

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
STUDENT POLICIES

## **ADN GRADUATION AND NCLEX PROCESS**

Students successfully completing the course requirements of the Northwood Tech ADN program with a grade of 2.0 or better are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to become licensed as a registered nurse. In addition, after successful completion of ADN Semesters 1 & 2, students are also eligible to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses) to become licensed as a licensed practical nurse.

The national program codes for the Northwood Tech ADN program are:

- PN Program Code: US50100300
- RN Program Code: US50407200

Students who become LPNs remain eligible to continue in ADN Semesters 3 & 4 to earn an associate degree in nursing and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN. If the student decides to work as an LPN after semester two and not enroll in semester three, and then wants to return to the ADN program later, they will follow program reentry guidelines. See the Program Reentry policy for further details concerning this process.

The graduation process, procedures, associated links, and timelines can be found on the [Northwood Tech ADN Program web page](#)

### **REMEMBER:**

Northwood Tech's process of conferring the students' degrees or adding the LPN milestone to transcripts may take up to 15 business days after final grades are entered to complete.

Northwood Tech will not acknowledge nor respond to any inquiries regarding the process until 6 weeks after graduation (July 1) in order to give Northwood Tech and DSPS time to process all the paperwork.

WI DSPS and MN Board of Nursing request an additional 3 weeks for processing after the forms have been received.

Wisconsin and Minnesota: Verifications of graduation will not be approved by the registrar until all campuses report the students' records have been completed and a report is run to confirm.

Allow at least six weeks after graduation/last day of classes for any inquiries about the Statement of Graduation or Completion submission to give Northwood Tech, DSPS, and MN BON time to process all the paperwork.