



TRADITIONAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The FIRST STEP to your CAREER!



For nearly a century, the UW–Madison School of Nursing has educated and inspired the most innovative professionals in the field of nursing. We develop critical thinkers and leaders for the profession and for society. We make discoveries, enhance systems, and improve health through research, education, and practice. We prepare students for a career by the bedside—or well beyond it. Our graduates can be found in all corners of the health system, from the exam room to the board room. They also organize disaster relief efforts and serve in the military. They educate their peers, patients, and future nurses, and they participate in groundbreaking research that transforms healthcare, improves well being, and advances nursing practice. No matter your interests, there’s a fulfilling career in nursing waiting for you.

Why Nursing?

You can make a real difference—today. With changing demographics and an increasing need for health care, the demand for qualified nurses is higher than ever. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nursing is among the top occupations in expected job growth by 2024. Nursing school graduates are more than twice as likely to have job offers at the time of graduation compared to those in other fields. Half of UW–Madison nursing students secure a full-time job offer before they graduate, and 95 percent report full employment within six months of graduating.

Concept-Based Curriculum

The School of Nursing’s concept-based teaching approach helps students to build foundational skills that can be universally applied across practices, cultures, technologies, and professional settings. Our curriculum also challenges students to put these concepts and skills to practice, through simulations, labs, and clinical rotations in real-world care settings. By combining conceptual knowledge with hands-on experiences, our students leave UW–Madison with the skills and versatility to tackle any real-life situation.

Admission Profile 2018

Total Admitted Students	148
Male	14%
Students of Color	24%
First Generation	27%
Cumulative GPA (avg)	3.50
Prerequisite GPA (avg)	3.46
NCLEX Pass Rate (2018)	93%

Enhanced Academic Opportunities

- Participate in a **First-Year Interest Group (FIGs)** that links together three courses to explore a common theme
- Pursue one of the 50-plus certificate options to complement your nursing studies
- Conduct research alongside faculty through the **Nursing Honors Program**
- Study abroad or participate in a rural immersion nursing experience
- Seek early admission to a master of public health (MPH) or doctoral (PhD) degree

“One reason why I chose UW–Madison was the focus on innovation in healthcare. I liked that we could think to the future and create the horizon of healthcare here.”

– Natalie Kustner, BSN 2018



Admission

Admission is highly competitive and based on a thorough and holistic review of each application. Holistic review considers applicants' academic preparation and performance, leadership, extracurricular activities and service, work experience, health care experience and professional goals, diversity in experience and background, and the quality of the personal statements and interview. We seek to admit students who demonstrate strong academic ability, as well as leadership, intellectual curiosity, resilience, cultural competency, and enthusiasm for nursing. Admission is offered to students who present the strongest overall applications and who are anticipated to contribute to the university and nursing profession.

Typically, students are admitted to UW–Madison as pre-nursing students and apply to the Traditional BSN program to officially start the two-year nursing sequence after completing the designated prerequisite and general education requirements. Admission takes place once a year for fall enrollment.

Application opens December 1. The deadline is January 15.

Students transferring to UW–Madison must also apply for admission to the university through the Office of Admissions and Recruitment (www.admissions.wisc.edu).



Admission Requirements

UW–Madison pre-nursing students, as well as prospective transfer and second-degree students, must meet the following requirements by the end of the spring term prior to the fall term of enrollment:

- 54 college-level credits
- 2.75 minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA)
- 2.75 minimum GPA in the combined seven prerequisite courses and at least a C (2.0) in each of the individual seven prerequisite courses
- Seven prerequisite courses with a maximum of three in progress during the spring term prior to enrollment:



Chemistry



Microbiology



Anatomy



Physiology



Psychology



Sociology



Human Growth & Development

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