

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program?

In order to be considered for admission to the nursing program, applicants must have:

- been accepted as a pre-nursing student in the University in good standing
- completed at least 30 semester credits, not including courses for nursing assistant certification, with a total cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00
- completed at least three required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a grade point average of at least 2.50
- earned a grade of “C” or better in all courses required for nursing
- completed all application materials

For more information please see the University Catalogue at:

<http://www.uwec.edu/Registrar/catalogs/Catalogs.htm>

2. When are applications due for admission to the BSN program?

Applications to the BSN nursing program are due **December 1st and May 1st** for both the Eau Claire and Marshfield site programs. ***Students are encouraged to apply during the semester in which 30 credits will be completed.***

3. Can I take pre-nursing requirements at another university or community college?

Some or all of the pre-nursing courses can be taken at other institutions. Students must complete at least 30 semester credits for the pre-nursing phase of the nursing program and these credits can be transferred in from another institution but must be equivalent to our required courses as determined by UW-Eau Claire’s Admissions Office.

If you know you will be taking courses at another institution, contact the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (***Marcia St. Germaine*** at **715-836-5515** or stgermml@uwec.edu) *before* beginning your coursework to plan for integration and equivalency of the courses required at UW-Eau Claire.

4. What are the required prerequisite Nursing courses that must be taken?

Course	Credits
*CHEM 103 – General Chemistry	4 cr. with Lab
*CHEM 150 – Survey of Biochemistry	3 cr.
*BIOL 214 – Anatomy & Physiology 1	4 cr. with Lab
*BIOL 314 – Anatomy & Physiology 2	4 cr. with Lab
*BIOL 250 – Microbiology	3 cr.
MATH 246 – Statistics (or Psych 265)	3-4 cr.
Psych 230 – Developmental Psychology (across the lifespan)	3 cr.

****In order to be eligible to apply to program, applicants must have completed at least three required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a grade point average of at least 2.50***

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5. How competitive is the BSN program? Will I be able to get in?

The BSN program is competitive and 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, meeting minimum criteria for admission, including grade point averages, may not be sufficient to be accepted into the nursing major. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences does not keep a rolling waiting list from semester to semester. A new application is required for each application deadline date.

6. I would like to transfer into the BSN program. What courses will transfer in?

Please refer to the Transfer Credit Information page on the UWEC Records and Registration website (<https://www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/tis.htm>) and use the Credit Transfer Wizard to determine which courses may transfer to UWEC by entering the course number. If you have further questions about transfer credits, please contact the Admissions Office at 715-836-5415 for General Education courses and contact Marcia St. Germaine at 715-836-5515 or stgermml@uwec.edu for questions about prerequisite Nursing courses.

7. Can I complete an application to the BSN nursing program online?

The application for general admission to the UW-Eau Claire campus is completed online but the application to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is separate and **cannot** be completed online. Applications for the BSN program must be picked up at information sessions regarding the nursing major or mailed to students. A student must be accepted into UW-Eau Claire before applying to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

8. I am interested in coming to UWEC and would like to take a tour of the nursing building. How do I arrange a tour?

If you are interested in an informational session and tour of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences building, please register online at http://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/departments-programs/nursing/stories/nursing-visit-day-for-prospective-students_45559. Nursing tour dates and times vary from semester to semester and will also be conducted during the summer months.

9. CPR certification is required for the nursing program. When does it need to be complete?

CPR certification is not required at the time of application into the nursing program. However, it is required before students can register for their nursing courses after they are admitted. Therefore, it is required soon after they apply and are admitted into the nursing program. CPR certification needs to be kept current the entire duration of the nursing program.

10. CNA certification is required for the nursing program. When does it need to be complete?

CNA certification is not required at the time of application into the nursing program. However, it is required before students can register for their nursing courses after they are admitted. Therefore, it is required soon after they apply and are admitted into the nursing program. CNA certification does not need to be kept current and can lapse.