After completion of your PN education, the Associate Degree-Practical Nurse Mobility Program may be right for you!

THANK YOU... for your interest in our AD-PN Mobility Nursing Program.

Whether you are working as a Licensed Practical Nurse or completing a PN program, all the rewards of caring for people will confirm that you made the right choice in the nursing profession. But if you find yourself wanting more responsibility, better pay, and easier access to jobs, you may be ready to move from an LPN to an RN.

Our unique program enables LPN’s in the region to become RN’s in just two to three semesters (after completion of AD-PN Mobility Nursing program and successful licensure examination (NCLEX-RN)). By reaching out to area communities, we’ve helped hundreds of nurses realize their career goals through greater education.

APPROVED PROGRAM: Our AD-PN Mobility Nursing Program has been approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing since 1978.

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION: We are pleased to announce that we are a Candidate for National Accreditation from the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission. We have a site visit scheduled for February 10-12, 2010. The site visit will determine our achievement of National Accreditation. Any student in the program at the time of the confirmation of accreditation will be able to say that they graduated from a Nationally Accredited School.

Why choose Northland Community & Technical College’s nursing program?

We Build on What You Already Know
Northland College and several other Minnesota schools that offer nursing degrees have made your credits fully transferable among them. This makes it easy for LPN’s to move on to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. If desired, students may then continue on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing and even a Master’s Degree in Nursing.
Ability to Transfer
Northland College works collaboratively with Bemidji State University, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, Minnesota State University-Mankato, and the University of North Dakota to facilitate transfer into their Bachelor of Science Nursing Programs.

Convenience
The core nursing and science classes are offered at Northland Community and Technical College on the Thief River Falls, East Grand Forks and Mahnomen campuses. Classes are typically offered in a block schedule. Clinical sites are located in Crookston, Grand Forks, Roseau, and Thief River Falls. We also have a program on the White Earth Indian Reservation with clinicals in Fosston.

Qualified Faculty
Our knowledgeable nursing faculties have education plus professional clinical experience. See our web page to learn more about our faculty members:
http://www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing

Strong Academic Reputation
Northland’s Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program is accredited/approved by the North Central Higher Learning Commission and the Minnesota Board of Nursing. The program has begun the steps required for candidacy with the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission and hope to become fully accredited by spring 2010.

Satisfaction
“My education at Northland was challenging and rewarding.
I feel prepared to enter the profession of nursing.”
Nursing Graduate

“Teachers are incredible - so caring, thoughtful and patient with all of us. I could never have succeeded without my instructors.”
Nursing Graduate

“I have nothing but positive things to say about Northland graduates.”
Nursing Director

“The care I received from the nursing student was outstanding!”
Patient

We are a small nursing program with a big heart! Faculty members often retain lifelong relationships with past students. We are committed to educating the best nurses.

Please visit our web site at http://www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing or contact the AD Nursing department at 1-800-959-6282 ext. 8737 if you have any questions about our program. We would enjoy visiting with you either personally or by phone.

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Nursing – AS 64 Cr
East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls/Mahnomen

Associate in Science Nursing Program:
The Practical Nursing graduate may seek to enter Northlands’ Associate Degree Nursing program. The Practical Nursing graduate needs to be licensed as a LPN within 6 weeks of the beginning of the program. Practical Nursing graduates are awarded 13 PN credits towards the first year of the AD Nursing program. After prerequisites are met, students can complete the full time program in 2 semesters (fall and spring) and the part-time program in 3 semesters (spring, fall, and spring). Students are then eligible to apply to take the national licensing examination to become a Registered Nurse (RN). Graduates of the AD-PN Mobility nursing program may articulate to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. Students planning to apply for admission to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program should complete the application requirements on the web page at www.northlandcollege.edu/programs/nursing. Applications must be received by February 1 of each year to be considered for priority admission for the fall full time program and by September 1 to be considered for the spring part-time program.

Employment Opportunities
Graduates are employed in acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, rehabilitation hospitals, clinics, and other health care facilities. There is currently a nursing shortage throughout the United States. This shortage will increase in the next 5 to 10 years. Employment opportunities are excellent at this time and in the future.
### Nursing – AS 64 Cr

**East Grand Forks, Thief River Falls**

#### Course Descriptions

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<td>This course uses classroom instruction, small group discussion &amp; lab experiences to develop student's ability to utilize the nursing process as a framework for completing holistic nursing assessments, identifying health needs across the life span, &amp; developing individualized interventions. Theory emphasizes the principles and rationales of professional nursing skills necessary to problem solve relative to diverse situations. Prerequisites: Admission to AD RN program.</td>
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<td>This course describes and examines psychosocial issues, human responses to illness and theories related to the development of mental health and illnesses. Utilizing the therapeutic communication process, students will learn to assist patients as they adapt to alterations in health. Psychopharmacological and other therapeutic interventions are considered in the nursing care of patients/clients experiencing mental health concerns. Prerequisites: Admission to AD RN program.</td>
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<td>This course is designed to build on concepts, knowledge and skills introduced in practical nursing programs and the supporting sciences. A major focus is on the independent, delegated and collaborative nursing interventions administered to assist the individual back to homeostasis. Specific health topics include reproductive health and those that affect the body’s cellular metabolism and defense systems. Components of physical assessment, physiology and adaptation are incorporated. Prerequisites: Admission to AD RN program.</td>
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<td>This course will prepare the student to function in the clinical setting as a professional nurse with emphasis on utilization of the nursing process and therapeutic relationships. Prerequisites: Admission to AD RN program. Co/prerequisites: NURS2110, NURS2121, NURS2123, &amp; College level chemistry course.</td>
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<td>This course will prepare the student to function as in the clinical setting as a professional nurse with emphasis advanced nursing skills, leadership and team building capabilities. Prerequisites: NURS2110, NURS2125</td>
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<td>(Fulfills MNTC Area: 3) Introduction to fundamental theories, principles and methods of microbiology. Structure, effects of physical factors, and inhibition and killing of microorganisms will be studied. Microbial interactions with humans and their immune systems are introduced. The students are familiarized with concepts in environmental microbiology, evolution and microbial species diversity as well as the necessary laboratory techniques needed to study those organisms. Prerequisites: None</td>
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<td>(Fulfills MNTC Areas: 3, 10) An advanced course designed to acquaint the student with the structure, function, and disease processes of cellular physiology, homeostasis, integumentary, respiration, lymphatic, immunity, heart, blood, joints, skeletal and muscular systems in the human body. This course will also investigate the impact of environmental influence on the human body as well as the effects of the environment and genetics on disease processes. This course is designed to assist the student in developing a basic understanding of the normal structure and function of the body. Prerequisites: One of the following: BIOL1111, BIOL1004, admission to an Allied Health program, instructor permission.</td>
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<td>(Fulfills MNTC Areas: 3, 10) An advanced course designed to acquaint the student with the structure, function, and disease processes of: nerve tissue, central nervous, endocrine, digestion, nutrition, urinary, reproduction, development and genetic systems in the human body. This course will also investigate the impact of environmental influence on the human body as well as the effects of the environment and genetics on disease processes. Prerequisites: One of the following: BIOL1111, BIOL1004, admission to an Allied Health program, instructor permission.</td>
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BIOL 2256  Advanced Physiology  2
(Fulfills MNTC Area:  3)  A course designed to increase the students understanding of the mechanisms involved in the normal functioning of the human body, with lesser emphasis regarding the effects of disease on that function. Focus is on the interaction and integration of body processes. This course requires a thorough knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology. Prerequisites: BIOL2254, or instructor permission.

CHEM 2205  Survey of Chemistry  4  3/1/0
(Fulfills MNTC Area:  3)  This survey of chemistry course is intended for students entering nursing and health science fields. This is a comprehensive survey course covering the basics of general chemistry to introduce organic chemistry and biochemistry needed for the advanced physiology course. Three hours lecture and two hours of lab are included in the course. Prerequisites: Arithmetic assessment score greater than or equal to 50 and an Elementary Algebra assessment score greater than or equal to 60.

ENGL 1111  Composition I  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Areas:  1, 2)  The course is an introduction to college-level writing, focusing on descriptive, narrative, and expository essays. One essay will be a research paper using an appropriate documentation format. Prerequisites: ENGL0090, or appropriate writing assessment test score.

PSYC 2201  Developmental Psychology  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Area:  5)  This class studies the physical, behavioral, and emotional development of the individual through the life span, with a focus on the theories and stages of development. This course is open to all students. Prerequisites: PSYC1105 are strongly recommended prior to enrolling in this course.

SPCH 1101  Intro to Public Speaking  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Areas:  1, 2)  This course is designed to increase the student’s skill in oral communication of thoughts to an audience. It includes the selection and evaluation of topics and source materials for public speaking, the composition and organization of speech, and effective presentation techniques. Prerequisites: None

ANTH 2202  Cultural Anthropology  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Areas:  5, 8)  A study of the richness of human cultural diversity and the creativity of adaptation strategies to the physical and social environments. Particular attention is directed to the methods used in cultural anthropology and to the functions and diversity of social institutions such as family, religious, economic, and political organization, as well as other major cultural features. Prerequisites: None

PSYC 2215  Abnormal Psychology  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Area:  5)  This course provides an examination of major personality maladjustment and disorganization with primary emphasis on causes, diagnostic criteria, and treatment approaches. Prerequisites: PSYC1105 or instructors’ permission.

SOCI 1101  Intro to Sociology  3  3/0/0
(Fulfills MNTC Areas:  5, 7)  This course is designed to introduce the student to the sociological perspective and the basic concepts of sociology to enhance understanding of the larger society and its influence on the individual. Prerequisites: None
ESTIMATED COSTS for the AD Nursing Program  
2009/2010

*Resident Tuition and Fees Per Credit* 
(subject to change)

$184.01: Nursing credits with fees  
$164.01: General education credits with fees  
$215.81: Online courses with fees

*Approximate Costs for the AD Nursing Program*

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$7200 Estimated Total Cost
AD Nursing Course Schedule For Spring or Fall Starts

- The AD nursing program admits students in the fall and the spring of each year. The spring start is actually an “early” start since 5 of the credits are taken in the spring instead of in the fall semester. This is a nice option for those who need to work.

- Both groups graduate together in May of the following year.
- Our courses are “block” scheduled to facilitate less travel time for our students.
- The following are the nursing courses that are required. If you need to fulfill any of your general education courses, those would be added to your schedule.

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<td><strong>Spring Semester: 5 credits</strong></td>
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Admission Procedure

Students applying for admission to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program are chosen competitively. Before a student completes the application to the AD nursing program, the student must register to be accepted as a student to Northland Community and Technical College.

Once a student has been accepted to the college, he/she can then apply as a candidate for the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program itself. Go to www.northlandcollege.edu/nursing
Choose AS and select “apply to AD-PN Mobility Nursing program”.

Students applying for admission to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing Program are chosen on a competitive basis. We look at GPA in science courses (Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, which are prerequisites, and Advanced Physiology and Chemistry which are pre/co-requisites). There are also 5 co-requisites that need to be completed prior to graduation. We give credit for the required classes that have been completed prior to application to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program.

Top priority is given for grades previously achieved in the required pre/co-sciences and the number of co-requisites already completed. Research has shown that success in the Registered Nursing Program is directly correlated to GPA in the sciences. The following table shows how your point system will be determined, and will give you an idea of how you might increase your chances for selection during the next application process. Be aware that the cut off point for selection is directly related to the number of applicants and their points achieved. It may be higher or lower, depending upon the applicant pool.

Actual selection to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing Program is determined by a Selection Committee that consists of: the AD-PN Mobility Nursing Director, a Nursing Faculty Member, a Faculty Member from the Science Department, and personnel from Student Services.

The selection committee reviews each applicant and verifies the scores before selection is made. Be aware that the information we use for the selection process is determined directly by your transcripts. Be sure that you keep your transcripts up to date at the college. For example: If you apply for the program deadline of February 1st in November, your transcripts will not show classes that you are taking at another college during the spring semester. It is your responsibility to keep your transcripts updated so you can get additional points towards the selection process. We have no way of knowing that you are currently taking a course at a college other than NCTC that could be counted towards your selection ranking unless you have your transcripts updated and sent to us while you are taking that course. Call or e-mail Sue Field (Director of AD-PN Mobility Nursing) if you have any questions on the selection process. sue.field@northlandcollege.edu or phone 1-800-959-6282 ext 8737

Application Deadline for Spring start is September 1st with letters of acceptance or rejection letters mailed by October 31st. Deadline for Fall start is February 1st with letters of acceptance or rejection mailed by March 31st.
### Points for Admission to AD-PN Mobility Nursing Program

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| Grade in Anatomy and Physiology I | A= 3 points  
B= 2 points  
C= 1 point  
Z= 0.5 points |
| Grade in Anatomy and Physiology II | A= 3 points  
B= 2 points  
C= 1 point  
Z= 0.5 points |
| Grade in Microbiology | A= 3 points  
B= 2 points  
C= 1 point  
Z= 0.5 points |

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<th>Science Grades Co-requisites</th>
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| Grade in Chemistry | A= 3 points  
B= 2 points  
C= 1 point  
Z= 0.5 points |
| Grade in Advanced Physiology | A= 3 points  
B= 2 points  
C= 1 point  
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| • Prerequisite: Composition I  
Speech | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
| Chemistry: only Survey of Chemistry receives 1 point in this area. | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
| Advanced Physiology | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
| Social Science  
Prerequisite: Development Psych  
For 1 point choose between:  
• Cultural Anthropology  
• Abnormal Psych OR  
• Intro to Sociology | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
| Humanities | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
| Electives: Most students will receive 1 point without taking additional courses. Students need an elective if they do not have a total of 30 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum credits. | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points  
Z = 0.5 points |
Question: Regarding the selection process, how many points will I need to actually get into the program?

Answer: The selection is determined by the quality and the quantity of the candidates in the pool. Points for admission ranged around 16 points for the EGF site and 15 points for the TRF site in 2008 and 2009. For spring of 2010 they dropped to 13 points. This is totally dependent upon the quality and quantity of applicants in the pool.

We cannot tell ahead of time what the pool of candidates will look like for the next start date. Be sure if you take ANY of the co-requisite classes during the semester that the selection process is occurring, that you send an updated transcript PRIOR to the application deadline. If you are currently taking a co-requisite, you will be able to get 1/2 point for currently taking it. That may be enough to get you selected above someone else. Remember, we have no way of knowing that you are currently registered to take a course from a college other than NCTC unless you send us an updated transcript.

**Preadmission Math Test**

As a program, we understand how vitally important it is for registered nurses to be able to perform critical thinking as it relates to administration of medications. An extremely important component of this process is accurately determining medication dosages. To assure safety to the clients, the student is required to pass a math competency test prior to acceptance in the AD-PN Mobility nursing program.

Prior to acceptance into the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program, you will be required to pass a math exam. Calculators may be used. You must pass the math exam by 80%. You may take the examination as many times as you feel is necessary. If you do not successfully pass the exam, you will not be considered for acceptance into the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.

A math CD and math workbook can be purchased in the bookstore at either campus to help in your preparation for the exam. For those who would prefer to take a course to prepare them for the math knowledge needed for this test, Math 1003, Math Applications for Nurses (2 credits) is offered at both campuses. A passing score on the math exam is valid for 18 months. If it has been over 18 months since you passed the math exam, you will be required to retake the exam and receive 80% or above in order to be considered for entrance to the AD-PN Mobility Nursing program.
General Program Requirements

1. To be eligible for an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, all students must fulfill the general requirements of Northland Community and Technical College, as well as those specific to the nursing program. Nursing courses must be completed in the sequence stated. Although not recommended, only those courses not contained in the "core curriculum" may be taken after completion of the nursing curriculum.

2. Core curriculum courses include:
   - Chemistry 2205 - Survey of Chemistry or any college level chemistry,
     - Successful completion of this course is required prior to enrolling in your last semester of nursing courses.
   - Biology 2256 - Advanced Physiology
   - All nursing classes

3. A minimum of 64 semester credits must be earned prior to graduation.

4. Students must obtain a minimum of a "C" in all required program courses to successfully complete the nursing program.

5. Students must be evaluated for possession of the nursing abilities outlined by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and submit learning activities in the clinical setting record prior to completion of the nursing program.

6. All students must be graduates of a state-approved or Canadian-approved practical nursing program and have successfully completed the licensing exam prior to beginning the program. Only those students graduating in August of the fall semester in which they plan to attend will have until September 30 of that year to successfully complete the NCLEX-PN. Students graduating in December and attending the spring semester part-time program, will have until February 1 to successfully complete the NCLEX-PN. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis.
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a computer?
A: Yes, all AD nursing classes are internet assisted. You will need a computer and internet access from home.

Q: How are clinical site assignments determined?
A: All acceptance letters are mailed out on the same day. Along with the acceptance letters, there is a list of items that we will need to receive from you including current CPR certification, record of immunization status (Mantoux, DT, Rubella, Rubeola, Chickenpox, Hepatitis vaccination series), and acceptance form. Once we have received ALL of the information required, you will be able to select which site you prefer for clinicals. The clinical sites will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis according to the post mark on the material required for the program.

Q: Which chemistries do you accept?
A: We accept any 4 credit college level chemistry but you should know the differences between the different chemistries. We recommend the Survey of Chemistry Course, Chem 2205. You receive one extra point for taking the Survey of Chemistry course that you will not receive for any other chemistry course.

Chemistry 2205: Survey of Chemistry
The Survey of Chemistry course is intended for students entering the nursing and health science fields. This is a comprehensive survey course covering the basics of general chemistry and introduces organic chemistry and biochemistry needed for the Advanced Physiology course which is also required for the AD nursing program. Survey of Chemistry is geared directly to nursing students and to nursing applications in the clinical area. An assessment score for math of 60 is needed for Survey of Chemistry compared to 85 needed to take the Intro to Chemistry classes.

We do accept Intro to Chemistry and most other college level chemistry which have a lab. Check with the director of AD-PN Mobility Nursing program if you have questions. Information on Intro to Chemistry is listed below.

Intro to Chemistry: Chemistry 1020
This course is designed to provide the student with an understanding of principals and theories of chemistry, atomic and molecular structure, elements, compounds, mixtures, the periodic table, the nature of gasses, liquids and solid states, and chemical reactions. This is a 4 credit course which may require higher math assessment scores. This course is not specifically oriented to nursing.
Financial Aid information for Spring Start Students:

If you are accepted into the spring start, you will only have 5 credits. You need 6 credits for financial aid.

If you are planning on going on in your educational career, you may want to take an additional class in fulfillment of your future goals.

Costs for the First Semester

- The first semester you will have a one-time charge of approximately $350 for Assessment Technology Institute. You will be using this program throughout the AD nursing program along with up to one year after you graduate to help prepare you for NCLEX-RN boards.

- We also have you purchase ALL of your books ($400 - $500) the first semester and we use those books throughout our program.

- That first semester will be an expensive one financially for you.

- For Spring Start students who only have 5 credits: Because of the additional costs that first semester, you might be wondering what additional classes you can take in order to be able to get financial aid (if you have all of your co-requisite general education course work completed).

- The following page has information for you that will help in determining what courses to take that would be credited towards your financial aid. If you choose to double major with an Associate Degree in Nursing PLUS an Associate of Arts Degree, you must fill out a Change in Student Status form. This will enable financial aid to cover both your AD in nursing degree along with your AA degree.
Continuing On In Your Educational Path: Plan Ahead

Many of our students will choose to take extra classes in order to later go on for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing. As a registered nurse, continuing education options are available towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in our area. There are 3 Universities in our area to serve you. These Universities include Bemidji State University, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, and the University of North Dakota-GF.

For more information about Bemidji State University (BSU)

- [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/nursing/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/nursing/)
- If you decide to go to BSU
  - double major at NCTC with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree along with your Associate of Science (AS) degree in nursing.
  - Talk to the registrar regarding the other Minnesota Transfer Curriculum courses you would need to complete an AA degree.
  - Be sure to do a **change in student status form** to notify the college that you will be obtaining a 2nd degree. The change in student status form helps to ensure that financial aid will cover the AA degree course work.
- BSU’s BSN program has block scheduled courses on campus and some online. The program has 41 credits of upper division nursing courses for the BSN. Information for the BSN programs are subject to change. Be sure to refer to the webpage above for updates and changes.
- **Contact Information:**
  - Marlene Erickson
  - Department of Nursing Secretary
  - merickson@bemidjistate.edu
  - 218-755-3860

For more information about Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSU-M)

- [http://www.mnstate.edu/nursing/](http://www.mnstate.edu/nursing/)
- If you decide to go to MSU-M
  - double major at NCTC with an Associate of Arts (AA) degree along with your Associate of Science (AS) degree in nursing.
  - Talk to the registrar regarding the other Minnesota Transfer Curriculum courses you would need to complete an AA degree.
  - Be sure to do a **change in student status form** to notify the college that you will be obtaining a 2nd degree. The change in student status form helps to ensure that financial aid will cover the AA degree course work.
- **The BSN at MSU-M** requires 30 upper division nursing credits + 10 additional upper division credits. The curriculum for the nursing courses is completely online. Please see the web link above for additional information. Information for the BSN programs are subject to change. Be sure to refer to the webpage above for updates and changes.
For more information about University of North Dakota (UND)

- [http://www.nursing.und.edu/bsn/index.cfm](http://www.nursing.und.edu/bsn/index.cfm)
- If you decide to go to UND, you do NOT need to get an Associate of Arts degree. In fact, UND has specific general education courses that are required for you to take in order to get into their BSN program.
- **The UND BSN** program has 30 credits of upper division nursing courses that are entirely online. The other requirements for UND include a minimum of 60 credits from a 4 year institution and a minimum of 36 upper division credits. UND also has other educational options such as Registered Nurse to Masters Degree. Please refer to UND’s website for further information on the options available. Information for the BSN programs are subject to change. Be sure to refer to the webpage above for updates and changes.
- **Contact Information**
  Marlys Escobar, Director of Student Affairs and RN Advisory  
  marlysescobar@mail.und.edu  
  701-777-4534

See table below for comparisons
### Table Comparisons of RN to Bachelor of Science Programs in the Area

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<td>• 41 credits Upper Division Nursing credits</td>
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or contact the AD-PN Mobility Nursing department in TRF at 1-800-959-6282 ext. 8737
if you have any questions about our program.

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