

NURSING, BSN (COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM)

The RN to BSN program, called the BSN@Home (<http://bsnathome.com/>) program, is for Registered Nurses who already have an associate's degree or diploma in nursing and wish to earn the bachelor of science in nursing degree.

The curriculum is designed for working adults. Almost all required coursework is completed online. Students can complete the program in as little as a year and a half.

The BSN@Home program is cooperatively administered by six campuses in the University of Wisconsin System: UW–Madison, UW–Eau Claire, UW–Green Bay, UW–Milwaukee, UW–Oshkosh and UW–Stevens Point. Students typically select their home institution based on proximity. All BSN@Home students are required to complete the same core nursing curriculum, but specific admission and degree requirements vary among campuses.

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Requirements	Details
How to get in	Application required. Meeting the requirements listed below does not guarantee admission. Complete the UW System Application for admission (https://apply.wisconsin.edu/) by following detailed instructions listed on the website: https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn-online (https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn-online/).
Courses required to get in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN), equivalent degree, or Diploma in Nursing from an accredited nursing program • 2 years of a high school world language, or 2 semesters of a college world language, or 1 of each in same language • 3 years of high school math including Algebra, Geometry & College Prep math (or similar courses at the college level)
GPA requirements to get in	• GPA of 2.5 from all college-level coursework
Credits required to get in	• At least 24 transferable (college-level) non-nursing credits in addition to the nursing classes completed in a Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN), equivalent degree, or Diploma in Nursing from an accredited nursing program

Other

- Reside in one of the 50 states and have a RN license in that state by program start date
- A high school transcript showing proof of graduation or GED/HSED certification

Semester	Deadline to apply	Decision notification timeline
To apply for a fall start	March 1	On or before April 30
To apply for a spring start	October 1	On or before December 31
To apply for a summer start	This program does not accept applications to start in the summer	

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduestudytext>) section of the Guide.

General Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits • Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits • Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits • Communication Part A & Part B * • Ethnic Studies * • Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *
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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

NURSING COLLABORATIVE (BSN@HOME) MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Students may transfer up to 90 credits of coursework (from a two-year or a four-year institution). A total of 120 credits are required for the Nursing, BSN (Collaborative).

SCIENCE

Code	Title	Credits
Chemistry		
Complete one of the following:		3
CHEM 103	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 104	General Chemistry II	
CHEM 108	Chemistry in Our World	
CHEM 109	Advanced General Chemistry	
Microbiology		
Complete one of the following:		3
MICROBIO 101	General Microbiology	
CHEM 343	Organic Chemistry I	
NUTR SCI 332	Human Nutritional Needs	
Anatomy & Physiology		
ANAT&PHY 335	Physiology	5
ANAT&PHY 337	Human Anatomy	3
Total Credits		14

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Code	Title	Credits
Psychology		
PSYCH 202	Introduction to Psychology	3-4
Sociology		
Complete one of the following:		3
Any Sociology course that carries a Social Science attribute (https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc/)		
ANTHRO 100	General Anthropology	
ANTHRO 104	Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity	
Human Growth and Development		
Complete one of the following:		3
ED PSYCH 320	Human Development in Infancy and Childhood	
ED PSYCH 321	Human Development in Adolescence	
ED PSYCH 331	Human Development From Childhood Through Adolescence	
HDFS 262	Development of the Young Child	
HDFS 263	Development from Adolescence to Old Age	
PSYCH 460	Child Development	
PSYCH 464	Adult Development and Aging	
Humanities		
Complete six credits of Humanities		6
Humanities or Social Science		
Complete seven credits of Humanities or Social Science		7
Total Credits		22

NURSING COURSES

These must be completed at UW-Madison.

Code	Title	Credits
CNP 306	Transitions: Practice, Professional and Personal	3

CNP 407	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	3
CNP 441	Chronic Care Management	3
CNP 446	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
CNP 447	Leadership and Management	3
CNP 453	Information Management and Healthcare Technology	3
CNP 454	Community Health Nursing	3
CNP 519	Capstone Practicum for Registered Nurses	3
Total Credits		24

NURSING TRANSFER CREDITS

Students pursuing a Nursing BSN may transfer in credits from another institution to fulfill some of the requirements of the degree. These transfer credits are awarded in recognition of an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) or nursing diploma. Students who earned an ADN from a Wisconsin Technical College (1996 or after) receive 30 transfer credits¹. All other students receive 24 credits.²

¹ Transcribed as NURSINGX02 and NURSINGX28.

² Transcribed as NURSINGX02 and NURSINGX22.

ELECTIVES

Complete additional coursework to reach 120 credits.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for graduation.
- Students must earn a C or better in all nursing coursework.
- 30 credits of coursework must be completed in-residence.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree To receive a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW-Madison. "In residence" means on the UW-Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW-Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW-Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Promote health and manage illness by providing safe, client-centered, culturally congruent care across the lifespan in a variety of health care settings.
2. Employ professional nursing leadership concepts to address patient care and system needs to promote quality health care outcomes and health equity for all.
3. Make effective use of technology for patient care, education, and management of health information.
4. Understand the roles and scope of practice of disciplines of the health care team and practice as an effective, collaborating member of the interprofessional team.
5. Use knowledge sources effectively to provide evidence-based care.
6. Identify health disparities and advocate for basic essential health services for all.
7. Allocate health care resources to maximize the health care benefit to clients, families, and community.
8. Assume fiscal and ethical responsibility for clinical practice.
9. Function as a member of the nursing profession within the community and the world.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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The Nursing Collaborative program requires a 120 credits. The plan below only outlines nursing specific coursework that must be completed while enrolled in the collaborative program and does not include the additional 96 credits required to graduate.

Semester 1	Credits
CNP 306	3
CNP 407	3
	6
Semester 2	Credits
CNP 441	3
CNP 446	3
	6
Semester 3	Credits
CNP 447	3
	3
Semester 4	Credits
CNP 453	3
CNP 454	3
	6
Semester 5	Credits
CNP 519	3
	3
Total Credits 24	

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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The School of Nursing's advising team helps students identify academic pathways and educational goals to aid in developing meaningful plans to ensure academic and career success. We believe that advising is an ongoing, caring, and collaborative relationship between advisor and student that provides meaning, guidance, and support throughout the educational process.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

All students are assigned an academic advisor based on the nursing or pre-nursing program with which they are affiliated. Detailed information on the school's advising structure and staff is available on the School of Nursing's academic advising website. (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate-menu/undergraduate-advising/>)

CAREER ADVISING

The School of Nursing offers extensive career advising services which provide resources and strategies for career readiness and licensure planning. This includes workshops, career fairs, resume review, prospective employment resources, and licensure information. More information about career advising is available on the School of Nursing's career advising website (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/career-advising/career/>).

STUDENT SUPPORT

The School of Nursing offers academic support, leadership & connection, mentorship, and wellness throughout the student experience. Additionally, admitted nursing students have access to onsite UHS mental health services. Information about student support is available on the School of Nursing's student support website. (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/career-advising/nursing-learning-center/>)

RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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Signe Skott Cooper Hall

The School of Nursing is located in Signe Skott Cooper Hall. The building features world-class technology and innovative educational spaces that will allow the nursing school to address health care's new standard of excellence—high-tech and high-touch methods and practices that result in better patient outcomes.

Office of Academic Affairs

The Office of Academic Affairs functions as the academic dean's office for the School of Nursing. Staff members interpret school regulations, policies, and program requirements; make exceptions around requirements and deadlines; advise prospective and current students; monitor and support students having academic difficulties; coordinate compliance; facilitate the admissions process; and maintain the official files of students in the school.

Academic and Career Advising

The School of Nursing provides dedicated, professional academic and career advising to undergraduate students in their pre-nursing and nursing years. Detailed information can be found on each individual degree guide page and on the School of Nursing's Student Website (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/>).

Academic Support Services

Career & Student Success (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/support-assistance/nursing-learning-center/>) is available at the School of Nursing. Students can utilize support by Student Success course TAs and peer led study groups.

Student Support Services

Information about student support: academic and non-academic resources, policies, forms, clinicals, and compliance can be found on the School of Nursing's Student Website (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/>).

Student Organizations

The School of Nursing encourages and supports students to pursue their interests and form social networks. You can also find more opportunities by going to the Wisconsin Involvement Network (<https://win.wisc.edu/organizations/>) page.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The School of Nursing offers a generous scholarship program to incoming and current School of Nursing students. All School of Nursing applicants and current students are highly encouraged to apply for scholarships.

Applications will be considered for all School of Nursing scholarships depending on a variety of factors, including: academic achievement, financial need, leadership experiences, community involvement, personal qualifications, and career interests.

Students are invited to apply to nursing-specific scholarships, as well as campus-wide or non-nursing scholarships, through the Wisconsin Scholarship Hub or WiSH (<http://scholarships.wisc.edu/Scholarships/>). For more information, see the School of Nursing website (<https://students.nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate-menu/scholarship-aid/>).

In addition, university scholarships, loans, and employment are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/>) for additional information about financing your education.

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Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/>)

Accreditation status: Next accreditation review: 2029–2030.