

BSN PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- A minimum of 3 Natural World courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or 4 Natural World courses with a minimum GPA of 2.8 must be completed at time of application.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 is required in each prerequisite course.
- All prerequisites listed must be completed by the end of Summer Quarter, prior to the Autumn Quarter start of the BSN program.
- 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 [UW Equivalency Guide for Washington Community and Technical Colleges](#).
- Students who have taken an AP exam can refer to the [UW policy regarding the awarding of UW credit for AP scores](#).

Prerequisite Category	Credits	Notes	Sample UW Courses	List Your Courses Semester credit x 1.5 = quarter credit
COMMUNICATIONS - Written Communications: 2 courses/10 quarter hour credits				
English Composition course	5		ENGL 111, 121, 131, 182, 197, 198, 199 or 281	1.
Choose 1: A second English Composition course OR a W-course*	5	*W-course: 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 111, 121, 131, 182, 197, 198, 199 or 281	2.
Recommended: One course in Public Speaking				
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 NOT count.	Math 107, 111, 112, 120, 124, or 134 OR Philosophy 115, 120, 470	1.
One Statistics course	3 - 4	The UW School of Nursing maintains a list of Approved Statistics Courses offered at other schools.	Stat 220, EDPSYCH 490, QMETH 201	2.
NATURAL WORLD (NW) – Minimum of 6 courses/28 quarter hour credits. For UW students 9 courses/33 credits				
Chemistry General Chemistry (one or more courses depending on school) AND One Organic Chemistry course UW students take 3 courses	10/15	UW students must take 3 courses: CHEM 120, 220 and 221 Applicants completing at other schools often required to take General Chemistry series to be eligible to take Organic Chemistry. Must take 1-2 (or more) courses for General Chemistry; 1 quarter/semester of Organic Chemistry okay (Organic Chemistry series not required)	CHEM 120, 220 and 221	1. 2. 3.
Human Anatomy and Physiology UW Students take 3 courses: BIOL 118 & 119, BSTR 301	10	Most schools offer a 2-quarter sequence of Anatomy and Physiology. UW students take Physiology lecture course, Physiology lab and a separate Anatomy course.	Biological Structure 301 and Biology 118 and 119	1. 2.

General Microbiology, including Microbiology lab	5	At many schools the lab is included as part of the general Micro class. If not, you should enroll in separate lab course. UW students must take MICRON 301 and 302.	MICROM 301 AND 302	1. 2. (Separate lab course required if General Microbiology does not include lab; applies to UW)
Nutrition	3	Course should cover special nutritional needs for different groups, food composition (some chemistry), and diseases caused by nutritional deficiencies.	NUTR 300 or 301	1.

Recommended: One General Biology course to be completed before taking Microbiology and Chemistry. Many schools already require this. The UW is an exception.

INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY (I&S) – 15 quarter 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).	NURS 201	1.
If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 10 additional credits under the I&S category Post-baccalaureate applicants: It is assumed that you have fulfilled this additional 10 credits of I&S coursework during your prior degree	10	I&S 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 studies.		1. 2. Please note: you may end up listing more than 2 additional courses; you want to show a total of 10 additional credits of I&S course work.

VISUAL, LITERARY AND PERFORMING ARTS (VLPA) – 15 quarter credits

If you have NOT completed a prior Bachelor's degree, you choose: 15 credits under the (VLPA) category Post-baccalaureate applicants: It is assumed that you have fulfilled 15 credits of VLPA coursework during your prior degree	15	VLPA courses focus on the history, interpretation, criticism, and practice of the arts (e.g. art history, comparative literature, dance, English, music, speech, national languages and literature). Foreign language credits may be used for VLPA credits only if it is a 200 level foreign language course <i>OR</i> foreign language courses 101-103 (15 credits total minimum) have been taken. <i>Any foreign language 101 and 102 without the 103 course DOES NOT count toward VLPA credits.</i>		1. 2. 3. Please note: you may end up listing more than 3 VLPA courses; you want to show a total of 15 VLPA credits.
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TOTAL REQUIRED PREREQUISITE CREDITS: 76 - 81

ALSO REQUIRED: Electives to complete a total of 90 quarter credit hours