



Pre-Nursing New Student Handout

Pre-Nursing is a rigorous and competitive major. There is an application and interview process.

- **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 you to openly discuss your current and changing interests in relation to your 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 you up for success and aids in progressing toward graduation on your personal timeline.

Pre-Nursing Coursework and GPA

3.25 preferred; 3.00 minimum

Must earn a C or better in all Pre-Nursing coursework

Automatically factors into the Pre-Nursing GPA.

- Writing (WRT 188, 110 or ENG 101, or WRT 287, 288 or 310): Writing Composition
- Psychology 101/102Q1: Intro to Psychology
- Nursing 200, PSY 391, or Ed Found 377: Growth and Development

4 out of 6 required science courses will factor into the Pre-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

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

USP is anything with (XC), (XM), (XS), (XL), (GC), or (ES)

- Speaking (COMM 111 or 112), Nursing 105: Intro to Professional Nursing, and Nursing 215 or 216: Health Practices with Diverse Populations must be completed or in progress at the time of application but may not necessarily affect the Pre-Nursing GPA.
- **College of Nursing Repeat Policy for application eligibility:** 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:

- <https://uwosh.edu/con/undergraduate/traditional-bsn/>- College of Nursing website
- <http://advising.uwosh.edu/>- Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (UARC) website
- <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 – August 30th and January 30th. Everyone who is eligible to apply gets an interview. Interviews are in the Fall semester for August applicants and Spring semester for January applicants. Clinicals starts the semester after the interview semester. Approximately 120+ students apply each time and up to 96 are accepted to start in the clinical program.

Visit the College of Nursing website to access the application:

<https://uwosh.edu/con/undergraduate/traditional-bsn/application/>

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** to have 240+ hours of direct patient care work experience.
**CNA courses are offered at area agencies but not at UW Oshkosh.*
- **Standardized Test:** The TEAS test is required. The National Mean is the minimum required score, and the BSN Program Mean is the **preferred** score. See the CON website for specific score information.
- **Get involved!** Strong applicants have extensive volunteer experiences (20+ hours **preferred**) and a variety of interactions with diverse populations. Nursing clubs at UWO include:
- Oshkosh Student Nurses' Association (OSNA)
 - Men in Nursing
- ❖ There will be a Background Check and University Student Disclosure as part of the application process.
- ❖ Students are required to complete certain immunizations, including COVID-19 vaccination to meet requirements of clinical agencies

*All Pre-Nursing students will have an Academic Advisor from the
Undergraduate Advising Resource Center (UARC) or TRIO/SSS.*

You can schedule an appointment by using Navigate or calling 920-424-1268.

Questions? Please email your assigned advisor