Northland Community and Technical College
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Checklist for Canadian Students interested in the AD Nursing program in
Thief River Falls, Minnesota, USA

1. International application needs to be completed @
   http://www.northlandcollege.edu/apply/international/
   Print out, sign, and mail to Northland College

2. Certification of finances needs to be completed @
   http://www.northlandcollege.edu/apply/international/

   Go to the nursing web page, choose the Nursing program AS.
   You will see our program referred to as AS or AD. Both mean the same, The degree is an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Some use AS (Associate of Science) but you will hear nursing programs throughout Minnesota referring to the degree as an Associate Degree in Nursing (AD). It is a program that prepares you to take the licensure examination for Registered Nurse.
   Choose: Apply to AD nursing program

4. Immunization form needs to be completed

5. Official transcripts of all colleges you’ve attended and your high school need to be sent

Once all of these steps are completed, you will receive an I-20 in the mail. This will be your “Student Visa” to get back and forth across the border when you are taking courses.
If you are only taking online courses, you will still need an I-20 to prove your ability to be able to pay for your course work.
General considerations for Canadian Students:

1. You will need to be licensed as a LPN in the United States or Canada to be able to start the AD nursing courses and to be accepted into the program.

2. Most students do NOT come with English Composition I from Canada.
   - Many students have been taking our assessment tests for free at Northland College to see how they score on Math and English. Call Northland College to set up a date and time to take your “Accuplacer Assessment Test”. 1-800-959-6282
   - If the student does well enough on the English Accuplacer test, they then go to the University of North Dakota and take a CLEP exam in the English area. Many of the students are passing this and receiving 3 credits for it. If they pass it, they do not have to take Composition I. The cost to take this exam is approximately $80.00. It is handled through the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, MN. Telephone # for the University of North Dakota is: 1-800-CALL-UND.
   - If you have taken Introduction to the University at the University of Manitoba, and received a B or better, we may take that for the Composition I. You would need to check with the registrar’s office to be sure.

3. Chemistry
   - Most of our students from Canada do not have chemistry. We require a 4 credit chemistry with a lab component, college level. We highly recommend our Survey of Chemistry course that pertains specifically to our nursing program
   - You need either a College Level Math course, or an Accuplacer Assessment Score for Arithmetic greater than or equal to 50 and an Elementary Algebra assessment score greater than or equal to 60, in order to take our Survey of Chemistry course. Dr. Kristel Kizer teaches this course on the TRF campus. Dr. Kizer has all her lectures online and students have the choice to come to campus for lecture or to listen to her voice over powerpoint lectures at home. She is willing to work with students regarding limiting the number of times a student needs to attend for labs. Right now on her schedule it states you need to be on campus weekly for labs. But she is very willing to “bunch” labs together for you so you will not need to travel as many days during the semester. Her contact information is Kristel.kizer@northlandcollege.edu

4. Anatomy and Physiology:
   - Most of the Canadian students are coming with 6 credits of Anatomy and Physiology I and 6 credits of Anatomy and Physiology II. We are taking that for our Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, and for Advanced Physiology.
   - If you plan to take a chemistry course in Winnipeg, just check it out with our registrars office at our college to be sure we will accept it for transfer credit. 1-800-959-6282.
Other things to consider:

1. We have a selection process for our program. The criteria for our selection process can be found at our website at: [http://www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing/](http://www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing/)
   Typically you will need approximately 12 to 13 points for the Thief River Falls program, but it will depend upon the # of candidates.

2. I am suggesting that you get all of your general education courses done online prior to starting your RN classes. This will increase your chance of selection, and will also lighten your load once you are in the program.

3. Our program has a total of 21 RN nursing credits (once general education courses completed).

**Regarding RN licensure when you complete our program:**

1. You must first take the NCLEX-RN licensure board exam in the United States and get licensed as a RN in the US. Cost is approximately $300.00. You typically will be able to take your licensure exam within 30 days of graduation. Our tests are computerized and are taken at specific testing sites throughout the United States, (including Minnesota and North Dakota). You will end up with between 75 and 260 questions on your computerized examination. Your results will be available online within 24 to 48 hours.

2. You do NOT need to work in the US first in order to get licensed in Canada.

3. You will need to contact the CRNM in Canada regarding testing for a Canadian licensure. The CRNM will be doing an educational equivalency called IQAS that will evaluate your educational schooling at NCTC and be sure it is equivalent to the educational requirements in Canada. (We have had no problems with this in the past)

4. Typically, Canada sits for RN boards in May and October. You will NOT make the May deadline. You should plan for the October deadline for boards in Canada.

5. There is a CRNE prep guide for your Canadian RN boards that you can purchase to get ready for the Canadian boards. You can get this information either from the University of Canada or from the CNE website.

Please realize that the AD nursing program takes no responsibility for licensure in Canada. The information that is found on this handout has been received from the CRNM in Canada. It is subject to change and the college is NOT responsible for any information that may not be accurate on this page. We would however, request that if you find out information that is different than this, that you contact our department so we can update this information sheet for other students.
Please visit our web site at
http://www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing
or contact the AD Nursing department in TRF
at 1-800-959-6282 ext. 8737
if you have any questions about our program.

I would enjoy visiting with you either personally or by phone.

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