## Washington State University Pre-Nursing Honors Lower Division Course Plan

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

### Freshman Fall 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.

### Freshman Spring Semester
- **Chem 102**
  - Chemistry Related to Life Sciences
  - Offered spring & summer semesters only.

### Sophomore Fall Semester
- **Biol 251**
  - Introductory Human Physiology
  - Offered fall & summer semesters only.

### Sophomore Spring Semester
- **Biol 315**
  - Gross and Microanatomy

- **Biol 333**
  - Human Nutrition and Health
  - or Biol 140: Intro to Nutritional Science

### Total Credits
- Freshman Fall Semester: 17
- Freshman Spring Semester: 18
- Sophomore Fall Semester: 15
- Sophomore Spring Semester: 17

**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 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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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.

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

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