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 courses are offered in 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 2.5 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 in the next cohort of students in the Pre-licensure BSN program. As ANHA candidates successfully complete the requirements to maintain their status, the nursing application process is modified to eliminate the following requirements: the Kaplan Pre-Nursing Exam, the interview with nursing faculty, and the completion of the essay questions. Students are required to complete the other admission requirements as outlined in the Nursing Student Handbook available on the Nebraska Wesleyan University website.

- Admission is granted if you meet these criteria by the end of your senior year of high school.
    - High school eligibility requirements
        - Cumulative GPA: 3.5 or above
        - English: 4 years
        - Math: 3 years including one algebra course
        - Natural Sciences: 3 years including one chemistry and one biology course
        - Social Studies: 3 years
        - Foreign Language: 3 years – must be same language for two years
    - Requirements in college to maintain your ANHA status
        - Maintenance of cumulative 3.0 GPA
        - No repeated courses
        - No pass/fail courses in sciences (except labs)

    - A grade below C (2.0) in any course is not accepted
    - 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
- *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)

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Prerequisite Courses (Required to be taken before admission to program)	34 hours
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
One college-level mathematics course	2-5 hours
NURS 1910 Medical Terminology	1 hour
PSYCH 1010FYW Introduction to Psychological Science	4 hours
Required Nursing Courses**	**66 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
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

Required Nursing Courses**	66 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 4450 Community Health Nursing	6 hours
NURS 3360 Introduction to Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice	4 hours
NURS 4800 National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) Preparation	2 hours
Capstone**	**3 hours**
NURS 4970 Internship	3 hours
Supporting Courses	**9 hours**
PSYCH 2350 Lifespan Development	4 hours
MATH 1300 Statistics	3 hours
HHP 2500 Human Nutrition I	2 hours

***Grade of "C" or better required for all Nursing courses.*