

Applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program must have a minimum college-level cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 for *all* post-secondary coursework completed. This includes any course you have completed whether it was taken in fulfillment of a degree or not. If you do NOT have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, please do not submit an application to the BSN program. **The minimum GPA of 2.0 is a basic requirement for eligibility to apply to the BSN program.**

BSN applicants are asked to calculate their cumulative GPA for Natural Sciences courses **only**. You should do this before completing an application. You must have either, i) 3 Natural Sciences courses completed by the time you apply with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in those 3 courses, or ii) 4 or more Natural Sciences courses completed by the time you apply with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 in those 4+ courses. If the **cumulative** GPA for Natural Sciences courses you have completed is not high enough, you are not eligible to apply to the BSN program.

- **Did you attend a college that gives narrative evaluations instead of grades (e.g., Evergreen State College)?** Those courses do count towards the prerequisites and will be assessed by the admissions committee when you apply to the program. Courses taken *Credit/No Credit* or *Pass/Fail* do NOT count towards the BSN prerequisites.

You must have a minimum grade of 2.0 (“C”) for each Natural Sciences prerequisite listed on the application. If you did not earn a minimum grade of 2.0 for a completed course, do not list it on your application or use it to calculate your Natural Sciences GPA. Any completed courses with grades lower than 2.0 must be retaken and completed with a grade of at least 2.0 in order for it to count towards fulfillment of your prerequisites.

STEP 1: Enter Your Course Information

On page 2 of this worksheet, enter:

1. **Course prefix and number**
2. **Number of quarter hour credits** – Course credits must be calculated as quarter hour credits.
Are any of your courses in semester credits or another unit of credit?
 - **Convert semester or other credit units to quarter hour credits.** Multiply semester credits by 1.5 to convert to quarter credits. To convert from other units, look for a guide on your official transcript or school website or ask an advisor at your school for guidance.
3. **Grade received** – Grades must be in decimal form.
Do you have letter grades (e.g., A, B-, C+)?
 - **Convert letter grades to decimal grades.** If your school awarded letter grades for courses, use the following guide to convert them to decimal grades:

A = 4.0	A- = 3.7	B+ = 3.3	B = 3.0	B- = 2.7	C+ = 2.3
C = 2.0	C- = 1.7	D+ = 1.3	D = 1.0	D- = 0.7	

STEP 2: Calculate Your Grade Point Average

1. **Calculate grade points for each Natural Sciences course completed** – This is done by multiplying the number of quarter hour credits by the decimal grade. For example:

Course	Quarter Credit Hours	Decimal Grade	Grade Points
CHEM 120	5	3.2	16.0 (5 x 3.2)
CHEM 220	5	3.5	17.5 (5 x 3.5)
MICROM 301	5	3.3	16.5 (5 x 3.3)
TOTAL	15		50.0

2. **Add total grade points together to get one (1) total.** In the example above, the total is 50.0 grade points.
3. **Divide TOTAL GRADE POINTS by the TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS to calculate your GPA.** In the example above, the GPA would be:

50.0 (total grade points) divided by 15 (total credits) = **3.33 GPA**

The following worksheet is identical to the **Required Pre-Nursing Courses** section of the BSN application where you will list your Natural Sciences courses and GPA calculation.

You **must** have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (“C”) in every Natural Sciences prerequisite course. If you do not, do not use the course to calculate your GPA. Instead, check the box indicating you must still complete that course and list when you plan to take it. **DO NOT ENTER THE NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR COURSES YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED**. Entering credits for courses you haven’t received a grade for will adversely affect your overall GPA calculation.

NATURAL SCIENCES REQUIRED COURSES 26-33 credits				For Natural Sciences courses you have completed		
Subject	A. Course prefix and number	B. Quarter or semester taken/to be taken	Check box if NOT taken	C. # of quarter hour credits	D. Grade: Must be decimal grade*	Grade Points: Multiply # of credits by decimal grade
SAMPLE COURSE	CHEM 120	Autumn 2010		5.0	3.4	17.0
General Chemistry (5 credits) <i>UW Students: CHEM 120</i>						
Organic Chemistry (5 credits) <i>UW: CHEM 220</i>						
UW Students Only: CHEM 221 (5 credits) is required. CHEM 120, 220 and 221*** are a series.						
Human Anatomy (5 credits) <i>UW: BSTR 301</i>						
Human Physiology (5 credits) <i>UW: ZOOL or BIOL 118</i>						
UW Students Only: <i>Physiology Lab ZOOL or BIOL 119*** (5 credits)</i>						
Nutrition (3 credits) <i>UW: NUTR 300 or 301</i>						
General Microbiology (5 credits) <i>UW: MICROM 301</i>						
Microbiology Lab**/*** <i>UW: MICROM 302</i>						

*If you completed a prerequisite course at a school that uses narrative evaluations instead of grades (e.g., Evergreen State College), leave columns C and D blank for those courses. The admissions committee will assess your course performance using the evaluations on your transcript.

**All applicants are required to complete a Microbiology Lab. You must take a General Microbiology course that includes a lab or, if necessary, a separate Microbiology Lab course. UW students are required to take MICROM 302 (Micro Lab) and MICROM 301.

***CHEM 221 (UW students only) and the Physiology/Microbiology labs do *not* count towards the minimum 3 Natural Sciences courses that must be completed when you submit your application. These are still required but considered part of the main lecture course or series.

Divide **Total Grade Points (2)** by **Total Course Credits (1)**

Add this column up for **TOTAL CREDITS:**

1. _____

Add this column up for **TOTAL GRADE POINTS:**

2. _____

Natural Sciences Cumulative Grade Point Average:



If you do not meet the minimum GPA criteria for 1) all college-level coursework completed and 2) the Natural Sciences courses, you are not eligible for the BSN program.