide by the patterns of life and conduct of the Northwestern community as outlined in the Declaration of Christian Community found in the application packet and the "Community Guidelines" in the Student Handbook.

## Final High School Transcript

The requirement to receive a student's final high school transcript will be waived in the following instances:

- The student has earned a previous bachelor's degree.
- The student is (1) a transfer student and (2) has completed 60+ collegiate credits that are transferable to Northwestern.

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## Transitional Admission

A limited number of students with below-standard academic credentials may be transitionally admitted, pending an additional review process. Students with GPA of 2.66 or below, if admitted, must be enrolled in certain required classes and will be connected with Academic Achievement staff. Transitional admittance will be applied to transfer students on a case-by-case basis.

Transitionally admitted student requirements will include:

- First-semester enrollment in **Study Strategies course (STS0009)**, which must be successfully completed or repeated in the next semester
- Registration for no more than 15 credits per semester
- Participation in no more than one co-curricular activity per semester
- An assigned co-advisor through Academic Achievement

Other developmental courses may be required of students whose ACT or SAT scores or high school cum GPA in specific categories do not meet the minimum requirements. Transitionally admitted students are required to take the following lab courses as applicable for their academic program requirements:

- **ENG1105L** if ACT English score is 18 or below or ACT English/Writing score is 6 or below (SAT EBRW score of 480 or below or CLT Grammar/Writing score of 20 or below) or if the student's high school cum GPA is 2.66 or below.
- **MAT1005L or MAT1035L** if ACT Math score is 17 or below (SAT Math score of 470 or below or CLT Quantitative Reasoning score of 19 or below) or if the student's high school cum GPA is 2.66 or below.
- **RDG0009** if ACT Reading score is 17 or below (SAT EBRW score of 480 or below or CLT Verbal Reasoning score of 18 or below) or if the student's high school cum GPA is 2.66 or below. An exception is new transfer students who have 30 or more cumulative earned college-level credits at the time of matriculation to Northwestern.

## Admission of Non-Degree Seeking Students

The Non-Degree Seeking Student classification at University of Northwestern is designed for persons who desire to enroll for selected courses but do not intend to complete a certificate or degree program. The Office of Admissions will provide an abbreviated form of the application to students applying for this status.

Admission as a Non-Degree Seeking Student does not imply eligibility to complete a certificate or degree program, does not imply eligibility for financial aid, and does not grant eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

## Admission of International Students

The university is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students. In addition to the regular admission criteria outlined on pages 12–14, additional admission procedures are necessary for students who are not citizens of the United States. Evidence of sufficient financial resources must be presented prior to admission and before student visa arrangements can be made. International students are encouraged to have all processes completed by April 1 for fall semester enrollment.

For those whose native language is not English (e.g., International Student, Refugee, Political Asylee, Permanent Resident, or Non-resident Alien), English language proficiency must be demonstrated by taking one of the following exams:

- A minimum score of 530 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 197 on the computer-based TOEFL, or 71 on the Internet-based TOEFL.
- A minimum score of six on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
- A minimum score of 50 on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE).
- A minimum score of 100 on the Duolingo English Test (approved for fall 2020 to summer 2024 admission to UNW).

The TOEFL/IELTS/PTE/Duolingo requirement may be waived for the following reasons:

- Student is from a recognized English-speaking country (see Admissions for a list of identified countries).
- Student has successfully completed an English writing course with a grade of C- or better and has earned a minimum of 12 credits from an accredited U.S. college/university.

In the absence of any ACT/SAT score or writing placement examination or if the student's high school cum GPA is 2.66 or below, all students for whom English is not the first language are required to start their English composition sequence with ENG1105 and LAN1105L.

## Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)

The state-funded PSEO program offers Minnesota high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to achieve academic goals early by earning college credit while in high school.

Northwestern offers online, on-site, and on-campus courses that are approved for high-school students' participation through PSEO.

Admission as a PSEO student does not imply eligibility to complete a certificate or degree program, eligibility for financial aid, or eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

Contact an admission counselor for Dual Enrollment at 651-631-5126 or 800-827-6827. See also pages 38 and 143.

## Early College

High school juniors and seniors who are residents outside the State of Minnesota and who would like to take summer courses or take non state-approved courses can earn college credit while in high school through the Early College program.

Admission as an Early College student does not imply eligibility to complete a certificate or degree program, eligibility for financial aid, or eligibility to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

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## Admission of PSEO and Early College Students

The following are the qualifications for Northwestern's **Online and On-site PSEO and Early College programs**:

1. High school cum GPA of 2.75
2. ACT/PLAN/PreACT score of at least 18, ACT Aspire score of at least 427, or SAT/PSAT score of at least 940. Additional assessments for home and private school students—contact Admissions for these other accepted tests.
3. Cumulative university GPA of 2.0 or higher to stay in the program

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The application deadline for the fall semester is July 15.  
 The application deadline for the spring semester is December 1.  
 The application deadline for the summer semester is April 15 (Early College).

The following are the qualifications for Northwestern's **on-campus PSEO and Early College programs**:

1. Minimum high school cum GPA of 3.3
2. ACT/PLAN/PreACT score of at least 22, ACT Aspire score of at least 434, or SAT/PSAT score of at least 1090
3. Ability to commute to and from Northwestern's campus; residential option available to seniors who will be 17 by the first day of class
4. Demonstrate an excellent "fit" with the Northwestern community as determined by the Admission Committee
5. Junior or senior in high school and at least 15 years old at the time of enrollment
6. Enroll in a minimum of six on-campus credits at Northwestern (once admitted into the program)
7. Cumulative university GPA of 3.0 or higher to stay in the program

The application deadline for the fall semester is April 1 for priority consideration or June 1 for regular consideration.

The application deadline for the spring semester is November 15.

**Credit by Examination (AP/CLEP/DSST/IB)**

Credit for selected courses may be secured by students who demonstrate competency by means of scores on standardized examinations such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College

Level Examination Program (CLEP), and DSST, or by locally constructed examinations (see also page 46). A student may receive a maximum of 32 credits by these means. Specific information, including courses and requirements, may be secured from the Registrar.  
 Credits may not be earned through CLEP or DSST examinations whose content duplicates credit previously earned.

Further information is available at [unwsp.edu/academics/registrar/credit-by-examination/](http://unwsp.edu/academics/registrar/credit-by-examination/).

**Credits – Other**

The American Council on Education's (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service and the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) evaluate civilian and military training and education programs and examinations offered outside the traditional classroom setting and translate them into college credit equivalencies. University of Northwestern considers the credit recommendations from ACE and NCCRS for possible awarding of credit.

**Readmission**

Students wishing to be readmitted after an absence of one semester or more must complete the re-enrollment form. This form can be accessed at [unwsp.edu/registrar](http://unwsp.edu/registrar).

A student who has been academically suspended may petition for readmission to the university two semesters after termination using the Re-enrollment form. Summer sessions are not counted in the required two semesters. Evidence must be supplied to support the request. The best evidence is university-level academic courses with above-average grades.

## University Costs

University of Northwestern offers quality education, comfortable housing, and excellent meals at the lowest possible cost. Charges listed are for the 2023–2024 school year.

**Nursing Tuition & Related Charges****TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE PER SEMESTER****SUMMER 2023 TUITION**

12–18 billed credits . . . . .	\$17,245
Per credit 19 or over . . . . .	\$950
Per credit 11 or fewer . . . . .	\$1,475

**FALL, SPRING, SUMMER 2023–2024 TUITION**

12–18 billed credits . . . . .	\$17,985
Per credit 19 or over . . . . .	\$975
Per credit 11 or fewer . . . . .	\$1,520

**POST-BACCALAUREATE PER SEMESTER (FALL, SPRING, SUMMER)**

(per NUR credit) . . . . .	\$645
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NURSING ADMINISTRATIVE FEE* . . . . .	\$2,000
(one-time, non-refundable)	

CLINICAL FEE (per clinical course) . . . . .	\$260
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CLINICAL MAKEUP FEE (per hour) . . . . .	\$50
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NURSING ATI FEE (per term) . . . . .	\$700
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TRANSCULTURAL TRIP FEE . . . . .	\$1,500
(per terms 1, 2, and 3. First-time enrolled only. Students exiting the nursing program prior to scheduled trip may request refund on the Transcultural Trip Fee. Amount returned is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.)	

\*Nursing Administrative Fee and Student Activity Fee do not apply to Post-Baccalaureate students.