BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PREREQUISITES

- A minimum of 3 Natural World courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or 4 Natural World courses with a minimum GPA of 2.8 must be completed at time of application.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 is required in each prerequisite course.
- All prerequisites listed must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter, prior to the Autumn Quarter start of the BSN program.
- Multiply semester hour credits by 1.5 to convert to quarter hour credits.
- Read our tips for evaluating your transcripts.
- Transfer students can find additional help using the UW Equivalency Guide for Washington Community and Technical Colleges. Students with a Direct Transfer Agreement associate degree from a Washington state community college should refer to the Transfer Associate Degree Agreement page about counting courses for Areas of Knowledge: http://www.washington.edu/uaa/advising/transfers/trans_knowledgetransfer.php.
- Students who have taken an AP exam can refer to the UW policy regarding the awarding of UW credit for AP scores.

Prerequisite Category	Credits	Notes	Sample UW Courses	List Your Courses Semester credit x 1.5 = quarter credit
COMMUNICATIONS – Written Communications: 2 courses/8-10 quarter hour credits				
English Composition course	5		ENGL 111, 121, 131, 182, 197, 198, 199 or 281	1.
Choose 1: A second English Composition course OR a W-course*	3-5	***W-course:** A non-composition course that requires submitting 1-2 long papers or several shorter papers, which are graded on punctuation, style, grammar and content. Typically, a revision of a paper is required.	ENGL 111, 121, 131, 182, 197, 198, 199 or 281	2.
Recommended: One course in Public Speaking				
QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING (QSR) – 2 courses/8 quarter hour credits				
Choose 1: One college-level Math course* **OR** One Philosophy Logics course	4-5	*Includes college-level Algebra, Calculus, or Precalculus. Remedial math courses such as Intermediate Algebra will **NOT** count.	MATH 111, 112, 124 or 134 OR PHIL 115, 120, 470	1.
One Statistics course	3-4	The UW School of Nursing maintains a list of Approved Statistics Courses offered at other schools.	STAT 220, EDPSY 490, QMETH 201	2.
NATURAL WORLD (NW) – Minimum of 6 courses/28 quarter hour credits. For UW students: 9 courses/33 quarter hour credits				
Chemistry General Chemistry (one or more courses depending on school) AND One Organic Chemistry course **UW students take 3 courses**	10/15	UW students must take 3 courses: CHEM 120, 220 AND 221. Applicants completing these courses at other schools are often required to take a General Chemistry series to be eligible to take Organic Chemistry. You must take 1-2 (or more) courses for General Chemistry; 1 quarter/semester or Organic Chemistry is okay (an Organic Chemistry *series* is not required)	CHEM 120, 220 AND 221	1. 2. 3.
Human Anatomy and Physiology **UW students take 3 courses: BIOL 118 & 119, BSTR 301**	10	Most schools offer a 2-quarter sequence of Anatomy and Physiology. UW students take a Physiology lecture course, Physiology lab and a separate Anatomy course.	BSTR 301 and BIOL 118 & 119	1. 2.

Natural World (NW) courses, continued

General Microbiology, including Microbiology lab	5	At many schools the lab in included as part of the general Micro class. If not, you should enroll in a separate lab course. UW students must take MICRON 301 and 302.	MICROM 301 & 302	1. 2. (Separate lab course required if General Microbiology does not include lab; applies to UW)
Nutrition	3	Course should cover special nutritional needs for different groups, food composition (some chemistry), and diseases caused by nutritional deficiencies.	NUTR 300	1.
Recommended: One general Biology course to be completed before taking Microbiology and Chemistry. Many schools already require this; UW is an exception.				

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY (I&S) – 15 quarter hour credits				
One course in Lifespan Growth and Development	5	This course is typically found in Psychology departments (UW is an exception). May be called Developmental Psychology through the Lifespan. **This course must cover the whole lifespan from birth to death (not just children).**	NURS 201	1.
If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 10 additional credits under the I&S category **Post-baccalaureate applicants:** It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 10-credits of I&S coursework during your prior degree.	10	I&S courses focus on the history, development and/or dynamics of human behavior; and social and cultural institutions and practices. Examples include: ethnic studies, history, international studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology and women's studies.		1. 2. Note: You many end up listing more than 2 additional courses; you want to show a total of 10 additional credits of I&S coursework.

VISUAL, LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS (VLPA) – 15 quarter hour credits				
If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 15 credits under the VLPA category **Post-baccalaureate applicants:** It is assumed that you have fulfilled 15 credits of VLPA coursework during your prior degree	15	VLPA courses focus on the history, interpretation, criticism and practice of the arts (e.g., art history, comparative literature, dance, English, music, speech and literature). 100-level foreign language credits may be used for VLPA **only** under the following circumstances: 1) Students who complete the third quarter of the sequence (e.g. Spanish 101, 102, **and** 103) may count all 100-level credits as VLPA. 2) Students who earn a Direct Transfer Agreement associate degree from a Washington state community college prior to starting the BSN program may count 5 credits of 100-level foreign language as VLPA, per the Transfer Associate Degree Agreement.		1. 2. 3. Note: You may end up listing more than 3 VLPA courses; you want to show a total of 15 VLPA credits.

TOTAL REQUIRED PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 74-81
ALSO REQUIRED: Electives to complete a total of 90 quarter credit hours