

Nursing, BSN



University of Wyoming, 2015-16

The "Basic BSN Program" is an on campus nursing program for students who want to become a registered nurse and earn the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). This program includes two years of prerequisite coursework as a pre-nursing student (freshman and sophomore years) and two years in the nursing major (junior and senior years). All prerequisite courses are to be completed by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall in which a student is seeking admission to the junior year of the nursing major component of the program. The school accepts up to 48 students into the program a year. Additional program details can be found below or at www.uwyo.edu/nursing/programs/basic-bsn/index.html

Fall 2017 will be the last semester students are admitted to the nursing major as a junior under this curriculum. The Basic BSN curriculum and admission requirements are changing effective with incoming students for fall 2016.

For more information about UW's "BRAND" or "RN/BSN Completion" program, please go to www.uwyo.edu/nursing/programs/ or call 307-766-6565 (BRAND) or 307-766-6574 (RN/BSN).

| Freshman Fall Semester | | | | Hrs | Min Grade | Notes |
|------------------------|------|--------------------------|---|-----------|--|--|
| USP First-Year Seminar | | | | 3 | C | FY; grade not computed in nursing gpa. |
| CHEM | 1000 | Introductory Chemistry * | 4 | B | PN; can substitute CHEM 1020 (General Chemistry I) ** with minimum grade of C. | |
| LIFE | 1010 | General Biology *** | 4 | C | PN | |
| MATH | 1400 | College Algebra * | 3 | C | Q | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | | | | 14 | | |

| Freshman Spring Semester | | | | Hrs | Min Grade | Notes |
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| ENGL | 1010 | College Composition and Rhetoric | 3 | C | C1; can substitute HP 1020 (Freshman Honors Colloquium) or ESL 1210 (English Composition for International Students). | |
| FCSC | 1141 | Principles of Nutrition | 3 | C | | |
| KIN | 2040 | Human Anatomy | 3 | C | Cross listed with ZOO 2040; must be taken concurrently with KIN/ZOO 2041. | |
| KIN | 2041 | Human Anatomy Laboratory | 1 | C | Cross listed with ZOO 2041; must be taken concurrently with KIN/ZOO 2040. | |
| MICR | 2240 | Medical Microbiology | 4 | C | Cross listed with MOLB 2240. | |
| PSYC | 1000 | General Psychology | 3 | C | H | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | | | | 17 | | |

| Sophomore Fall Semester | | | | Hrs | Min Grade | Notes |
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| USP Communication 2 | | | | 3 | C | C2 |
| NURS | 2340 | Developmental Influences on Health | 3 | C | | |
| STAT | 2050 | Fundamentals of Statistics | 4 | C | Can substitute STAT 2070 (Intro Statistics for the Social Sciences). | |
| ZOO | 3115 | Human Systems Physiology | 4 | C | | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | | | | 14 | | |

| Sophomore Spring Semester | | | | Hrs | Min Grade | Notes |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| USP Human Culture | | | | 3 | | H; grade not computed in nursing gpa. |
| USP US & Wyoming Constitutions | | | | 3 | | V; grade not computed in nursing gpa. |
| PHCY | 4450 | Pathophysiology | 4 | C | | |
| Elective | | | | 3 | | Grade not computed in nursing gpa. |
| Credit hours subtotal: | | | | 13 | | |

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

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Junior Fall Semester

| | Hrs | Min | Grade | Notes |
|---|-----------|-----|-------|-------|
| NURS 3125 Professional Nursing | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3140 Health Assessment | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3440 Adult Health I | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3475 Nursing Practicum: Adult Health I | 4 | | S | |
| PHCY 4470 Fundamentals of Pharmacology **** | 4 | | C | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | 17 | | | |

Junior Spring Semester

| | Hrs | Min | Grade | Notes |
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| NURS 3020 Cultural Diversity in Family Health Care | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3840 Adult Health II | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3842 Care of the Older Adult | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3844 Mental Health and Illness | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 3875 Nursing Practicum: Adult Health II | 4 | | S | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | 16 | | | |

Senior Fall Semester

| | Hrs | Min | Grade | Notes |
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| NURS 4125 Evidenced-Based Nursing | 3 | | C | C3 |
| NURS 4440 Public Health Nursing | 4 | | C | |
| NURS 4442 Nursing Care of Children and Families | 4 | | C | |
| NURS 4475 Nursing Practicum: Family & Public Health | 4 | | S | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | 15 | | | |

Senior Spring Semester

| | Hrs | Min | Grade | Notes |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|
| NURS 4250 Leadership in Nursing | 3 | | C | |
| NURS 4875 Capstone Practicum | 12 | | S | |
| Credit hours subtotal: | 15 | | | |

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 121

College of Health Sciences Notes:

Performance expectations for majors in the College of Health Sciences exceed institutional requirements. Please discuss with an academic advisor to understand the difference.

- Admission to the clinical portion of Health Sciences majors is competitive and is not guaranteed even with minimum qualifications. Be prepared to meet and exceed expectations.
- Background checks are required of students at some point within Health Science majors and careers. Students should understand the long-term ramifications of all decisions and actions early on so as not to jeopardize future academic and career goals.

Nursing Program Notes:

* Requires MATH ACT ≥ 23 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 3 , or $\geq C$ grade in MATH 0925. (University Standard)

** Requires MATH ACT ≥ 23 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 3 , or concurrent enrollment in Math 1400, 1405, or 1450. (University Standard)

*** Requires MATH ACT ≥ 21 , MATH SAT ≥ 600 , Math Placement Exam ≥ 2 , or $\geq C$ grade in MATH 0921. (University Standard)

**** Students are strongly encouraged to complete **Pharmacology (PHCY 4470)** in the summer prior to fall admission to the nursing major component of the program. Successful completion of PHCY 4450 (Pathophysiology) is prerequisite to take PHCY 4470.



Nursing Program Notes con't:

- **Declaring Pre-Nursing (Math Requirement).** Students need a strong math background to be eligible to take MATH 1400 (College Algebra) in the fall of freshman year, along with LIFE 1010 (General Biology) and CHEM 1000 (Introductory Chemistry) in order to stay in sequence for continuing science courses for the spring of freshman year (Human Anatomy and Medical Microbiology) and the fall of sophomore year (Human Systems Physiology). Refer to "Declaring Pre-Nursing" on the School of Nursing website for more information regarding math placement requirements for declaring pre-nursing.
- **Credit Requirements:** The **pre-nursing** component of the program consists of 46 credit hours of prerequisite courses and 12 credit hours of required graduation courses (*Freshman/Sophomore years*). The **nursing major** component consists of 63 credit hours (*Junior/Senior years*).
 - A minimum of 120 credit hours is required to earn the BSN degree. Additional elective credits may be needed to meet overall minimum credit hours required for degree.
 - Courses identified in the freshman/sophomore years are prerequisite courses required for admission consideration into the nursing major component of the program. Exceptions are courses noted with "grade not computed in nursing gpa" (elective and USP FY, H, V courses).
 - If transferring courses to satisfy ZOO 3115, PHCY 4450, and PHCY 4470 for the Basic BSN program, those courses must be completed at an upper division (3000/4000) level. Lower division (1000/2000) level or community college level courses do not satisfy these requirements.
 - Completion of prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall in which a student is seeking admission into the nursing major component of the program (typically the spring of sophomore year) is required.
 - A grade of C or better (exception is a B or better in CHEM 1000) and a minimum nursing grade point average (NGPA) of 2.75 calculated on the prerequisite courses are required (refer to "Basic BSN Program Scholastic Requirements" on the School of Nursing website for additional expectations).
 - Admission is a competitive process; applicants who meet minimum requirements are not guaranteed admission to the nursing major component.
- **CNA Certification.** Active and current CNA certification is required for application/admission to the nursing major component of the program (LPN licensure can also satisfy this requirement). Certification can be through any state in order to meet this criteria; Wyoming certification is not required unless planning to work as such in the state. Verification of active and current certification/licensure is required by the February 1 nursing application deadline. An application without evidence of current CNA certification will not be considered.
- **Nursing Major Component - Basic BSN Option.** Admission to the Basic BSN program is required before enrolling in courses required in the junior and senior year of the program. A nursing application packet is required (refer to "Admission Criteria/Application to the Major" page on the School of Nursing website for specific details).
 - Once admitted to the nursing major component of the Basic BSN program, courses are taken in the semester sequence as reflected.
 - All courses must be passed with a C or better each semester in order to progress to the next semester's courses.
- **Transportation Expectations.** Students are required to have their own transportation to all clinical sites. Therefore, a vehicle is required. A number of clinical sites are located in Cheyenne. The capstone practicum experience during spring of the senior year may require students to live in locations away from campus.
- **Change to Nursing Program - Fall 2016.** Basic BSN curriculum and admission requirements are changing effective with incoming students for fall 2016. Maintain contact with the Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing (FWWSON) staff and/or website for current expectations.
- **Contact Information**
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