SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PREREQUISITE COURSES

- 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 (all courses for all schools 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.
- 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 or IB exam can refer to the UW policy regarding the awarding of UW credit for AP scores or IB scores

PREREQUISITE CATEGORY	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 (5 quarter credits) Emphasize how to organize and express your ideas effectively. *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C* ***UW Sample Courses: ENGL 111, 121, 131***	
WRITING "W" OR AN ADDITIONAL ENGLIGH COMPOSITION COURSE (3-5 quarter credits) A 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. *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C* ***UW Sample Courses: ENGL 281, HSTAA 231, PHIL 100, PHIL 240***	
REASONING (RSN) (FORMERLY QUANTITATIVE AND SYMBOLIC REASONING (QSR)) – 2 courses/7-10 quarter hour credits	
COLLEGE-LEVEL MATH OR PHILISOPHY LOGIC (4-5 quarter credits) Evaluate and effectively use information utilizing symbolic and/or numeric methods *Includes college-level algebra, calculus, or precalculus. Remedial math courses such as intermediate algebra will **NOT** count. *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C.* ***Sample UW courses: MATH 111, 120, 124, PHIL 115, 120***	
STATISTICS (3-4 quarter credits) This should be a basic course in descriptive and inferential statistics. *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C.* ***UW Sample Courses: STAT220, EDPSY490, QMETH201***	
NATURAL SCIENCES (NSc) (FORMERLY NATURAL WORLD (NW)) – Minimum of 6 courses/28 quarter credits. For UW students: 9 courses/33 quarter hour credits	
1. GENERAL CHEMISTRY (5-10 quarter credits) Single **or** General Chemistry series. Course/series combining chemistry subjects **do not** meet this prerequisite, course must focus *only* on General Chemistry. Applicants completing these courses are often required to take a General Chemistry series to be eligible to take Organic Chemistry. ***Sample UW course: CHEM 120. CHEM 142, 152, 162***	
2. ORGANIC CHEMISTRY (5-10 quarter credits) Single course **or** Organic Chemistry series. ***Sample UW course: CHEM 220 and CHEM 221. CHEM 237, 238, 239*** *Students who take CHEM 220 at UW must also take CHEM 221 to meet this requirement.*	

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3. HUMAN ANATOMY/HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY PART I (5 quarter credits) Can be taken as a series (such as A&P 1 and II) **or** individual courses in each subject matter (course in Human Anatomy, course in Human Physiology). ***Sample UW courses: NURS 301***	
4. HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY/HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY PART II (5 quarter credits) Can be taken as a series (such as A&P 1 and II) **or** individual courses in each subject matter (course in Human Anatomy, course in Human Physiology). ***Sample UW courses: BIOL 118 and BIOL 119*** *Students who take BIOL 118 at UW, must also take BIOL 119 to meet this requirement*	
5. GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY (5 quarter credits) 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). ***Sample UW Course: MICROM301 (Lecture) and 302 (Lab)***	
6. NUTRITION (4 quarter credits) This course should cover special nutritional needs for different groups, food composition (some chemistry), and diseases caused by nutritional deficiencies. ***Sample UW Course: NUTR200***	

SOCIAL SCIENCES (SSc) (FORMERLY INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY (I&S)) – 15 quarter hour credits	
LIFESPAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (5 quarter credits) May also be called Developmental Psychology, Lifespan Psychology, or a similar title. **This course must cover the whole human lifespan, from birth to death.** ***Sample UW Course*: NURS201**	
SSc Course 2 and Course 3 (min. 10 quarter credits) 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. *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C* ***Sample UW Course*: NMETH210** **Post-Baccalaureate applicants:** It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 10-credits of SSc courses during your prior degree.	

ARTS AND HUMANITIES (A&H) (FORMERLY VISUAL, LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS (VLPA)) -15 quarter hour credits	
A&H Course 1, Course 2 and Course 3 (Min. 15 quarter credits) 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). *Minimum required grade: 2.0/C* 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. **Post-Baccalaureate applicants:** It is assumed that you have fulfilled the additional 15-credits of A&H courses during your prior degree.	

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

****This is a prerequisite guide. A formal audit will be conducted at time of application. Information listed is subject to change.***

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