

Washington State University Pre-Nursing Lower Division Course Plan

It takes 8 semesters of full-time study to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or BSN. The lower division (freshman & sophomore) years are completed at WSU Pullman or through transfer work from other colleges. The upper division (junior & senior) years are completed in Spokane, Yakima, or Tri-Cities 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.

Freshman Fall Semester	Freshman Spring Semester	Sophomore Fall Semester	Sophomore Spring Semester
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Chemistry 101</u> 4 Introduction to Chemistry <i>If you need to take Math 099 you should take it this term and take Chemistry 101 during a later semester.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Psychology 105</u> 3 Introductory Psychology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Stat/Math 212</u> 4 Introduction to Statistical Methods</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [DIVR] 3 Anthropology 101 or 203 CES 101</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [ROOT] or [WRTG] 3 History 105 or English 101</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Chemistry 102</u> 4 Chemistry Related to Life Sciences</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Biology 107 (Preferred) 4 Introductory Biology: Cell Biology and Genetics <i>Biology with a lab is a prerequisite for Anatomy & Physiology, or Biol 333</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sociology 102 or 101</u> 3 Social Problems (102) or Introduction to Sociology (101)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [ROOT] or [WRTG] 3 History 105 or English 101</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Electives 1-2</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Biology 251</u> 4 Introductory Human Physiology <i>Offered fall & summer semesters only.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>MBioS 101</u> 4 Introductory Microbiology</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [ARTS] 3 Fine Art 101, Mus 262, Music 153,160 or 161</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [WRTG] or [COMM] 3 Comm 102 or 210 English 201, Soc 103 Human Development 205</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1</p> <p style="font-size: small;"><i>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.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Biology 315</u> 4 Gross and Microanatomy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Biology 333</u> 3 Human Nutrition and Health or Biol 140: Intro to Nutritional Science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Human Development 101</u> 3 Human Development Across the Lifespan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> [HUM] 3 Philosophy 103, or 365 Humanity 101, 103 English 108, 110, 205 or 211</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elective 1</p>
Total Credits 17	Total Credits 15-16	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 14-16

Bolded and underlined courses: These are your 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 for fall enrollment at the CON in the summer before admission. 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 (competitive applicants typically have a 3.5 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 your advisor 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. The WSU Transfer Course Equivalency Website is a useful tool for this.

Writing Portfolio: This needs to be completed before you leave the Pullman campus. If you have transfer work it may be required as early as your first year at WSU. The Undergraduate Writing Portfolio is required for any WSU major. See: www.writingprogram.wsu.edu for additional information.

TEAS Test: WSU College of Nursing requires a general skills test called ATI TEAS before applying for admission. The test can be taken at any location where offered, or online through atitesting.com. The Cougar Health testing center can be scheduled at: <https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/testing-services/>

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:

- 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 the office if you plan to change courses.
- Notify the office 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.

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

No grades lower than 'C' (2.0) and all must average 'B' (3.0)

Sociology 102 or 101

Psychology 105

Inorganic Chemistry 101

Biology 251 (*Human Physiology*)

Biology 333 or Biology 140 (*Human Nutrition*)

Statistics 212

Organic/Biochemistry Chemistry 102

Biology 315 (*Human Anatomy*)

Microbiology 101

Human Development 101

Admission to the College of Nursing is competitive based on cumulative and nursing prerequisite grade point averages.

Contact the Health Professions Student Center with questions!

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