



# Pre-Nursing

## The Profession

Nursing is a profession whose scope is changing and expanding. There are two basic routes toward becoming a nurse. The first is an associate degree in nursing (ADN) obtained through a two- or three-year program. The second is a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) obtained through a four- or five-year program. The current trends favor the BSN, so those who get an ADN degree often continue toward a BSN through a BSN completion program. Upon completion of the nursing program, nurses must pass a state examination to become registered (RN). RNs meet the physical and emotional needs of patients in a broad range of settings while they give the care the physicians prescribe.

## The Program at UW-Platteville

The pre-nursing program at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville involves a two-year program which helps to provide the student with a basic body of information needed for fulfilling the academic requirements of a school of nursing. Admission to a school of nursing normally follows the second year of studies at UW-Platteville. Students typically spend three more years at the nursing school they choose. Because pre-nursing is a preprofessional program, and not a major, students must also declare an academic major. Most pre-nursing students declare biology as their major.

## High School Preparation

In preparing to enter the pre-nursing program, the high school student needs to acquire a strong background in science and mathematics. In addition, a good background in communication and social skills is helpful.

## Faculty and Facilities

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville provides the student with modern facilities and a dedicated staff to support the program. Moderate sized classes meet in modern biology and chemistry classrooms to give the students personalized attention to meet their needs.

## Placement

Students who have completed the pre-nursing program at UW-Platteville have had an excellent record of placement in schools of nursing.

## Outstanding Career Opportunities

Career opportunities in nursing continue to increase in demand, and fewer people are going into nursing. There is also a tremendous increase in complexity of medical care and a health care shift toward the needs of an aging population. Job prospects are excellent.

## Suggested Course of Study

The requirements of the UW-Platteville pre-nursing program are designed as a minimum required for entry into schools of nursing. Prerequisites for nursing schools vary widely. If you have determined the school that you would like to attend, your classes can be modified to meet their specific requirements.

## Minimum Requirements

### Academic

- 1) Bioquest (1020)
- 2) Chemistry I (1140) and II (1240)
- 3) Unity of Life (1650)
- 4) Anatomy and Physiology I (2140) and II (2240)
- 5) Microbiology (3240)
- 6) Nutrition (3850)
- 7) Elementary Statistics (1830)
- 8) English I (1130) and II (1230)
- 9) General Psychology (1130) and a second course in Psychology (Related to Growth and Development)
- 10) Principles of Sociology 1030

### Nonacademic

- 1) Health care experience
- 2) CPR certification
- 3) CNA certification

## For More Information

For more information write to the Pre-Nursing Advisor, Department of Biology, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818-3099, or call 608.342.1527 or 608.342.1793 (Biology Office).

For general information on the university and its programs, consult the website at [www.uwplatt.edu](http://www.uwplatt.edu) or contact UWP Prospective Student Services, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville, WI 53818-3099, or call toll-free 1.877.897.5288 or locally 608.342.1127.

## Suggested Course of Study

### First Year

#### First Semester

15	Intermediate Algebra	3
1130	English I	3
1130	General Psychology	3
1650	Unity of Life	5
1020	Bioquest	1
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#### Second Semester

1530	College Algebra	3
1230	English II	3
	Developmental Psychology	3
2020	First Aid/Accident Prevention/ Community CPR	2
3850	Nutrition	2
1030	Principles of Sociology	3
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### Second Year

#### First Semester

1830	Statistics	3
1140	Chemistry I	4
2140	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	Developmental Psychology	3
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#### Second Semester

1240	Chemistry II	4
2240	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
3240	Microbiology	4
	Liberal Arts Elective	3
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**Developmental psychology options include: 3130 Child Psychology, 3230 Adolescent Psychology, 2130 Human Growth and Development and 3990 Psychology of Adulthood and Aging**

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