

**UM courses that satisfy nursing program pre-requisite courses.**

|                                   |   | Montana<br>Tech | Montana<br>State | Missoula College |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| BIOH 201N#                        | Human Anatomy & Physiology I                            | X               | X                | X                |
| BIOH 202N                         | Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab                        | X               | X                | X                |
| BIOH 211N                         | Human Anatomy & Physiology II                           | X               | X                | X                |
| BIOH 212N                         | Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab                       | X               | X                | X                |
| BIOM 250N                         | Microbiology for Health Sciences                        | X               | X                | X                |
| BIOM 251**                        | Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab                    | X               |                  | X                |
| CHMY 121N                         | Introduction to General Chemistry                       | X               | X                | X                |
| CHMY 123                          | Introduction to Organic & Biochemistry                  | X*              | X                | See note below.  |
| CHMY 124                          | Introduction to Organic & Biochemistry Lab              | X*              | X                |                  |
| COMX 111A**                       | Introduction to Public Speaking                         |                 | X                |                  |
| M 121**                           | College Algebra   | X               | X*               | X                |
| NUTR 221N<                        | Basic Human Nutrition                                   | X               | X                |                  |
| PSYX 100S                         | Introduction to Psychology                              | X               | X*               | X                |
| PSYX 230**                        | Developmental Psychology                                | X               | X                |                  |
| SOCI 101S                         | Introduction to Sociology                               | X               | X*               | X                |
| STAT 216**                        | Introduction to Statistics                              | X               | X                |                  |
| WRIT 101                          | College Writing I                                       | X               | X                | X                |
| WRIT 201**                        | College Writing II                                      | X               | X*               |                  |
| ANTY 122S**                       | Race & Minorities                                       | X               |                  |                  |
| NURS 107/116                      | Intro to Nursing  | X               | X*               |                  |
| AHMS 270E <b>OR</b><br>PHL 321E** | Medical Ethics <b>OR</b> Philosophy & Biomedical Ethics | X               |                  |                  |

Please see the attached information sheets for individual nursing program requirements and policies.

# It is recommended that BIOH 112 and BIOH 113 are taken before BIOH 201/202.

< It is recommended that the chemistry sequence be taken before NUTR 221.

\*\* To be competitive for multiple nursing programs and to be on track for many UM degree granting programs. It is recommended to take even if it is not needed for a nursing program.

X\* : Montana State is updating their pre-requisites and curriculum. These courses will be required for any student any student applying Fall 2021 and beyond. This includes both BSN and ABSN.

Note: Students can take either CHMY122 or CHMY123/124 to fulfill the requirements for Missoula College (ASN) or Montana Tech (BSN).

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# UM courses that fulfill MSU general education requirements

| Diversity |                                  | Inquiry Arts                 |   | Inquiry Humanities |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| AAST141H  | Black: Africa to Hip-Hop         | ARTH160L                     | Global Visual Culture   | BGEN220E           | Busi Ethics & Soc Responsibility |
| ANTY101H  | Anthro & Human Experience        | ARTH200H or 201H             | Art of World Civ: Ancient-Med or Art of World Civilization II               | CLAS251L           | The Epic                         |
| ANTY133X  | Food and Culture                 | ARTH250L                     | Intro to Art Criticism  | COMX240H           | Intro to Rhetorical Theory       |
| ANTY141H  | The Silk Road                    | ARTZ103A                     | Art for Non-Majors  | ENST230H           | Nature and Society               |
| ANTY150X  | Archeology of Yellowstone        | ARTZ131A                     | Ceramics for non-majors   | HONR121L           | Ways of Knowing                  |
| ANTY220S  | Culture & Society                | CRWR115L                     | Montana Writers Live  | HSTA101H or 103H   | American History I               |
| ARAB102   | Elem Modern Standard Arabic      | CRWR210A, 211A, or 212A      | Intro Fiction Workshop, Intro Poetry Workshop, or Intro Nonfiction Workshop | HSTA102H or 104H   | American History II              |
| COMX212X  | Intro to Intercultural Com       | DAN100A, 104A, 106A, or 107A | Modern Dance I, Ballet I, Tap I, or Jazz Dance I                            | HSTR101H or 103H   | Western Civilization I           |
| FRCH102   | Elementary French II             | DAN201A                      | Beginning Composition   | HSTR102H or 104H   | Western Civilization II          |
| GPHY121S  | Human Geography                  | FILM103L                     | Introduction to Film  | HSTR264H           | Islamic Civ: Modrn Era           |
| GPHY141S  | Geography of World Regions       | JRNL140A                     | Intro Radio/Audio Storytelling  | HSTR272E           | Terrorism: Viol Mod World        |
| GRMN102   | Elementary German II             | LIT120L                      | Poetry  | JPNS150H           | Japanese Cult & Civil            |
| HSTR230H  | Colonial Latin America           | MAR101L                      | Intro to Media Arts   | JRNL100H           | Media Hstry & Literacy           |
| HSTR231H  | Modern Latin America             | MUSI101L                     | Enjoyment of Music  | JRNL102Y           | News Literacy                    |
| HSTR241   | Central Asian Cult & Civ         | MUSI102A                     | Performance Study   | LING270S           | Intro to Linguistics             |
| HSTR262H  | Islamic Civil: Calissical Age    | MUSI111A                     | Singing for Non-Majors  | LIT110L            | Intro to Lit                     |
| JPNS102   | Elementary Japanese II           | MUSI130L                     | History of Jazz   | LIT246L            | Geures, Themes, Approaches       |
| JRNL105X  | Global Current Events-Honors     | MUSI132L                     | History of Rock & Roll  | PHL101Y            | Intro to Philosophy              |
| MUSI207H  | World Music                      | MUSI133L                     | Chnry Msc:Cowbys,Opry,Nshville  | PHL110E            | Introduction to Ethics           |
| NASX105H  | Intro Native Amer Studies        | MUSI160A                     | Beginning Guitar  | PHL151H            | Phil Perspectives on Women       |
| NASX201X  | Indian Cultr Expressed Thru Lang | MUSI202L                     | Intro to Music Lit  | PHL210E            | Moral Philosophy                 |
| NASX210X  | Native Amer Sports & Games       | NASX235X                     | Oral/Written Trads Native Amer  | PHL241H            | Hist & Philosophy of Science     |
| NASX231X  | Indig World View Perspectives    | THTR101L                     | Introduction to Theatre   | PHL261Y            | History of Ancient Philosophy    |
| PSCI230X  | Intro to International Rel       | THTR102A                     | Introduction to Theatre Design  | PHL262Y            | History Modern Philosophy        |
| RUSS105H  | Intro to Russian Culture         | THTR106A or 107A             | Theat Prod F:Run Crew or Constr Crew  | PSCI250E           | Intro to Political Theory        |
| SPNS102   | Elementary Spanish II            | THTR113A                     | Introduction to Vocal Acting  | THTR235L           | Dramatic Literature              |
|           |                                  | THTR120A                     | Introduction to Acting I  | WGSS163H           | Phil Persp on Women              |

\*Three (3) credits from each category are required for Montana State University.

\*Courses listed under more than one category can only be used for one category and not both.

\*The Montana State University Transfer Equivalency website is to be use as a guide. MSU admissions has the final say as to what will transfer and how it transfers.

[https://atlas.montana.edu:9000/pls/bzagent/hwzlkxfer.p\\_class](https://atlas.montana.edu:9000/pls/bzagent/hwzlkxfer.p_class)



## Montana Tech Pre-Licensure Fact Sheet

This fact sheet outlines the most pertinent requirements of the program, however, all program requirements are not included.

### ACADEMIC READINESS FOR PREREQUISITE COURSES:

- ACT® score
- SAT® score
- Accuplacer Test Scores

Admission to Montana Tech does not guarantee acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN program. Students entering Montana Tech with the intent to become a registered nurse may declare a major in pre-nursing upon admission to Tech, but are not accepted into the nursing program until after a formal application and selection process occurs. All Nursing Department announcements and essential communication are communicated via e-mail (MT Tech account).

### PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: To progress successfully through the program, applicants should have:

- Adequate visual acuity, with or without corrective lenses, to read fine print
- Adequate hearing ability, with or without auditory aids, to be able to hear heart, lung, bowel sounds, etc. and understand a normal speaking voice
- Adequate physical ability to perform basic client/patient care
- Sufficient command of the English language to effectively communicate (verbally and in written form) with clients/patients, families, and other healthcare professionals.
- Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in class are encouraged to contact a Montana Tech Disability Services Coordinator (DSC) at either 496-4429 (North Campus) or 496-3730 (Highlands College).

### ADVISING

- Pre-Nursing students will be assigned a nursing advisor who will assist the student each semester. This assignment is necessary since many courses are required to be taken in sequence or are only offered once a year or have prerequisites.
- It is essential to meet with a nursing advisor prior to enrolling in or dropping any courses. Failure to work directly with a nursing advisor may have a significant impact on the student's ability to progress through the pre-nursing prerequisites in a timely manner.
- It is the student's responsibility to obtain written documentation from the MT Tech Office of Enrollment Services regarding approval of transfer and/or course substitutions.
- Students must have PRIOR written approval from the Office of Enrollment Services that a course taken at another campus is equivalent to a MT Tech course.

Students who retake a course should be aware that Montana Tech's policy is that the last grade received is the grade that will be used when calculating GPA.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet minimum Nursing Department requirements to be eligible for application to the Nursing Program. Acceptance into the Nursing Program is competitive and based on: A selective grade point average (GPA) calculated from grades received for the required prerequisite courses below, and a standardized test (Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The cost of the exam is approximately \$65. Review materials for TEAS are available at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). The selection will be made based on 60% GPA and 40% TEAS score. Minimum selective GPA for application to the nursing program is 3.0 (out of a 4.0 scale). Minimum acceptable TEAS score is 68.3%. The selection process will take place twice yearly. There is a fall application available in April and a spring application available in November. Specific dates are announced at the beginning of each semester at our Pre-Nursing Orientation.

**Non-Nursing and Nursing Pre-Requirement Courses listed below. The (\*) Prerequisite courses will be included in the GPA calculation:**

|                |  |    |  |
|----------------|--|----|--|
| BIOH 201 / 202 | *Anatomy and Physiology I-Lecture w/Lab        |    |  |
| WRIT 121       | Introduction to Technical Writing              | OR | WRIT 101 College Writing I               |
| MATH 121       | *College Algebra                               | OR | M 140 College Math for Healthcare        |
| NUTR 258       | *Fundamentals of Nutrition                     |    |  |
| PSYX 100       | Introduction to Psychology                     |    |  |
| BIOH 211 / 212 | *Anatomy and Physiology II-Lecture w/Lab       |    |  |
| SOCI 101       | Introduction to Sociology                      |    |  |
| CHMY 121 / 122 | *Intro to General Chemistry -Lecture w/Lab     | OR | CHMY 141 / 142 College Chemistry I w/Lab |
| PSYX 230       | *Developmental Psychology                      |    |  |
| NRSG 107       | Perspectives in Professional Nursing           | OR | NRSG 100 Intro to Nursing                |
| BIOM 250 / 251 | *Microbiology for Health Science-Lecture w/Lab |    |  |
| STAT 131       | Biostatistics                                  | OR | STAT 216 Intro to Statistics             |
| HCI 316        | Healthcare Ethics and Regulation               | OR | PHL 325W Professional Ethics             |
| HUMN XXX       | Humanities Elective                            |    |  |
| WRIT 201       | *College Writing II                            | OR | WRIT 322W Advanced Business Writing      |

- A&P I and II must be taken in person and can only be repeated one time.
- Pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.
- All nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C+" or higher.
- Any pre-requisite course can only be repeated one time.
- Students who retake a course should be aware that Montana Tech's policy is that the last grade received is the grade that will be used when calculating GPA.

#### IMMUNIZATIONS

If a student does not wish to be immunized due to a religious belief, they must provide the clinical facility with a written explanation, including the specific religion that they practice, the reason(s) that the religion does not permit immunizations, and supporting documents that would establish their membership in an established religion which holds a bona fide religious belief opposing immunization. The clinical facility will evaluate any such request upon receipt of the above mentioned information.

#### COSTS

Completion of a degree in nursing is costly. In addition to tuition and fees, nursing students should be aware that required nursing textbooks/reference materials are expensive and that many courses require several texts. The student should also plan for a number of out-of-pocket expenses related to clinical supplies and course/program requirements. Once accepted into the nursing Pre-licensure BSN program students are assessed a program fee each semester (\$650.00 per semester).

#### BACKGROUND CHECK

Clinical practice is a mandatory part of Montana Technological University Nursing Program. To ensure the safety and well-being of all patients, many employing institutions in health care have increasingly stringent requirements and background checks as conditions for providing patient care by students. Therefore, it is required that all students within the nursing program complete an annual background check. Any fees or costs associated with background checks are the responsibility of the students. The involved clinical affiliate receives and reviews the background check to determine if each student may complete clinical hours within the agency. Since clinical practice in actual (not simulated) health care settings is a mandatory component of Montana Tech's nursing curriculum, students who are denied access to a clinical affiliate are unable to meet course and curriculum objectives and therefore are unable to progress through the program.

#### FELONY

Any applicant convicted of a felony will not be admitted to the program. If an enrolled student is convicted of a felony, the student will not be able to progress in the nursing program.

#### LICENSING

Acceptance to and graduation from the Nursing Program does not assure eligibility to sit for the nursing licensing examination. The Montana Board of Nursing makes all final decisions on issuances of licenses.

### Application Process and Acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN Nursing Program

#### Requirements for Acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN Program

- Completion of the required prerequisite courses listed above.
- Minimum selective GPA of 3.0 in all nursing pre-requisites.
- General Education courses must be completed within the last 10 years, unless a previous Bachelor's degree has been awarded.
- Science courses must be completed within the last 5 years.
- Students must have proof of Tdap within the last 10 years. (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis).
- Proof of measles, mumps, rubella and or immunity.
- Proof of Varicella vaccination or immunity (or a positive titer).
- Proof of annual (fall) Influenza vaccination.
- Evidence of Hepatitis B vaccination (series of three shots) or seroimmunity (demonstrated with a positive titer). *It is important to note that you need to allow at least 6 months to complete the series.*
- Current evidence of freedom from tuberculosis (TB skin test or chest x-ray) annually.
- CPR- evidence of current completion of an approved CPR course, must have adult and infant (American Heart Association Health Care Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer)

#### Clinical Requirements:

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Student signature indicates that the information contained in this document was reviewed, an opportunity was provided to ask questions, and questions were answered to the student's satisfaction.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

[www.mtech.edu/academics/clsp/nursing](http://www.mtech.edu/academics/clsp/nursing) The baccalaureate degree in nursing program at Montana Technological University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 635 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202-887-6791 (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org/>).



# BSN Prerequisites

## Prerequisite Courses

Below is a list of the required prerequisite courses for both the Traditional BSN and Accelerated BSN programs. These courses need to be completed prior to beginning of the Nursing curriculum. Refer to our [Traditional Application Page](#) and [Accelerated Application Page](#) for specific application requirements. Accelerated nursing applicants and Traditional applicants who already possess a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing do not have to complete the WRIT 101 and US CORE requirements listed below.

- **CHMY 121**- Introduction to General Chemistry with a lab
  - General Chemistry 1 AND 2 can be combined to meet this requirement
- **CHMY 123**- Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry Principles with a lab
  - Organic Chemistry 1, 2 AND a Biochemistry course can be combined to meet this requirement
- **BIOH 201**- Anatomy and Physiology I with a lab
- **BIOH 211**- Anatomy and Physiology II with a lab
- **BIOM 250**- Microbiology for Health Sciences (no lab required) – focus on infectious diseases
- **STAT 216**- Introduction to Statistics
- **NUTR 221**- Human Nutrition
- **HDFS 101**-Individual and Family Development & Well-Being –Across the Lifespan OR PSYX 230 Developmental Psychology
  - Must include content on infancy through death
- **PSYX 100**-Introduction to Psychology
- **SOCI 101**- Introduction to Sociology
- **WRIT 101**– College Writing *\*Not required for students who already have a bachelor's degree*
- **US CORE**– University Seminar\* *Not required for students who already have a bachelor's degree*
  - Communication courses at other universities are often substituted for US CORE. Please [contact an advisor](#) if you have any questions.

\*Students who have already completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing do not need to complete the WRIT 101 or US CORE prerequisite requirements.

## Additional Prerequisite Requirements

The following prerequisite requirements must be met prior to applying to the nursing program.

1. A calculated GPA of 3.0 or higher in prerequisite courses.
2. Be on track to complete all prerequisites prior to placement start date, with a grade of C- or better (prerequisites must have been completed within the last 15 years). No more than 2 repeats total across the required prerequisite courses. A grade of "W" counts as a repeat. If you are interested in [appealing](#), please contact an advisor.
3. At least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better to apply to the nursing program. Those courses are: BIOH 201\*\*, BIOH 211, BIOM 250, CHMY 121 and CHMY 123.

*\*\*BIOH 201 (Anatomy and Physiology I) MUST be one of the three completed science courses in order to apply.*

***The College of Nursing faculty are currently working on major curricular revisions for the undergraduate programs tentatively scheduled for release for fall 2022. Students anticipating applying for fall 2022 placement are encouraged to work closely with their pre-nursing advisor to align a prerequisite course plan.***



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- Master of Nursing (MN)
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# Missoula College Nursing Program: ASN degree in preparation for an RN license

Updated 01/15/2019

## NURSING PROGRAM WEBPAGES (info on all prerequisite, co-requisites, and nursing core courses):

- Nursing Program homepage: <http://mc.umt.edu/nursing/>
- Admission & Curriculum page: <http://mc.umt.edu/nursing/RN-Prg-Admission-Curriculum.php> where all prerequisite and co-requisite are listed as well as a 4-semester schedule of nursing core courses.

## ADVISORS:

- Nursing faculty serve as academic advisors for both Missoula College Pre-Nursing students and Registered Nursing students. Students with these declared majors can book an appointment via the UM Starfish system (<http://www.umt.edu/starfish/>). Step-by-step instructions are available on the Starfish site.
- Group advising sessions for Pre-Nursing advising are periodically scheduled. Group sessions will be listed on the RN Program homepage (<http://mc.umt.edu/nursing/>) as well as in Starfish.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ASN & BSN DEGREES, AND OPTIONS:

- We offer an Associate of Science Nursing (ASN) degree over 4 semesters (no summers), providing an RN curriculum focused on both essential knowledge and clinical skills. Once the ASN is earned, the person can take the national RN licensure exam (NCLEX). A Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN) is a 4-year degree, providing an RN curriculum to allow the BSN graduate to take the same RN licensure exam.
- ASN versus BSN degree
  - The difference with the BSN curriculum is that more management, research, and advanced theory is included, whereas the ASN focuses on clinical skills and less advanced theory. An advantage to doing the ASN is that tuition is lower at a 2-year college and then the ASN graduate can be working as an RN while doing their studies online to earn a BSN. And, some employers contribute to tuition.
  - Also, tuition lower at two-year institutions.
  - We have a partnership with Montana Tech that our ASN graduates can apply to them for their online RN (ASN)-to-BSN program, which can be taken part-time or fulltime. All the clinical work is done via our ASN curriculum with the exception of one clinical experience that the MT Tech program helps secure for the student in their geographical area. The curriculum also includes advanced management and research.
  - Programs are available in Montana and nationally to go from one level to another: RN-to-BSN, RN-to-APRN (adv. Pract RN), RN-to-MSN (masters), BSN-to-MSN.

## COLLEGE TUITION/FEES:

- Once at the link and you click on the "2018-2019 Fall-Spring" link (most current at this time), then under "Campus Based" click on "Missoula College" for the tuition on this campus: <http://www.umt.edu/business-services/Students/Tuition%20and%20Fees>. You'll see a chart of tuition and fee figures for both non-residents and Montana residents on a sliding scale depending on how many credits taken. Applicants already holding a bachelor's degree in any discipline are subject to tuition and fees at the "post baccalaureate" rate.

## NURSING PROGRAM COSTS:

- All nursing programs require their students to have certain immunizations so they are prepared for their on-site clinical experiences. Costs vary depending on the clinic that provides the immunizations and a student's individual insurance benefits so prices cannot be included. Here is a simplified list of immunizations required to be current, some of which are requirements for public school attendance. Those required are: Flu; Hepatitis B; MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella); TB (Tuberculosis); Tdap (Tetanus with pertussis); Varicella (Chickenpox). In addition, a background check and sexual offender search done by the service our program uses are required.
- In addition to textbooks, our nursing program uses ATI Nursing Education, which includes online instructional modules as well as testing modules that serve to prepare the student to take the NCLEX (the national test required for an RN license). There is a one-time charge (currently \$780) that can be broken down into 4 separate payments. As a benefit, the student has access to all the modules for 1 year beyond graduation.
- Specific scrubs are required along with a short list of medical supplies.

## NURSING PROGRAM LECTURE, LAB & CLINICAL SCHEDULES:

- Generally students are either in lecture and/or lab and/or clinicals 4 days per week, but it can be 5 depending on the particular clinical experience and which of the 4-semester program the student is in.
- Labs can be 4 days per week for 2-3 hours each day. All clinicals are done on weekdays with usually 1 full clinical day (8-12 hours) and possibly shorter clinicals scheduled on any of the remaining 4 weekdays.

## APPLICATION & ADMISSION PROCESS:

### 1. Applying to the Nursing Program

- **Two Applications:** An applicant can wait to apply to Missoula College (MC) until they find out if they have been accepted to the MC Nursing Program.
  - Link to Nursing Program Application: <http://mc.umt.edu/health/applications/>.
  - Link to Missoula College Application: <http://admissions.umt.edu/admissions/missoula-college/>.

### 2. Nursing Program Application:

- **Applying:** An applicant can be in the process of completing the prerequisite courses when submitting their application. We begin processing applications as received, but wait until the semester's grades are posted before calculating the GPA of prerequisite courses.
  - We admit RN students in both fall and spring semesters.
  - The RN program application for both fall admission and spring admission is generally posted by mid-February with a submission deadline of May 1 or the closest weekday to that date.
  - Our "Applications & Forms" webpage provides important information as well as a direct link to the posted application.
- **Application Evaluation:** Please know that all nursing programs are very competitive and how we score an application is by the criteria below.
  - 1) 40% of the application score is the GPA of the 5 prerequisite courses (important to have excellent grades in these courses). The average prereq (competitive) GPA for students admitted during the last 4 admission cycles listed below.

|                         |              |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>Prerequisite GPA</u> | Average 4.00 | Range 4.00-4.00 |
|                         | Average 3.89 | Range 3.50-4.00 |
|                         | Average 3.77 | Range 3.29-4.00 |
|                         | Average 3.78 | Range 3.50-4.00 |
  - 2) 25% of the application score is the TEAS test score (66.7% is the lowest score considered for admission). The average TEAS score of students admitted during the last 4 cycles is listed below.

|                                |              |                 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <u>TEAS comprehensive test</u> | Average 84.4 | Range 78.7-93.3 |
|                                | Average 82.5 | Range 68.7-93.3 |
|                                | Average 81.7 | Range 68.0-94.7 |
|                                | Average 80.5 | Range 66.7-92.0 |
  - 3) 35% of the application score is the personal interview (doing well in the prereqs and on the TEAS test is critical to being invited for an interview)
  - 4) Experience points can be added for CNA, LPN, or other approved healthcare experience as follows:
    - 10% added to application for certified healthcare experience with a documented minimum of 1040 hours within 5 years of application submission.
    - 5% added to application for certified healthcare experience with a documented minimum of 480 hours within 5 years of application submission.
  - 5) Co-requisite points of 2% added for applicants who have completed or are in the process of completing all 5 co-requisite courses at the time of application submission.
- **Comprehensive Testing:** The TEAS VI test is a 3.5-hour comprehensive timed test that we always offer on our campus several times a month prior to the application deadline. Currently, the cost of the test is \$58. It is proctored by our nursing faculty and staff. If taken elsewhere, there can be a proctor fee of anywhere between \$10 to \$50. If you do an Internet search for TEAS VI test, you will find information about it. There are study guides available from many sources, including the test creators at <https://atitesting.com>.
- **Personal Interview:**
  - For both Fall and Spring Admission, interviews are scheduled for early June.

### 3. Acceptance / Admission:

- 18 applicants are admitted each fall and spring semester for a total of 36 students per year.
- Admission decisions are determined by the evaluation criteria listed above (1-5).
- Applicants often have to apply more than once to gain admission to the RN program simply because there are only 18 spots open due to the required faculty/nursing student ratio and available clinical sites. Every nursing program is extremely competitive.
- Applicants are notified whether or not they will be interviewed after current semester grades are posted.
- Admission decisions are finalized after the interview process.

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## Nursing Program Advising Sheet

### Prerequisites

BIOH 201/202 Anatomy & Physiology  
with lab .....4 cr  
CHMY 121 General Chemistry.....3-4 cr  
CHMY 122 Gen. Chemistry Lab.....1 cr  
WRIT 101 College Writing.....3 cr  
M115 or M121 or M162 or M171.....3 cr  
**Total: 14-15 cr**

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that students take the **bolded co-requisite courses** required to graduate prior to entering the program because there may be schedule conflicts with nursing clinical due to hospital availability **AND** it will set you up for **SUCCESS** in the nursing program!

\*BIOH 211/212      \*PSYX 100  
\*BIOM 250/251      \*SOCI 101

### Semester I

NRSG230 Nursing Pharmacology .....3 cr  
NRSG231 Nursing Pharmacology Lab .....2 cr  
NRSG232 Foundations of Nursing .....3 cr  
NRSG233 Foundations of Nursing Lab .....3 cr  
**BIOH211/212 Anatomy & Physiology**  
**With lab .....4 cr**  
**Total: 15 cr**

### Semester II

NRSG256 Pathophysiology .....3 cr  
NRSG234 Adult Nursing I .....3 cr  
NRSG235 Adult Nursing I Clinical .....2 cr  
NRSG236 Maternal Nursing .....2 cr  
NRSG237 Maternal Nursing Clinical.....1 cr  
PSYX 100 Intro to Psychology ..... 3 cr  
**Total: 14 cr**

### Semester III

NRSG244 Adult Nursing II.....3 cr  
NRSG245 Adult Nursing II Clinical .....2 cr  
NRSG246 Child & Family Nursing .....2 cr  
NRSG247 Child & Family Clinical ..... 1 cr  
NRSG254 Mental Health Concepts..... 3 cr  
NRSG255 Mental Health Clinical ..... 1 cr  
SOCI 101 Intro to Sociology ..... 3 cr  
**Total: 15 cr**

### Semester IV

NRSG259 Adult Nursing III.....3 cr  
NRSG260 Adult Nursing III Lab .....1 cr  
NRSG261 Adult Nursing III Clinical .....2 cr  
NRSG266 Managing Client Care .....2 cr  
NRSG 267 Managing Care Clinical .....2 cr  
BIOM250 Microbio in Health Sciences 3 cr  
BIOM251 Microbio in Hlth Sci Lab..... 1 cr  
**Total: 14 cr**

**Total Program Credits: 72-73**

**BIOH201N, 202N, 211N & 212N (Anatomy & Physiology I and II with lab) must be successfully completed with a B or greater within two attempts. Nursing courses must be successfully completed with a B or greater in order to progress in the nursing scope and sequence.**

If students need to take additional credits to be at full time status, suggested RN-BSN co-requisites are: Statistics, Writ 201, Medical Ethics, Developmental Psyc and a Humanities Elective.

