



Pre-Nursing New Student Handout

Pre-Nursing is a rigorous and competitive major. You'll want to stay on top of your academics from the start!

- **Understand why you want to be a nurse.** What are your skills, values, interests, and how will you uniquely contribute to the nursing profession? What experience do you have, or will have, in healthcare?
- **Exploration:** We strongly encourage students to openly discuss their current and changing interests in relation to their academic, professional and personal lives. Exploring the nursing profession, as well as other majors/careers of interest, creates the most effective advising relationship. It helps set students up for success and aids in progressing toward graduation on your personal timeline.

Pre-Nursing Coursework and GPA

3.25 preferred; 3.00 minimum

Automatically factors into the Nursing GPA.

- Writing (WRT 188): First-Year College-Writing
- Psychology 101/102: Intro to Psychology
- Nursing 200: Growth and Development

4 out of 6 required science courses will factor into the Nursing GPA. 2 can be in progress at time of application. All 6 courses *must* be completed with a C or better prior to beginning the Clinical program.

- BIO 105: Biological Concepts
- BIO 211: Human Anatomy
- BIO 212: Human Physiology
- BIO 233: Microbial Survey
- CHEM 101/105: Intro to Chemistry
- CHEM 102/106: Intro to Biochemistry

*CHEM 105/106 is advised for specific majors/minors, interests, or graduate programs. Discuss with advisor.

Best 6 credits of University Studies (USP) or Nursing elective(s) will factor into the Nursing GPA.

(Excluding Science, Writing, Psych 101, Math 100, 101, 103, or WRT 100)

- Speaking (COMM 111), Nursing 105: Intro to Professional Nursing, and Nursing 215: Health Practices with Diverse Populations must be completed or in progress at the time of application, but may not necessarily affect the Nursing GPA. See your advisor with questions.
- **College of Nursing Repeat Policy:** No more than two repeats are allowed in your Pre-Nursing coursework, and only one may be a science. Work with your advisor to use repeats wisely. In some cases, a course may be substituted instead of repeated.
- *Due to the high demand and competitiveness of the program, summer and interim classes may be necessary for timely graduation. Your advisor will discuss these options with you each semester.*

➤ **Academic Resources**

- Center for Academic Resources (Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction): Student Success Center 102
- Developmental Math Lab: Swart 301
- Writing Center: Student Success Center 102
- Reading & Study Skills Center: Nursing Education 201

➤ These are web sites with which you should be familiar:

- <http://con.uwosh.edu/>- College of Nursing Web Site
- <http://advising.uwosh.edu/>- Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (UARC) Web Site
- <http://wihealthcareers.org> - Wisconsin Health Careers Information
- <http://discovernursing.com/> - Explore specialties to find your niche in the nursing profession.

APPLICATION to the COLLEGE OF NURSING

- **Application Process:** The College of Nursing accepts applications twice a year – in August and in January – to begin clinicals the following spring or fall, respectively. Applications are due on August 30 or January 30 one semester prior to clinical. Approximately 120 students apply each time and up to 96 are accepted to start in the clinical program.

The most competitive candidates meet all the preferred criteria.

- **CNA License:** The College of Nursing requires that applicants have a current Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license completed prior to applying to the clinical portion of the Nursing Major. It is **preferred** that they have 240+ hours of work experience.
CNA courses are offered at area agencies but not at UW Oshkosh.
- **Standardized Test:** TEAS will be required and minimum standards must be met prior to application. National Mean is the minimum required score. BSN Program Mean is the **preferred** score.
- **Get involved!** Strong applicants have extensive volunteer experiences (40+ hours **preferred**) and a variety of interactions with diverse populations.

NURSING CLUBS ON CAMPUS

- Oshkosh Student Nurses' Association (OSNA)
- Men in Nursing



*Pre-Nursing Advisors are located in the Student Success Center 202
Each semester you will receive an email link to schedule an appointment
Additional appointments can be scheduled in-person or by phone (920-424-1268)*

Questions? Please email: PreNursingAdvising@uwosh.edu