



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The four-year bachelor's degree program includes general education courses, nursing coursework, clinical experiences and electives. Students spend their first two years as pre-nursing students completing prerequisite and general education requirements and then apply to the two-year nursing program. Each semester nursing students complete one clinical experience providing hands-on, supervised nursing care to individuals, families or communities. These bedside clinical experiences are complemented by interactive simulations. Classroom learning includes the study of professional nursing leadership; person, family, community and systems-centered care; health and illness; and health care context and systems

Academic Program Opportunities

Unique opportunities to supplement the standard baccalaureate curriculum include:

- Jumping into nursing-focused coursework alongside a small cohort of other first-year students through the First-Year Interest Groups (FIGs) program
- Pursuing additional academic areas of interest by completing one of the 50-plus certificate options in a disciplines such as global health, gender and women's studies, or Afro-American studies
- Conducting research alongside faculty through the Nursing Honors Program
- Studying abroad or participating in a rural immersion nursing experience
- Beginning graduate-level coursework toward a master of public health (MPH) or doctoral (PhD) degree.

One Profession, Many Possibilities

The nursing program will prepare you for a career by and beyond the bedside. Our graduates manage hospitals, deliver babies, organize disaster relief efforts, conduct health education seminars, serve in the military and conduct research. The national nurse shortage means our graduates can find career options wherever they live. Nursing school graduates are more than twice as likely to have jobs at the time of graduation as those entering the workforce in other fields. Nursing is consistently ranked as the profession with the highest standards for honesty and ethics. This is a challenging, satisfying, secure and rewarding profession.

Admission

We seek to admit students who demonstrate strong academic ability as well as leadership, participation in extracurricular activities, service and health care experience. We also consider professional goals as well as diversity in experience and background. Admission is highly competitive and based on a thorough and holistic evaluation of each application.

Students apply to enter the School of Nursing via Upper Division Admission after completing designated prerequisites. Typically students are admitted to UW-Madison as pre-nursing students and apply to officially start the two-year nursing sequence of courses as juniors. Admission takes place once a year for fall enrollment. **Application opens December 1. The deadline is February 1.** Students transferring to UW-Madison must also apply for admission to the university through the Office of Admissions and Recruitment (www.admissions.wisc.edu).

Admission Requirements

UW-Madison pre-nursing students, as well as prospective transfer and second-degree students, must meet the following requirements by the end of the spring term prior to the fall term of enrollment:

- 54 college-level credits
- 2.75 minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- Seven prerequisite courses with a maximum of three in progress during the spring term prior to enrollment:
 1. Chemistry
 2. Microbiology
 3. Anatomy
 4. Physiology
 5. Psychology
 6. Sociology
 7. Human Growth and Development
- 2.75 minimum GPA in the combined seven prerequisite courses

Admission Profile 2016

Applicants	398
Admitted	150
Enrolled	134
Male	19%
Students of Color	20%
First Generation	29%
Cumulative GPA	3.55
Prerequisite GPA	3.53



Transfer and Second-Degree Admission

Transfer and second-degree students who meet the admission requirements can apply to enter the nursing program. Transfer students who still have requirements in process can apply to UW–Madison as pre-nursing students and then apply to the nursing program once all requirements have been fulfilled. Second-degree candidates must apply directly to the nursing program; it is not possible to enter UW–Madison as a pre-nursing second-degree candidate. Explore www.go.wisc.edu/bsn for more information on the transfer and second-degree admission process, as well as prerequisite course equivalency resources.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The School of Nursing awards more than \$400,000 in scholarships each year to admitted undergraduate nursing students. Awards are based on both academic merit and financial need. Students who apply to the School of Nursing through the Upper Division Admission process are invited to apply to nursing specific scholarships through the Scholarships@UW–Madison system at www.scholarships.wisc.edu. Incoming pre-nursing students are encouraged to apply for campus-wide or non-nursing scholarships through Scholarships@UW–Madison and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) through www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for need-based scholarships, grants, or loans. Visit www.finaid.wisc.edu for more information on funding your education.

Visit Us

Visit us to see first-hand all the School of Nursing has to offer you! We offer specialized visit programs for prospective freshmen and transfer/second-degree nursing students throughout the year. Go to www.visitbucky.wisc.edu to learn more and register for an upcoming session.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about our program, admissions, prerequisites, financial aid, scholarships and more, explore:

www.go.wisc.edu/bsn

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