**Washington State University Pre-Nursing Lower Division Course Plan**

It takes 8 semesters of full time study to obtain a Bachelor Degree in Nursing or BSN. The lower division (first year & sophomore) years are completed at WSU or may be a transfer equivalency. The upper division (junior & senior) years are completed in Spokane, Tri-Cities, or Yakima at the Washington State University College of Nursing (CON). Following is a program of study for the lower division years. Please see the back of this page for additional details.

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| **First Year Fall Semester** | |  | **First Year Spring Semester** | | |  | **Sophomore Fall Semester** | | |  | | **Sophomore Spring Semester** | | | |
| **Chem 101** Introduction to Chemistry *If you need to take Math 103 you should take it this term and take Chemistry 101 during a later semester.* Psych 105Introductory Psychology [DIVR] Pick from UCORE list. [WRTG] or [ROOTS]  Engl 101 or Hist 105  Electives Univ 104 or choose *Note: Use elective courses as needed. You should average 15 semester credits each term to equal a minimum of 60 semester credits needed for junior standing and admission to the upper division nursing courses.* | 4  3  3  3  2 |  | **Chem 102** Chemistry Related to Life Sciences *Offered spring & summer semesters only.*  **H D 101** Human DevelopmentAcross the Lifespan **Soc 102 or 101** Social Problems *(102)* or Introduction to Sociology *(101)*  Biol 107 *(Preferred)* Introductory Biology: Cell Biology and Genetics *Biology 106, 107 or 102 are all prerequisites for Anatomy & Physiology.* [WRTG] or [ROOTS]  Engl 101 or Hist 105 | | 4  3  3  4  3 |  | **Biol 251** Introductory Human Physiology *Offered fall & summer semesters only.* **MBioS 101** Introductory Microbiology **Stat 212** Introduction to Statistical Methods [HUM] Philosophy 103, 365, English 108 or pick from UCORE list. | | 4  4  4  3 | |  | | **Biol 315** Gross and Microanatomy **Biol 140** Intro to Nutritional Scienceor Biology 333 Human Nutrition and Health [WRTG] or [COMM]  Human Development 205, Comm 102, English 201 or pick from UCORE list.  [ARTS]  Pick from UCORE list. | | 4  3  3-4  3 |
| Total Credits | 15 |  | Total Credits | 17 | |  | Total Credits | 15 | | |  | | Total Credits | 13-14 | |

***Bolded and underlined courses:*** These are your WSU College of Nursing prerequisite courses. No more than three nursing prerequisite courses can be in progress the semester before entering the College of Nursing. No summer courses are allowed in the summer prior to fall enrollment at the CON. All lower division coursework must be successfully completed by the end of spring term for fall admission and by the end of fall term for spring admission. You must earn a C or better in all of these courses, and the overall GPA for these courses must be a 3.00 or higher. The top courses in each term should be taken in the listed sequence in order to complete lower division work in two years and are sequenced to optimally ‘build’ a successful pre-nursing knowledge base. For example, Chemistry and Biology 107 knowledge is used in Anatomy, Physiology, and Nutrition.

***Courses listed in brackets:*** These are the lower division University Common Requirements [UCORE] that aren’t already being met by your nursing prerequisites. Below each requirement are *suggestions* of classes that fulfill this category. These courses have some flexibility as to when they can be taken. If you are struggling to fit a course into your schedule, please contact our office as we may be able to suggest a suitable alternative.

***Using summer to catch up:*** The Pre-nursing program includes six sciences. One or two of these courses could be taken the summer BETWEEN

your freshman and sophomore year if you want to lighten your academic course load. If you plan to take courses at a college other than WSU, it is your responsibility to make sure they will transfer back to WSU as equivalent courses.

***Writing Portfolio:*** Required for all WSU degrees. This needs to be completed after you have taken English 101 but before you enter the College of Nursing. You may purchase the Writing Portfolio Packet at the bookstore or download from the Writing Center website. It is useful to make about 6 copies of the cover sheet in order to have all excellent graded papers signed off by your professors as soon as possible. This strategy prevents difficulty in locating those professors two or three semesters later. See: [www.juniorportfolio.wsu.edu](http://www.juniorportfolio.wsu.edu) for additional information.

***Use your WSU catalog:***  Students are responsible to know the University Common Requirements and nursing prerequisites listed in the catalog. The catalog is a resource for courses, academic regulations, tuition, graduation requirements, etc. You may need this information if you ever go to another university for an additional or advanced degree. It provides course descriptions that may be needed to transfer courses from WSU to another institution. The catalog is online at: catalog.wsu.edu.

***Work Closely with the Health Professions Student Center or your pre-nursing Academic Advisor on your campus:***

****Always schedule your priority advising appointments BEFORE registration begins.

****Come to your advising appointments informed, prepared with questions, and with a schedule already written out.

****Notify your advisor if you plan to change courses.

****Notify your advisor if you are struggling in your courses. Since admission to the nursing program is so competitive, we can suggest resources which may be able to help you achieve your academic and professional goals.

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| **WSU Nursing Prerequisite Courses**  *No grades lower than 'C' (2.0) and all must average 'B' (3.0)*  Sociology 102 or 101 Statistics or Math 212  Psychology 105 Organic Chemistry/Biochemistry 102  Inorganic Chemistry 101 Biology 315 *(Human Anatomy)*  Biology 251 *(Human Physiology)* Microbiology 101  Biology 333 or Biology 140 *(Human Nutrition)*  Human Development 101  *Admission to the WSU College of Nursing is competitive based on cumulative and*  *nursing prerequisite grade point averages along with your score on the TEAS test. Additional requirements can be found at nursing.wsu.edu.*  a |

**Contact your advisor within the Health Professions Student Center with questions!**

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