

Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing Prerequisite Course Evaluation Request



Prerequisite courses are officially evaluated as part of the School of Nursing's application review process. However, if you would like to have a course evaluated prior to your application to determine if it will meet the UW–Madison School of Nursing's prerequisite, please complete the following:

1. Review our [Nursing Prerequisite Equivalency Tables](#) to see if course equivalents from your current/former institution(s) have already been established. The tables list courses offered at other institutions that meet our corresponding prerequisite requirements. We have evaluated courses from UW System and WI Technical Colleges.
2. Check the [Transferology](#) system; transferable courses and equivalencies contained in the databases will satisfy nursing program prerequisites as stipulated.
3. If you are unable to determine if a course is equivalent, you may request a *preliminary, unofficial evaluation* by the School of Nursing. You do not need to have a course evaluated if it is included in a Nursing Prerequisite Equivalency Table listed on the UW-Madison School of Nursing website.
4. To request a preliminary, unofficial evaluation, complete the following table listing each course you would like evaluated. Use the italicized examples as a guide. You must provide a direct link to the course in the course catalog of the institution attended or submit your syllabus with the request. Send the completed form and corresponding documents (such as electronic copies of unofficial transcripts/academic records) to admissions@nursing.wisc.edu.
5. In addition to these nursing prerequisites, the School of Nursing encourages prospective transfer and second-degree students to plan for completing all of [the nursing major degree requirements](#), aside from the 59 required credits of nursing courses built into the two year nursing program, prior to starting the nursing program. [Transferology](#) is a useful resource for determining if courses will transfer to UW-Madison as degree credit and whether they transfer to fulfill general education requirements, the college algebra math requirement, as humanities/social science breadth credits, or as elective credit. The university will conduct an official transfer credit evaluation after applicants have applied and once they been admitted to the university; any prior information provided by the School of Nursing in regards to transfer coursework, particularly in areas outside of the seven nursing prerequisites, are unofficial estimates.

| Name | | Email | | | | Intended Semester of Enrollment | Today's Date | |
|--|--|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Prereq Course | Course Name and # | College/University | Credits | Semester Taken | Link to Course in Catalog | Fulfills Prereq? | Notes | |
| <i>Sociology</i> | <i>Intro to Soc Principles, 034:001</i> | <i>Univ of Iowa</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Fall 2012</i> | <i>https://isis2.uiowa.edu/isis2/courses/search.page?q.courseSubject=SOC&q.courseNumber=1010&showResults=1</i> | | | |
| <i>HG&D</i> | <i>Lifespan Developmental Psych, PSYCH 220</i> | <i>Viterbo</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>Spring 2013</i> | <i>http://www.viterbo.edu/undergraduatecatalog.aspx?id=1416#psyc220</i> | | | |
| CHEMISTRY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| MICROBIOLOGY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| ANATOMY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| PHYSIOLOGY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| PSYCHOLOGY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| SOCIOLOGY | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT | | | | | | Yes | No | |
| Nursing Advisor Initials (for staff only) | | | | | Date of Evaluation | | | |

Prerequisite Course Descriptions

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is a two-year, full-time program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Students apply to the program after completing (or being in progress to complete) the seven required prerequisites and meeting minimum credit and GPA criteria. Admission takes place once a year for a fall semester start.

| Nursing Prerequisite | Credits (min) | Notes |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Chemistry | 4/5, incl. lab | Primarily general chemistry; may include survey components from inorganic and organic chemistry; covering topics such as measurements, ionic and molecular compounds, chemical reactions and equilibrium, gases, liquids, solids, acids, and bases; AP/IB CHEM scores of 4/5 fulfill this prerequisite. Course equivalents at UW-Madison are CHEM 103 or CHEM 108. |
| Microbiology | 3 | General microbiology; survey of microorganisms and their activities with emphasis on structure, function, ecology, nutrition, physiology, and genetics. |
| Human Anatomy | 3 | Structure of the human body; topics include cells and tissues, bone, muscle, nervous tissue, spinal cord, brain, endocrine system, heart, digestive system, urinary system, etc.; students who take anatomy and physiology at another institution as part of a two-course sequence (i.e., A&P I, A&P II) must complete both courses for equivalency. |
| Human Physiology | 5, incl. lab | Major systems of the human body; students who take anatomy and physiology at another institution as part of a two-course sequence (i.e., A&P I, A&P II) must complete both courses for equivalency. |
| Psychology | 3 | General psychology course; comprehensive overview of theoretical and empirical underpinnings of psychology; AP PSYCH scores of 4/5 fulfill this prerequisite |
| Sociology | 3 | Introductory sociology course |
| Human Growth and Development | 3 | Overview of major concepts, theories, and research related to human development through the lifespan (prenatal period to the end of life) |

To see which courses at UW – Madison fulfill the above prerequisite courses, please review the UW-Madison Nursing Prerequisite Course Equivalency Guide (pdf) available on our website here, <https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/course-equivalencies/>

School of Nursing Admission Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Traditional BSN program, students must, at the time of application:

1. Be in progress to complete at least 54 degree credits of college-level course work by the end of the spring semester,
2. Have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.75 (based on a 4.0 scale) at the end of the fall semester and again at the end of the spring semester,
3. Have completed four of the seven prerequisite courses by the end of the fall semester, and be enrolled to complete all 7 by the end of the spring semester, and
4. Have a 2.75 minimum GPA in the combined seven prerequisite courses with at least a C (2.0) grade in each of the individual seven prerequisite courses.

Additional information can be found on our website: <https://nursing.wisc.edu/undergraduate/bsn-traditional/>

UW–Madison Transfer Credits for Degree Requirements

UW–Madison awards credit for college-level course work completed at institutions accredited by [regional or national accrediting organizations](#) recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Courses must be similar in nature, level, and content to a course in the university's undergraduate curriculum. Continuing education courses, graduate-level courses, and courses that are remedial, technical, vocational, or doctrinal in nature are not transferable. The university's [Office of the Registrar](#) performs the official evaluation of transfer credits once students have been *admitted* and confirmed their *intent to enroll*.