**Nebraska Wesleyan University**

# Nursing (Pre-Licensure) (B.S.N.)

## Catalog

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## Program Description

The Nebraska Wesleyan University Pre-Licensure BSN program offers a traditional 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree combining clinical and foundational knowledge including liberal arts courses to receive a more comprehensive education.

Students will gain hands on experience with over 900 clinical hours completed upon graduation from the program. Students will further develop critical thinking, decision-making and communication skills through clinical and preceptorship experiences. Students will also train in a fully equipped skills lab. Access to a simulation lab will be included in the clinical coursework.

This program has small class sizes with experienced faculty in all specialty areas of nursing. A prep course is built into the curriculum to help students succeed on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Students will first complete prerequisite coursework totaling 34-36 credits before admission to the program. All nursing courses will be offered through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Most nursing courses are in 8 week formats to better focus on content material.

**Standard Admission**

Admission to the NWU pre-licensure BSN program is a competitive process and is based upon prerequisite GPA, overall college GPA, entrance exam, interview, essay, and professional references. It is a selective process that admits a limited number of students per year. Students must meet these requirements to be admitted:

- Completion of prerequisite courses with grade of “C” or better
- Cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or above
- CPR certification for Healthcare Providers
- Successful completion of a Certified Nurse Aid course and listed on the state registry.
- Submission of 2 professional references
- Successful completion of background check, drug screen, immunization tracker, and essential functions form.

After the online application for the nursing program is complete, qualified applicants will interview with nursing faculty, write an essay on site, and take the Kaplan admission exam. Admission process is subject to change and/or revision by nursing faculty.

**Archway Nursing Honors Admission**

The Archway Nursing Honors Admission (ANHA) program offers highly qualified students a guaranteed place among the limited available spaces in the pre-licensure BSN program. No more than one half of each admission cohort may be admitted under the ANHA, and the ANHA slots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis (based on date admissions deposit is received by the Admissions Office). As ANHA candidates successfully complete the requirements to maintain their status, the nursing application, interview and recommendations are waived (except ANHA students must complete their Certified Nursing Assistant and CPR certifications) and ANHA students will continue their course of study in the pre-licensure BSN program.

ANHA admission is granted for ***High School Students*** meeting these criteria by the end of their senior year of high school:

- High school eligibility requirements
- Minimum score of 24 on ACT or comparable score for SAT
- Cumulative GPA:  3.6 or above

ANHA admission is granted to ***College Transfer Students*** meeting these criteria:

- Cumulative 3.0 GPA
- No repeated courses

- No pass/fail courses in sciences (except labs)
- No grade below C (2.0) in any course

ANHA admission is granted to ***College Transfer Students with a Bachelor's or Graduate Degree*** meeting these criteria:

- Graduated with cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher
- No grade below C (2.0) in any prerequisite course needed

**Requirements at NWU to maintain your ANHA status:**

- Must be full time student (at least 12 credits per semester) and follow required curriculum
- Must meet with a Nebraska Wesleyan University Nursing faculty advisor once per semester to plan and monitor course progression
- Maintenance of cumulative 3.00 GPA
- No repeated courses
- No pass/fail courses in sciences (except labs)
- A grade below C (2.0) in any course is not accepted

ANHA candidates who do not meet the requirements to maintain their status in the cohort may apply for admission to the pre-licensure BSN program via the standard admission process.

## Departments

1. Nursing (Undergraduate)

**Nursing (B.S.N.)**

| **Prerequisite Courses (Required to be taken before admission to program)** | **34 hours** |
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| IDS 1010 Archway Seminar | 4 hours |
| SOC 1110 Introduction to Sociology | 4 hours |
| BIO 1080 Microbiology | 4 hours |
| BIO 1090 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO 1090L Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory | 4 hours |
| BIO 1100 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology II and BIO 1100L Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab | 4 hours |
| CHEM 1110 Chemical Principles I and CHEM 1110L Chemical Principles I Laboratory | 4 hours |
| ENG 1010FYW Writing and Language or other approved first-year writing course | 2, 3, or 4 hours |
| MATH 1100 College Algebra or other approved college-level mathematics course | 3 hours |
| NURS 1910 Medical Terminology | 1 hour |
| PSYCH 1010FYW Introduction to Psychological Science | 4 hours |
| **Required Nursing Courses**** | **65 hours** |
| NURS 2000 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice | 3 hours |
| NURS 2100 Pharmacology I | 2 hours |
| NURS 2110 Pharmacology II | 2 hours |
| NURS 2180 Health Assessment for Pre-Licensure Students | 3 hours |
| NURS 2200 Medical-Surgical I | 4 hours |

| Required Nursing Courses** | 65 hours |
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| NURS 2350 Medical Surgical II | 4 hours |
| NURS 2600 Medical-Surgical III | 4 hours |
| NURS 2700 Mental Health | 3 hours |
| NURS 2710 Pathophysiology for Pre-Licensure Students | 3 hours |
| NURS 3040 Global Health | 3 hours |
| NURS 3050 Issues of Professional Nursing Practice | 3 hours |
| NURS 3310 Nursing Theories and Contemporary Nursing Practice | 3 hours |
| NURS 3340 Health Care Ethics | 3 hours |
| NURS 3400 Nursing of Women and Childbearing Family | 3 hours |
| NURS 3500 Nursing of Children | 3 hours |
| NURS-4000 Medical Surgical IV* | 4 hours |
| NURS 4400 Management and Leadership in Health Care | 4 hours |
| NURS 4460 Community Health Nursing and NURS 4460L Community Health Nursing Clinical | 6 hours |
| NURS 3360 Introduction to Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice | 4 hours |
| NURS-4800 NCLEX Prep* | 1 hour |
| **Senior Comprehensive**** | **4 hours** |
| NURS 4970 Internship | 1-8 hours |
| **Supporting Courses** | **9 hours** |
| PSYCH 2350 Lifespan Development | 4 hours |
| MATH 1300 Statistics | 3 hours |
| HHP 2500 Human Nutrition I | 2 hours |

** Course pending approval from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee.*
***Grade of "C" or better required for all Nursing courses.*