

SPRING 2026 *Half Year and Full Year Program*

Deadline & Expectations for NUSTEP Students

OVERVIEW DOCUMENT



All eligible students will register for their coursework by visiting the NUSTEP website at www.niagara.edu/nustep after the registration window opens. Only high school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate in the NUSTEP program.

Once the Registration Period (2/4/26 - 2/23/26) has ended, students will be able to pay for their course work. Detailed instructions for setting up a Purple Pass account and paying for these courses is available on the website. Students will have from 3/6/26 to 3/27/26 to pay for their courses. The cost of NUSTEP courses is \$100 per credit hour (\$300 for a 3 credit/\$400 for a 4 credit course).

Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch are eligible to receive a reduced NUSTEP tuition rate of \$20 per credit hour (\$60 for a 3 credit course; \$80 for a 4 credit course). Students are asked to speak with their Guidance Counselor and provide proof of eligibility to qualify for tuition reduction. When registering, qualifying students should choose the "Free and Reduced" option in the payment section. Lists of students who qualify for Free/Reduced lunch need to be provided to the NUSTEP Office no later than February 27, 2026 at 5pm.

Refunds are only available for the tuition paid during the billing period (3/6/26 to 3/27/26). Absolutely no refunds will be issued after 3/27/26.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Wednesday, February 4, 2026	NUSTEP Registration portal opens - Students may register for courses
Tuesday, February 23, 2026	NUSTEP Registration portal closes - No registrations accepted after this point
Friday, March 6, 2026	Students establish their PurplePass accounts, log-in and pay their bill on-line
Friday, March 27, 2026	PAYMENT DEADLINE: ALL COURSES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY 5PM
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	ROSTER VERIFICATION DAY: All unpaid students will be deregistered from courses Any course dropped after this date will not be refunded. Students will receive a "W" for courses dropped from 03/30 until 4/15
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	Last day to drop a course and receive a "W"; no refund issued.
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Any course dropped hereafter will receive a grade of "U". <i>*This grade is not transferable and does/should not impact a student's future GPA</i>

Late Drop/Withdrawal Process

At any point on or after 03/30/26, students may withdraw from the class by sending an email to Niagara's registrar Harry Gong, hgong@niagara.edu indicating the course that they are dropping. A grade of W will be assigned until April 16th after which a grade of U will be assigned.

For additional detailed information about billing, exceptions, transcripts, and assorted resources please visit:

www.niagara.edu/nustep

Or contact Ashley Gruhalla, NUSTEP Coordinator at (716) 286-8185 or agruhalla@niagara.edu