

- 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 Sciences courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or 4 Natural Sciences 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	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.
A “W” writing course	3-5	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 281, HSTAA 231, PHIL 100, PHIL 240, POL S 201, SOC 492	2.
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	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 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 credits earned) AND Organic Chemistry (Single course or Organic Chemistry series that meets credit requirement)	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.	CHEM 120, 220 AND 221	1. 2. 3.
Human Anatomy and Physiology UW students take 3 courses: BIOL 118 & 119, NURS 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.	BIOL 118 & 119, NURS 301	1. 2.

Natural Sciences (NSc) courses, continued

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

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 <u>must</u> 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 SSC category 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.		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

If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 15 credits under the A&H category Post-baccalaureate applicants: It is assumed that you have fulfilled 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.		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.
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TOTAL REQUIRED PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 74-81

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