

# NURSING

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## Mission Statement of the Department of Nursing

The purpose of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Department of Nursing is to provide a scholarly environment in which faculty and students gain and extend knowledge of health, health care, and the practice of professional nursing. The Department of Nursing is dedicated to accomplishing this mission using traditional, as well as technology-based instructional strategies and a variety of innovative and diverse teaching methods.

The Nursing Department shares the mission of the university and the college by building upon the foundational values of transformative liberal education, inclusivity, and educational excellence.

The select mission of the Nursing Department is to:

1. Educate nurses to lead within diverse, complex environments
2. Promote health and the public good through ethical leadership, collaboration, and practice
3. Contribute to knowledge development for health and nursing
4. Serve the broader missions of the college and university

## Academic Standards

The following scholastic standards must be maintained by students after admission to the nursing program if they are to be considered in good standing:

1. Achieve a semester GPA of at least 2.25;
2. Maintain a resident GPA of at least 2.50;
3. Achieve a grade of at least C in each specific course required by nursing.

Note that a total and resident GPA of at least 2.50 is needed to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. If a student fails to meet any of the academic standards, the student is placed on probation in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and must successfully appeal to continue in the program. Appeal success is not guaranteed. The student who is placed on probation in the college will be officially notified of the change in academic standing and will be required to negotiate, with the associate dean of the college, a contract designed for regaining good standing. Failure to submit an appeal to continue in the nursing program by the designated due date assumes the student no longer wishes to continue in the nursing program and constitutes withdrawal from the nursing program. Should a grade of less than C in a specific course required by nursing, including non-nursing courses, be a factor in the probationary status, the student must repeat that course before earning credit for any course for which the repeated course is a prerequisite. For the traditional undergraduate nursing program, students are not allowed to progress further in the nursing program until the course

with the less than satisfactory grade is successfully completed. No more than one instance of probation within the nursing programs is allowed. Please also refer to the college academic regulations listed in the College Overview (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/#text>) and to the nursing student handbooks available in Blugold Insider.

## Summary of Course/Credit Requirements

### Required Non-Nursing Courses

CHEM 105 & CHEM 106	General Chemistry I Lecture and General Chemistry I Laboratory <sup>1</sup>	5
CHEM 150	Survey of Biochemistry	3
BIOL 214	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 250	Microbiology	3
BIOL 314	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSYC 230	Human Development <sup>2</sup>	3
MATH 246 or PSYC 265	Elementary Statistics Statistical Methods in Psychology I	4
S1 course (excluding Writing Requirement courses)		3

### Liberal Education (LE) Requirements

This table shows how the above courses meet the Liberal Education Requirements

#### K1 Natural Sciences (two experiences, one with lab)

CHEM 105 & CHEM 106	General Chemistry I Lecture and General Chemistry I Laboratory <sup>1</sup>	5
CHEM 150	Survey of Biochemistry	3
BIOL 214	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4

#### K2 Social Sciences (two experiences)

PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
PSYC 230	Human Development (PSYC 100 is a prerequisite)	3

#### K3 Humanities (two experiences)

Need two K3 experiences/courses

#### K4 Fine Arts (one experience)

Need one K4 experience/course

#### S1 Written and Oral Communication (two experiences)

WRIT 116	Blugold Seminar in Critical Reading and Writing (or appropriate Blugold Seminar Critical Reading and Writing course)	5
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Need 2nd S1 experience/course

#### S2 Mathematics (one experience)

MATH 246	Elementary Statistics	4
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#### S3 Creativity (one experience)

NRSRG 428 or CND 480	Practicum: Nursing Leadership I <sup>3</sup> Nursing within Systems: Analysis and Application	3
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#### R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (two experiences including one Design for Diversity course)

PSYC 230  
Need 2nd R1 experience/course including Design for Diversity (DDIV) requirement

#### R2 Global Perspectives (one experience)

Need one R2 experience/course

**R3 Civic and Environmental Issues (one experience)**

Need one R3 experience/course

**I1 Integration (two experiences)**NRS 428 or CND 480<sup>3</sup>

Need 2nd I1 experience/course

**Service Learning**NRS 428 or CND 480<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> CHEM 105 and CHEM 106 required. CHEM 105 and CHEM 106 together meet the nursing general chemistry requirement and constitute one course for the purpose of the nursing admission criteria. Must achieve a grade of C or better in both CHEM 105 and CHEM 106 (not an average of the two).

<sup>2</sup> PSYC 100 is not required for nursing, but it is a prerequisite for PSYC 230 and counts as a K2 experience.

<sup>3</sup> NRS 428 required for students in the traditional undergraduate nursing program; CND 480 required for students in the BSN Completion Program. Meet the Service-Learning and S3 requirements; provide one integration (I1) experience.

## Faculty

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## Majors

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- Comprehensive Major: Nursing, Eau Claire Program - B.S.N. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/nursing/nursing-comprehensive-major-eau-claire-program-bsn/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Nursing, Marshfield Program - B.S.N. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/nursing/nursing-comprehensive-major-marshfield-program-bsn/>)

We offer a **BSN Completion program** for registered nurses with associate degrees or diplomas in nursing interested in earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The BSN Completion Program, also referred to as the Collaborative Nursing Program (CNP)/BSN@Home Program, is a joint effort of the six nursing programs in the Universities of Wisconsin (UW-Eau Claire, UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, & UW-Stevens Point). Students participating in the program select one of the six universities as their "home" institution and must complete the degree requirements of their home institution. Core nursing courses of the BSN Completion Program are offered online by the nursing programs. Please see the admission requirements (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/#collegeadmissionrequirementstext>).

- Comprehensive Major: Nursing, B.S.N Completion Program (Collaborative Nursing Degree) - B.S.N. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/nursing/nursing-comprehensive-major-bsn-completion-program-bsn/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Nursing, WTCS Associate Degree in Nursing B.S.N. Completion Program (Collaborative Nursing Degree) - B.S.N. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/nursing/nursing-comprehensive-major-wtcs-associate-degree-in-nursing-bsn-completion-program-bsn/>)

## Minors

A topical minor is composed of 24 semester credits selected by the student to meet the student's own interests and scholarly objectives. The topical minor must include courses from at least two departments, with no more than 12 credits from any one department and no more than 12 credits from Nursing. Courses for the minor may be chosen on the basis of a coherent theme, a definable professional need, or a complementary relation to the student's major. The topical minor is not intended to duplicate any major or minor offered as a regular program.

- Minor: Topical Minor (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/nursing-health-sciences/nursing/topical-minor-minor/>)

## Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)

The graduate program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree is designed to prepare nurses to assume leadership and scholarship roles in professional nursing in the areas of nursing education or nursing administration/leadership & management. Students choose an adult-gerontologic or family population focus and functional role preparation in nursing education or administration/leadership & management. After admission to the program, the student must complete approximately 39-40 graduate credits for the MSN degree. Completion of the program usually requires four semesters and a winterim session. Individuals interested in pursuing the nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist role preparations at UW-Eau Claire need to apply to the post-baccalaureate Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-to-DNP) degree option, in keeping with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) recommendation to transition advanced practice nursing preparation to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree level.

More specific information is available in the Graduate Catalog or from the Nursing Graduate Programs Director, College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

## Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree options for individuals pursuing education in advanced practice nursing. The DNP is a clinical doctorate designed to prepare nurses to assume leadership roles in the areas of advanced clinical practice nursing (nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist) or nursing administration/nurse executive. Both MSN-to-DNP and BSN-to-DNP options are offered. The MSN-to-DNP option includes an advanced clinical practice option (for nurse practitioners or clinical nurse specialists) or a nurse executive option. More specific information is available online from the college website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/>) or from the Nursing Graduate Programs Director, College of Nursing and Health Sciences.