

# Washington State University Pre-Nursing Honors Lower Division Course Plan

It takes 8 semesters of full-time study to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing or BSN. The lower division (freshman & sophomore) years are completed at WSU Pullman or through transfer work from other colleges. The upper division (junior & senior) years are completed in Spokane, Yakima, or Tri-Cities at the Washington State University College of Nursing (CON). Following is a program of study for the lower division years. Please see the back of this page for additional details.

Freshman Fall Semester	Freshman Spring Semester	Sophomore Fall Semester	Sophomore Spring Semester
<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chem 101</b> </div> <div> Introduction to Chemistry  <i>If you need to take Math 103 you should take it this term and take Chemistry 101 during a later semester.</i> </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Psych 105</b> </div> <div> Introductory Psychology  (2022-23— Currently the Honors college is allowing Psych 105 to sub for Hon 270) </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Stat/Math 212</b> </div> <div> Introduction to Statistical Methods </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Engl 298</b> </div> <div> Writing and Research Honors </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language 203</b> </div> <div> Third Semester of a Foreign Language – depends on placement </div> <div></div> </div>	<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chem 102</b> </div> <div> Chemistry Related to Life Sciences </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biol 107 (Preferred)</b> </div> <div> Introductory Biology: Cell Biology and Genetics  <i>Biology is not an actual nursing prerequisite but it IS a prerequisite for Anatomy &amp; Physiology.</i> </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Foreign Language 204</b> </div> <div> Fourth Semester of a Foreign Language </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 280</b> </div> <div> Contextual Understanding in the Arts and Humanities </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 290</b> </div> <div> Science as a Way of Knowing </div> <div>3</div> </div>	<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biol 251</b> </div> <div> Introductory Human Physiology  <i>Offered Fall &amp; Summer semesters only.</i> </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MBioS 101</b> </div> <div> Introductory Microbiology </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 370</b> </div> <div> Case Study: Global Issues in Social Sciences  <i>* fulfills Soc 101 requirement</i> </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>H D 101</b> </div> <div> Human Development Across the Lifespan </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Elective</b> </div> <div></div> <div>1</div> </div>	<div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biol 315</b> </div> <div> Gross and Microanatomy </div> <div>4</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Biology 333</b> </div> <div> Human Nutrition and Health or Biol 140: Intro to Nutritional Science </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 380</b> </div> <div> Case Study: Global Issues in the Arts and Humanities </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 390</b> </div> <div> Case Study: Global Issues in the Sciences </div> <div>3</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Honors 398</b> </div> <div> Honors thesis prep </div> <div>1</div> </div>
Total Credits 17	Total Credits 18	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 14

**Bolded and underlined courses:** These are your College of Nursing prerequisite courses. No more than three nursing prerequisite courses can be in progress the semester before entering the College of Nursing. No summer courses are allowed for fall enrollment at the CON in the summer before admission. All lower division coursework must be successfully completed by the end of spring term for fall admission and by the end of fall term for spring admission. You must earn a C or better in all of these courses, and the overall GPA for these courses must be a 3.00 or higher (competitive applicants typically have a 3.5 or higher). The top courses in each term should be taken in the listed sequence in order to complete lower division work in two years and are sequenced to optimally 'build' a successful pre-nursing knowledge base. For example, Chemistry and Biology 107 knowledge is used in Anatomy, Physiology, and Nutrition. If you were awarded the Honors Direct admit you must maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher.

**Courses listed in brackets:** These are the lower division University Common Requirements (UCORE) that aren't already being met by your nursing prerequisites. Below each requirement are *suggestions* of classes that fulfill this category. These courses have some flexibility as to when they can be taken. If you are struggling to fit a course into your schedule, please contact your advisor as we may be able to suggest a suitable alternative.

**Using summer to catch up:** The Pre-nursing program includes six sciences. One or two of these courses could be taken the summer BETWEEN your freshman and sophomore year if you want to lighten your academic course load. If you plan to take courses at a college other than WSU, it is your responsibility to make sure they will transfer back to WSU as equivalent courses. The WSU Transfer Course Equivalency Website is a useful tool for this.

**Writing Portfolio:** This needs to be completed before you leave the Pullman campus. If you have transfer work it may be required as early as your first year at WSU. The Undergraduate Writing Portfolio is required for any WSU major. See: [www.writingprogram.wsu.edu](http://www.writingprogram.wsu.edu) for additional information.

**TEAS Test:** WSU College of Nursing requires a general skills test called ATI TEAS before applying for admission. A minimum score of 70 is required. The test can be taken at any location where offered, or online through [atitesting.com](http://atitesting.com). The Cougar Health testing center can be scheduled at: <https://cougarhealth.wsu.edu/testing-services/>

**Use your WSU catalog:** Students are responsible to know the University Common Requirements and nursing prerequisites listed in the catalog. The catalog is a resource for courses, academic regulations, tuition, graduation requirements, etc. You may need this information if you ever go to another university for an additional or advanced degree. It provides course descriptions that may be needed to transfer courses from WSU to another institution. The catalog is online at: [catalog.wsu.edu](http://catalog.wsu.edu).

**Work Closely with the Health Professions Student Center:**

- ☐ Always schedule your priority advising appointments BEFORE registration begins.
- ☐ Come to your advising appointments informed, prepared with questions, and with a schedule already written out.
- ☐ Notify the office if you plan to change courses.
- ☐ Notify the office if you are struggling in your courses. Since admission to the nursing program is so competitive, we can suggest resources which may be able to help you achieve your academic and professional goals.

**Nursing Prerequisite Courses**

*No grades lower than 'C' (2.0) and all must average 'B' (3.0)*

Sociology 102 or 101 (Honors 370 counts as SOC)	Statistics 212
Psychology 105	Organic/Biochemistry Chemistry 102
Inorganic Chemistry 101	Biology 315 ( <i>Human Anatomy</i> )
Biology 251 ( <i>Human Physiology</i> )	Microbiology 101
Biology 333 or Biology 140 ( <i>Human Nutrition</i> )	Human Development 101

*Admission to the College of Nursing is competitive based on cumulative and nursing prerequisite grade point averages.*

**Contact the Health Professions Student Center with questions!**

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