

Getting Started

Pre-nursing, transfer and second degree students



School of
Nursing

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN
PARKSIDE

Applying as Pre-Nursing

New Freshman, Transfer Students & Second Degree Students

- Submit an application to UW-Parkside, at www.uwp.edu/apply/instructions.cfm, by July 1 for a Fall start and December 1 for a Spring start.
- Accepted students must register for and attend an orientation where you can declare Pre-Nursing as your major.
- ALL students start as Pre-Nursing before they apply to the Professional Nursing Major.

Current UWM Students (change of major)

Use Navigate to schedule an appointment with the nursing advisor. Major Declaration forms can be found at <https://www.uwp.edu/currentstudent/yourdegree/declaring-a-major.cfm>

Inquiring Transfer Students

- Must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Must submit application to UW-Parkside at www.apply.wisconsin.edu by July 1 for a Fall start and December 1 for a Spring start.
- Should send unofficial transcripts to advisor then schedule an appointment via Calendly <https://calendly.com/uwpnursingadvisorappointment>.
- Transfer Resources: UWM Transfer Equivalency Database (<https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/ted>) or Transferology (www.transferology.com/school/uwm)

Applying to the Professional Nursing Major

Prerequisites

- Math Competency (Placement score of 30+ or Math 102/111 or equivalent with "C" or higher)
- GPA requirements at the time of application and prior to starting the professional major:
 - Minimum pre-nursing GPA: 2.75 (calculated based on 14 classes in table to right)
 - Minimum science GPA: 2.75 (calculated based on seven bolded classes in table to right)
- Must have at least a "C" (2.0) in each nursing prerequisite course
- Repeat Policy:
 - Nursing prerequisite courses with a "C-" or lower are considered a failure and need to be repeated.
 - A prerequisite course may only be repeated **one** time.
 - No more than **two** prerequisite courses can be repeated.
- Nursing prerequisite courses may be taken after application is submitted, but courses must be completed with a "C" or higher, maintain the minimum required GPAs, and be completed in the intended semester by the start of the professional major, if admitted.

Application Process

- Applications to the Professional Nursing Major are evaluated with a holistic admission process. A rubric and link for the application can be found online at uwm.edu/nursing.
- Items Considered in Application:
 - Academics
 - Work/Volunteer/Leadership Experience
 - No minimum hour expectation. Committee looks for consistency and a pattern of balancing volunteering with school and work. Healthcare experiences recommended.
 - On-Campus essay and series of short interviews
- Timeline:

	Fall
Application Opens	November 1
Application Closes	January 2 @ 5:00pm
Interviews & Essay	February
Decisions Sent	March

Nursing Prerequisite Coursework

Cultural Diversity in Healthcare	NURS 101	3 cr
Developmental Psychology*	PSY 210	3 cr
Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOS 105	5 cr
Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOS 106	5 cr
Microbiology*	BIOS 202	4 cr
Chemical Science*	CHEM 115	5 cr
Survey of Biochemistry*	CHEM 215	4 cr
Clinical Nutrition*	BIOS 190	2 cr
Advanced Composition*	ENG 201 or ENG 168	3 cr
Intro to Psychology	PSY 101	3 cr
Any Sociology	SOCA 101	3 cr
Medical Terminology		3 cr
Total		41 cr

*This does not include prerequisites that must be completed prior to taking these classes.

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UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Program

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Sample Undergraduate Curriculum

* Individual course plans may vary, current students follow your personal plan of study. Consult with your academic advisor before applying to professional major to confirm eligibility.

	Fall		Spring	
Year 1 <i>Pre-Nursing</i>	MATH 100 and/or 111: College Algebra	2-5 cr	CHEM 115: Chemical Science	5 cr
	ENGLISH 100: Fundamentals of English	3 cr	ENG 101: Composition and Reading	3 cr
	NURS 101: Cultural Diversity in Healthcare	3 cr	PSY 210: Intro to Human Development	3 cr
	PSY 101: Intro to Psychological Science	3 cr	SOCA 101: Intro to Sociology	3 cr
	UWP 101: Freshman Seminar (Nursing Section)	1 cr	GER Humanities Elective	3 cr
	Total	12-15 cr	Total	17 cr
Summer <i>Pre-Nursing</i>	BIOS 202: Microbiology 4 cr			
Year 2 <i>Pre-Nursing</i>	BIOS 105: Human Physiology and Anatomy I	5 cr	BIOS 106: Human Physiology and Anatomy II	5 cr
	CHEM 215: Organic and Biochemistry	4 cr	BIOS 190: Fundamentals Human Nutrition	2 cr
	ENG 201 or 168: Advanced Composition	3 cr	GER Art Elective	3 cr
	Medical Terminology	3 cr	GER Humanities Elective	3 cr
	Total	15 cr	Total	13-16 cr
Apply to Professional Major (62 credits)				
Year 3 <i>Professional Major</i>	NURS 351: Professional Role I: Foundations of Professional Practice	2 cr	NURS 420: Professional Role II: Provider of Care	2 cr
	NURS 354: Clinical Nursing Skills 1	1 cr	NURS 423: Clinical Nursing Skills 2	1 cr
	NURS 399: Concepts of Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics I	4 cr	NURS 400: Concepts of Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics II	4 cr
	NURS 352: Health and Illness Concepts I: Introduction	3 cr	NURS 421: Health & Illness Concepts II: Acute and Chronic Conditions	3 cr
	NURS 398: Health Assessment and Promotion in Nursing Practice	3 cr	NURS 419: Concepts of Evidence-based Nursing Practice	3 cr
	NURS 353: Clinical Practicum I: Foundations	3 cr	NURS 422 Clinical Practicum II: Acute & Chronic Conditions	3 cr
	Total	16 cr	Total	16 cr
Year 4 <i>Professional Major</i>	NURS 431: Health & Illness Concepts III: Lifespan	3 cr	NURS 476: Professional Role IV: Leading in Complex Situations	3 cr
	NURS 432: Health & Illness Concepts IV: Population Health	3 cr	NURS 477: Health & Illness Concepts V: Complex	3 cr
	NURS 433: Clinical Practicum III: Population Health	3 cr	NURS 480: Transition to Professional Practice	3 cr
	NURS 434: Nursing Informatics and Technology	3 cr	NURS 478: Clinical Practicum IV: Clinical Intensive	6 cr
	NURS 435: Concepts of Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics III	3 cr		
	Total	15 cr	Total	15 cr

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science Holistic Review for Admission Composite Rubric**

	Admission Component	Data Source	Exceeds Standard	Meets Standard	Below Standard		
Quantitative Academic Metrics 50%	GPA: Pre-nursing Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Transcript 	3.3 - 4.0 (15 points)	2.75 - 3.29 (12 points)	< 2.75		
	GPA: Pre-nursing Science Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Transcript 	Exemplary 3.51-4.0 (20 points)	Advanced 3.31-3.5 (17 points)	Proficient 3.0-3.3 (14 points)	Basic 2.75-2.99 (10 points)	< 2.75
	Science Courses Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Transcript 	1 point each for up to 5 science courses successfully completed at the time of application. (Chemistry, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Nutrition) (5 points)				
	Course Repeats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 1 repeat per required course No more than 2 total required course repeats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application Transcript 	No required course repeats (10 points)	1 required course repeat (8 points)	2 required course repeats (5 points)		
	Life & Work, Volunteer, and Leadership Experience Attributes and Experiences: <i>Accountability, Responsibility, Leadership, Working With Individuals Different Than You</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application 	Application Rubric (15 Points)	Application Rubric (10 points)	Application Rubric (5 points)		
Qualitative Attributes & Experiences 50%	Social/Geographic Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application 	3 or more (5 points)	2 or more (4 points)			
	Writing sample: In-person Essay Attributes and Experiences: <i>Communication, Critical Thinking</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person 	Essay Rubric Score (15 points)	Essay Rubric Score (12 points)	Essay Rubric Score (8 points)		
	Serial Short Interviews (SSIs) Attributes and Experiences: <i>Civility, Integrity, Leadership & Collaboration, Compassion, Self-Concept & Self-Appraisal</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual 	SSI Rubric (15 points—5 points possible per interview)				

Application Process Timeline

	Fall Admit Term
Online Application Opens	November
Online Application Closes	January 2 @ 5pm
Academic Evaluation Completed	Based on classes taken through end of Winter term
Interview Sign Up & Essay Information Sent via Email	First week of February
Essay <i>This is an expository writing exercise. Prompt is not provided prior to essay.</i>	A Saturday in Mid-February
Interviews <i>Online via Teams</i>	Mid-February <i>(One 30-minute meeting)</i>
Decisions sent via email	Late-March
Mandatory Admit Meeting	1 st week of April
Start Professional Major Course-work	Beginning of September (Fall semester)

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Program Work?

The nursing major at Parkside is offered in partnership UW-Milwaukee. Students are admitted to Parkside and complete the UWM College of Nursing pre-nursing and Professional nursing curriculum on Parkside's campus. You do not have to go to UWM. When students graduate, they are actually graduates of UW-Milwaukee. For this reason, each nursing student is responsible for meeting all UW-Milwaukee requirements. Successful completion of the pre-requisites and professional major courses require full-time Monday-Friday daytime availability as the nursing program does not offer online or evening courses. There is no part-time program for the UWM/UWP Nursing Consortia.

How do I meet with my academic advisor?

Use the Navigate student app to schedule an appointment or ask about walk-in hours. You can also e-mail your assigned advisor at their information listed on the front page of this packet.

How long are my science credits good for?

All credit for required courses must have been earned in the ten years preceding beginning the nursing major. Consult with your advisor to discuss your options if your classes are outside of this timeframe.

Do I need to take a foreign language?

If you have successfully completed two years of the same foreign language in high school, then you have completed the UWM/SON foreign language requirement. If you did not complete these two years or if English is your second language, see your advisor to discuss options for completing the UWM foreign language requirement. If you hold a prior degree or started your college coursework prior to Fall 1999, you are exempt from this requirement.

How many general education requirement courses do I need?

GER—Art: 3 cr

GER—Humanities: 6 cr

Electives: 0-4 cr (must have 120 credits to graduate)

You can find a listing of the courses that fulfill the UWM GER requirements at UWP from your advisor.

Can I take pre-nursing courses at another campus and transfer them in?

Yes. Many prerequisite courses have equivalents at other school. Be sure to contact your academic advisor to ensure that you're taking appropriate courses. Schedule an appointment or e-mail your assigned advisor.

Can I repeat a course if I'm not happy with my grade?

Prior to the start of the professional major, courses may be repeated only once and with no more than two total repeats. Grades of "C-" or lower MUST be replaced by grades of "C" or higher however, repeats of courses which have been passed with a grade of "C" or higher do not count against the repeat rules. The higher grade is then calculated in your nursing GPA if done by the clinical application deadline.

Is the nursing program competitive?

Yes. We do not have enough clinical spots for every student, so you must apply to continue into the professional major. This usually occurs during the sophomore year, but you can apply any semester as long as the prerequisite courses will be completed by the beginning of the major coursework. At UWP we accept 40 students in the Fall semester. Applications are reviewed based on pre-nursing and science GPA, leadership/work/volunteer, etc. experience, a series of short interviews, and an on-site essay.

What happens if I'm not accepted into the major?

You can meet with your assigned professional nursing advisor to get feedback on your application. Based on the strengths and weaknesses of your application, your advisor will discuss options for retaking courses, gaining more volunteer experience, or improving writing skills. Most students will decide to apply again the following semester, but some will decide to switch majors or transfer elsewhere.

Do I have to be CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certified?

A CNA license is not required for acceptance into the program. It can be a useful experience for exploring the healthcare field and gaining familiarity with the profession. If interested, you have the opportunity to sit for CNA licensure after your junior year in the program.

The information provided on this sheet is specific to the UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Major only. Students interested in other majors at UWP will follow different guidelines/requirements and should partner closely with an advisor in the Advising and Career Center.