The Associate Degree Nursing program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate competency in providing nursing care in a variety of health care settings and for employment as a registered nurse. The five semester program incorporates face to face and online coursework, labs, and clinicals to prepare the student to function as a member of the healthcare team. Students must meet all admission criteria prior to being admitted to the nursing program. After meeting admission criteria, students are given the first available seat in the nursing program. Policies regulating the nursing program are available in the Student Nurse Handbook.

Application to the RN program
- Apply to Northwest State Community College
- Apply to RN program (separate application)
- Submit high school and other college transcripts

Admission to the RN program
Admission criteria must be met in order to obtain a seat in the nursing program. After meeting admission criteria, students are given the first available seat in the clinical program.

Admission Criteria includes:
- High school graduate or GED
- GPA ≥ 2.5
- Test into college level math and English per ACT or COMPASS or take recommended courses
- High school biology and chemistry with labs with final grade of “B”, or “C” with ACT science of ≥ 24, or equivalent college courses with “C” or better
- Computer and Keyboard proficiency through coursework or testing
- NLN preadmission exam (PAX) with a relative score (percentile) ≥50 on each of 3 sections

Courses required for admission cannot be repeated for a satisfactory grade more than one time.

Upon Acceptance
The applicant must submit: Nursing Acceptance deposit fee ($100.00) to hold a seat in the assigned clinical course.

Following acceptance into the program and prior to starting NRS107 clinical, students must meet health and immunization requirements and obtain CPR by taking either the American Heart Association CPR, Health Care Providers series or the American Red Cross, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and be a state tested nursing assistant- STNA. A BCII criminal background check and drug screen must be completed prior to beginning the program.

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Integrates knowledge from physical, biological, behavioral and nursing sciences and general studies in providing comprehensive nursing care.
2. Integrates the nursing process to maintain, restore, and promote health of individuals, families, and groups of all ages in a variety of settings.
3. Incorporates principles and techniques of effective interpersonal relationships with clients, colleagues, and health team members.
4. Adapts nursing practice to reflect the worth and dignity of clients within the ethical-legal obligations of associate degree nursing.
5. Assumes responsibility for continued learning and personal growth in nursing practice.
6. Accepts accountability and responsibility to clients, to the nursing profession, and to society for own nursing practice.
7. Analyzes the past, present and emerging roles of the associate degree nurse.
8. Applies concepts of leadership and management in utilizing human and material resources for nursing practice as an associate degree nurse.