BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PREREQUISITE COURSES

- There is no expiration date for prerequisite courses. However, you may wish to re-take a course if you feel you need a refresher.
- 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 Inquiry.
- Students who have taken an AP exam can refer to the UW policy regarding the awarding of UW credit for AP scores.

### PREREQUISITE CATEGORY

#### COMMUNICATIONS – Written Communications: 2 courses/8-10 quarter hour credits

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<td>A “W” writing course</td>
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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.

**Sample UW Courses**

- ENGL 111, 121, 131, 182, 197, 198, 199, 281
- ENGL 281, HSTAA 231, PHIL 100, PHIL 240, POL S 201, SOC 492

**Recommended: One course in Public Speaking**

#### REASONING (RSN) (FORMERLY 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

**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

#### NATURAL SCIENCES (NSc) (FORMERLY 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

**Human Anatomy and Physiology**

**UW students take 3 courses:**

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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.

- BIOL 118 & 119, NURS 301
### Natural Sciences (NSc) courses, continued

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| General Microbiology, including Microbiology lab | 5       | At many schools the lab is included as part of the general Micro class. If not, you should enroll in a separate lab course. UW students must take MICROM 301 and 302. | MICROM 301 & 302                                         | 1.  
2. (Separate lab course required if General Microbiology does not include lab; applies to UW) |
| Nutrition                                   | 4       | Course should cover special nutritional needs for different groups, food composition (some chemistry), and diseases caused by nutritional deficiencies. | NUTR 200                                                | 1.                                                                 |

**Recommended:** One general Biology course to be completed before taking Microbiology and Chemistry. Many schools already require this; UW is an exception.

### SOCIAL SCIENCES (SSc) (FORMERLY INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY (I&S)) – 15 quarter hour credits

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<td>One course in Lifespan Growth and Development</td>
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<td>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).</td>
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**If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose:**
10 additional credits under the SSc category

**Post-baccalaureate applicants:**
It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 10-credits of SSc coursework during your prior degree.

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| If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose:  
Post-baccalaureate applicants:  
It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 10-credits of SSc coursework during your prior degree | 10      | SSC 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. | NURS 201                                                | 1.  
2.  
Note: You may end up listing more than 2 additional courses; you want to show a total of 10 additional credits of SSc coursework. |

### ARTS AND HUMANITIES (A&H) (FORMERLY VISUAL, LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS (VLPA)) – 15 quarter hour credits

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| If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose:  
Post-baccalaureate applicants:  
It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 15 credits of A&H coursework during your prior degree | 15      | A&H 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 A&H 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 A&H.  
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 A&H, per the Transfer Associate Degree Agreement. | NURS 201                                                | 1.  
2.  
3.  
Note: You may end up listing more than 3 A&H courses; you want to show a total of 15 A&H credits. |

### TOTAL REQUIRED PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 74-81

**ALSO REQUIRED:** Electives to complete a total of 90 quarter credit hours