



# NURSING — TRADITIONAL PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM

## UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. We offer various options, including our traditional pre-licensure program, for students seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Through natural and social science, humanities, and nursing science courses, the concepts of humanity, health, environment, and nursing are interwoven in a curriculum that clinically addresses nursing across the life span of health care recipients.

### Pre-nursing curriculum (one academic year)

In the pre-nursing curriculum, students complete at least 30 semester credits with courses in general chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology, and microbiology. Some or all of the pre-nursing courses can be taken at other institutions, but students should contact the College of Nursing and Health Sciences before beginning their course work to plan for integration and equivalency of the courses required at UW-Eau Claire. This work can be completed as a part-time student.

### Professional curriculum (three academic years)

The professional curriculum includes 60 credits in nursing courses. Students under faculty supervision gain experience in places such as hospitals, short term rehabilitation facilities, community/ public health agencies, ambulatory care facilities, schools, nursing homes, and private homes. Students must be full-time while completing the professional curriculum.

### WHY STUDY NURSING?

- Gain the knowledge and experience to promote, maintain, and restore the health of

individuals, families, groups, and communities.

- The BSN program will prepare you as a generalist to provide professional nursing in a variety of areas including hospital, nursing home, community/public health, ambulatory, and home care settings.
- The BSN prepares you for study in graduate nursing programs.
- At UW-Eau Claire, you can obtain a graduate degree in nursing and receive advanced role preparation as a nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, or nurse educator.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire is the only public university in northwestern Wisconsin that offers a baccalaureate nursing degree.
- The nationally recognized program graduates more than 150 BSN students a year.
- UW-Eau Claire nursing graduates are actively recruited for positions all over the country, and nearly 100% have jobs or are continuing their education within a year of graduation.
- Survey responses from employers are overwhelmingly positive.
- The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences nursing baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) & approved by the WI State Board of Nursing.
- Nursing students benefit from high-tech classrooms and state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Labs.
- Nursing students have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research projects and service-learning activities that benefit the community.
- Nursing students participate in cultural clinical immersion experiences at diverse health care settings in the Chippewa Valley and at sites throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota and nationally.
- Many nursing students learn and study in health care facilities in South Dakota, Mexico, and Harlaxton, England, to name a few.
- Nursing students can participate in the Spanish for Health Professions minor or certificate program offered through the Languages Department or the Public Health minor through the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The University Honors Program enables high achieving students to complement and enhance their learning opportunities.
- Students are active in organizations including the Eau Claire Student Nurses Association and a chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (open to men & women).
- UW-Eau Claire participates in the statewide BSN Completion (collaborative nursing BSN@Home) program that enables registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing to earn a baccalaureate degree. Upper division nursing courses for the BSN are made available at various sites throughout Wisconsin via online technologies.
- A UWEC distance education program is available at our Marshfield Site on the UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield campus in Marshfield in cooperation and with the support of Marshfield Clinic Health System. Courses are taught by UW-Eau Claire faculty located in Marshfield, by faculty from Eau Claire, and via interactive distance education classrooms. Persons interested in studying at the Marshfield Site should contact Dr. Rachel Merkel, Marshfield Site Director (merkelrm@uwec.edu).

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)—Traditional Pre-licensure program (comprehensive major; requires no minor)
- RN-BSN completion program (collaborative nursing BSN @ HOME program)

### Special department admissions requirements

Formal application to the BSN Traditional Pre-licensure program must be made. Students are encouraged to apply during the semester in which 30 credits will be completed. The deadlines for filing applications to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are Dec. 1 and May 1. Students must specify whether they are applying to the Eau Claire site or to the Marshfield site. To be considered for admission to the nursing program, students must have:

- Been accepted as a pre-nursing student to the University in good standing.
- Completed at least 30 semester credits\*, not including courses for nursing assistant certification or remedial work, with a total grade-point average of at least a 3.00 (includes transfer credits).
- Completed at least three of five required natural science courses\*\*, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a grade-point average of at least 2.50 (see catalogue).
- Earned a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses.
- Completed all application materials (application form and essay).
- Submitted a non-refundable application fee.

Other data utilized by the Admissions Committee are derived from a variety of sources including but not limited to admission applications to the university and the nursing program, high school transcript showing rank in class, previous collegiate records, and standardized tests such as ACT or SAT. International, non-native speakers of English applying to an undergraduate nursing program at the Eau Claire campus must have a TOEFL score as follows: TOEFL

Written >560 (or IELTS score of 6.5); or TOEFL (CBT)>220; or TOEFL (iBT)>83. The Marshfield instructional site is not approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue I-20s or host F visa holders. Admission is competitive and is not guaranteed.

Admitted students are required to submit health & immunization/titer requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, and background check(s). Personal health insurance required.

CNA certification is a prerequisite to NRS 267, a sophomore nursing clinical course. Admitted students must have wireless laptop (not Chromebook) access.

**NOTES:** The College of Nursing and Health Sciences may find it necessary to deny admission to a qualified applicant because of enrollment limits in the professional program. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, it is likely the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be well above the 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA. \*Remedial coursework (e.g., Math 20) does not count towards the 30 required credits. \*\*Chem 105 & 106 together meet the nursing general chemistry requirement and constitute one course for the purpose of the nursing admission criteria.

Because nursing is a professional discipline, students must anticipate some additional expenses related to the nursing program (see Catalogue). Also, textbook costs can be high, particularly in the early nursing courses; however, many books continue to be utilized in subsequent semesters.

### HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- The following courses are recommended to take in high school to prepare for the nursing major:
  - 4 units English
  - 1-2 units chemistry
  - 1 unit physics
  - 1-2 units biology

- 2 units of Spanish, French, German, or other language
- 2 units algebra, 1 unit geometry
- 1-2 units history
- 3 units social studies
  - 1 unit speech

### 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR COURSE WORK

#### Sample First Year

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Chem 105 & 106	General Chemistry Lecture & Lab	5
Writ 116	Critical Reading & Writing	5
Psyc 100	General Psychology	3
Communication/Language or Humanities course		3-4

#### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Chem 150	Biochemistry	3
Biol 214	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
Psyc 230	Human Development	3
Communication/Lang. course		3-4
Humanities course or elective		1-3

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the nursing program at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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