

Pre-BSN Nursing, A.S.

Degree Offered

- Associate of Science

Nature of the Program

The Associate of Science in Pre-BSN Nursing prepares students to apply specifically to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program offered by West Virginia University's School of Nursing on the Beckley, Keyser, and Morgantown campuses. The first year of the program provides a foundation in biology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, math and psychology, and includes all the prerequisite courses required for admission into the BSN program. The second year of the program is completed after admission to that program. Students are selectively admitted to the BSN nursing program when all pre-BSN requirements have been satisfactorily completed. Minimum requirements include a 3.00 cumulative G.P.A. and at least a 3.00 in all prerequisite courses.

Students who are not accepted into the BSN program after the first year and/or those who plan to apply to another nursing program should use the pre-nursing (General Studies) associate of science major.

Career Opportunities

Registered nurses perform diagnostic tests, observe/record patient behavior, consult with physicians, administer medications and treatment and perform many other duties for hospitals, doctor's offices, nursing homes, schools, and many other agencies. In addition, registered nurses may choose to continue their education and enter graduate programs to become nurse practitioners. While both meet the minimum requirements to sit for the registered nursing certification, a BSN degree provides a more thorough nursing curriculum than an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program, and nurses with a BSN earn more than those with an ADN.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Erin Cunningham - M.S. Biology
Year @ PSC 2007

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)	6
MATH 124	Algebra with Applications (GEF 3)	3
STAT 211	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEF 4)	3
PSYC 241	Introduction to Human Development	3
BIOL 102 & 102L	General Biology 2 and General Biology 2 Laboratory (GEF 2)	4
MICB 200	Medical Microbiology	3
BIOL 230 & 230L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Laboratory	4
BIOL 231 & 231L	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Laboratory	4
CHEM 111 & 111L	Survey of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry 1 and Survey of Chemistry 1 Laboratory (GEF 8)	4
CHEM 112 & 112L	Survey of General Organic Biological Chemistry 2 and Survey of Chemistry 2 Laboratory (GEF 8)	4
HN&F 171	Introduction to Human Nutrition	3
NSG 100	Introduction to the Profession and Discipline of Nursing	2
NSG 211	Health Assessment & Communication (Morgantown)	6
NSG 212	Fundamentals of Nursing (Morgantown)	6
NSG 250	Principles of Pharmacology	3
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
Total Hours		62

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 102 & 102L (GEF 2)		4 BIOL 230 & 230L	4
CHEM 111 & 111L (GEF 8)		4 ENGL 101 (GEF 1)	3
MATH 124 (GEF 3)		3 CHEM 112 & 112L (GEF 8)	4
WVUE 191		1 STAT 211	3
PSYC 101 (GEF 4)		3 NSG 100	2
		15	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 231 & 231L		4 ENGL 102 (GEF 1)	3
MICB 200		3 NSG 212	6
NSG 211		6 NSG 250	3
PSYC 241		3 HN&F 171	3
		16	15

Total credit hours: 62

Major Learning Outcomes

NURSING

Upon completion of the associates in nursing (pre-BSN) program, students will be able to:

1. Describe general biological concepts, including anatomy, physiology and genetics.
2. Use mathematical concepts to solve problems.
3. Use chemical principles and laboratory techniques to describe chemical structure.
4. Describe fundamental concepts in psychology and sociology.
5. Apply for admission into the West Virginia University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing BSN program.