## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PREREQUISITE COURSES**

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SCHOOL OF NURSING

- There is no expiration date for prerequisite courses. It is acceptable to retake a course to improve the grade, or to refresh the course content.
- The required **minimum overall cumulative** GPA (<u>all</u> courses for <u>all</u> school attended) for the BSN program is a 2.0. However, the Natural Science courses must meet the GPA listed below that is required at time of applying and meet the required GPA to start the program.
- REQUIRED TO APPLY: 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
- **REQUIRED TO START:** You must complete all remaining prerequisites listed on this worksheet and have at least 60 semester/90 quarter credits before your start date. Must be completed by the end of summer quarter, prior to the autumn start date. Must maintain a cumulative 2.8 GPA for all 6 Natural Science courses.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 is required in each prerequisite course.
- 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 <u>UW Equivalency Guide for Washington Community and Technical Colleges</u>. Students with a Direct Transfer Agreement associate degree from a Washington state community college should refer to the <u>Transfer Associate Degree Agreement page</u> about counting courses for Areas of Inquiry
- Students who have taken an AP exam can refer to the <u>UW policy regarding the awarding of UW credit for AP scores</u>.

PREREQUISITE CATEGORY	CREDITS	NOTES	SAMPLE UW COURSES	LIST YOUR COURSES INCLUDE: Course name/number, where/when taken, # of credits, final grade)
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 <b>NOT</b> count.	<u>MATH 111, 112, 124</u> or <u>134</u> OR <u>PHIL 115, 120, 470</u>	1.
One Statistics course	3-4	The UW School of Nursing maintains a list of <u>Approved Statistics</u> <u>Courses</u> offered at other schools.	<u>STAT 220, EDPSY 490,</u> <u>QMETH 201</u>	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

<b>General Chemistry</b> (one or more courses depending on school and credits earned)	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.	<u>CHEM 120, 220</u> AND 221	1.
AND				2.
<b>Organic Chemistry</b> (Single course or Organic Chemistry series that				3.
meets credit requirement)				5.
Human Anatomy and Physiology	10	Most schools offer a 2-quarter sequence of Anatomy and Physiology.	BIOL 118 & <u>119</u> ,	1.
UW students take 3 courses: BIOL 118 & 119, NURS 301	10	UW students take a Physiology lecture course, Physiology lab and a separate Anatomy course.	<u>NURS 30</u> 1	2.

## Natural Sciences (NSc) 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 MICROM 301 and 302. (Separate lab course required if General Microbiology does not include lab; applies to UW)	MICROM 301 & 302	1. 2.
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).	<u>NURS 201</u>	1.
If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 10 additional credits under the SSC	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.
category <b>Post-baccalaureate applicants:</b> It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 10-credits of SSC coursework during your prior degree.				2. Note: You many 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	15	A&H courses focus on the history, interpretation, criticism and practice	1.	
prior Bachelor's degree, you		of the arts (e.g., art history, comparative literature, dance, English,		
choose:		music, speech and literature).		
15 credits under the A&H category			2	
		100-level foreign language credits may be used for A&H <b>only</b> under the	2.	
Post-baccalaureate applicants:		following circumstances:		
It is assumed that you have fulfilled		1) Students who complete the third quarter of the sequence (e.g.		
15 credits of A&H coursework		Spanish 101, 102, <b>and</b> 103) may count all 100-level credits as A&H.	3.	
during your prior degree		2) Students who earn a Direct Transfer Agreement associate degree	Note: You may end up listing more than 3	
		from a Washington state community college prior to starting the	A&H courses; you want to show a total of	
		BSN program may count 5 credits of 100-level foreign language as	15 A&H credits.	
		A&H, per the Transfer Associate Degree Agreement.		

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

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