

NURSING, BSN

HOW TO GET IN

HOW TO GET IN CURRENT UW-MADISON STUDENTS

Requirements	Details
How to get in	Application required. Meeting the requirements listed below does not guarantee admission. (https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn-traditional (https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn-traditional/))

Courses required to get in

Students are required to complete a course in each of the seven prerequisites listed below. Requirements can be completed via coursework, test credit, transfer work, or placement exam (if applicable).

Chemistry

- CHEM 103
- CHEM 108
- CHEM 109

Microbiology

- MICROBIO 101
- CHEM 343
- NUTR SCI 332

Human Anatomy

- ANAT&PHY 337

Human Physiology

- ANAT&PHY 235
- ANAT&PHY 335

Psychology

- PSYCH 202

Sociology

- Any SOC course that carries a social science designation (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc> (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc/>))
- ANTHRO 100
- ANTHRO 104

Human Growth and Development

- ED PSYCH 320
- ED PSYCH 321
- ED PSYCH 331
- HDFS 262
- HDFS 263
- PSYCH 460
- PSYCH 464

GPA requirements to get in At the point of application submission (mid-January):

- Earn a “C” or higher in any four of the seven prerequisite courses.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate courses.
- Have a minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.75 for all completed prerequisite courses.

Prior to admission (at the conclusion of the spring term):

- Earn a “C” or higher in each of the individual seven prerequisite courses
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate courses.
- Have a minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.75 for all completed prerequisite courses.

Credits required to get in	At the conclusion of the spring application term, complete at least 54-degree credits.
Other	Have not previously enrolled in a professional Bachelor of Science-Nursing program at another institution.

Semester	Deadline to apply	Decision notification timeline
To apply for a fall start	Mid January	On or before July 1st
To apply for a spring start	This program does not accept applications to start in the spring.	
To apply for a summer start	This program does not accept applications to start in the summer	

Admission to the nursing major is competitive and determined by a comprehensive review of each student’s academic preparation and performance, leadership, extracurricular activities and service, health care experience and background, diversity in experience and background, and the quality of application statements/essays.

UPPER DIVISION ADMISSION

Upper division admission is the standard route into the Traditional BSN nursing program. In this model, students enter UW-Madison as pre-nursing students (PRN), they spend the first two years completing general education requirements and nursing prerequisites, and then apply for admission to the nursing program for the final two years on campus.

PROSPECTIVE TRANSFER AND SECOND-DEGREE APPLICANTS

Students transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as students who already have a bachelor’s degree and wish to earn a second degree in nursing, also apply to the Traditional BSN program via the Upper Division Admission option. More information on the admission process and requirements for transfer students and second-degree students is available on the School of Nursing website (<https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn/>).