UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

An agreement referred to as the Intercollegiate Nursing Alliance allows for admission of a select proportion of students from three partner universities (Washington State University, Eastern Washington University and Whitworth University) into the upper division portion of the nursing program. This agreement is based on a long-standing collaboration between these universities. Alliance students take lower-division classes at a partner university and upper-division nursing courses at the Washington State University College of Nursing.

General Admissions Requirements for Nursing

Admission to the upper division, nursing major taught in the WSU College of Nursing is based upon evaluation of the student's entire application, including academic record, GPA and personal interview. The number of applicants to the WSU College of Nursing may exceed the number that can be admitted; therefore, no assurance can be given that all applicants admitted to Eastern Washington University and successfully completing the lower-division requirements would be admitted to the nursing major. Applicants must complete 90 acceptable quarter credits from Eastern Washington University. The credits must include courses that meet general education core requirements university, competencies and proficiencies, university graduation requirements (the EWU senior capstone is waived), and the prerequisite courses for the nursing program. Approximately 650 basic and registered nurse students are enrolled in the baccalaureate, nursing program. The undergraduate program is for students initiating the study of nursing and for registered nurses who wish to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing. For more information please contact GUAA.

Instructional programs are conducted at the baccalaureate level to develop responsible citizens and to provide the professional knowledge, skills and values essential to the practice of nursing throughout our global society. The undergraduate curriculum includes both liberal arts education and preparation as a generalist in the practice of nursing.

EWU Nursing Prerequisite Courses (59 credits)

- BILG 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology for Non-Biology Majors (5)*
- BILG 234 Human Anatomy and Physiology for Non-Biology Majors (5)*
- BIOL 235 Elementary Medical Microbiology (5)*
- CHEM 161 General Chemistry for the Health Sciences (5)*
- CHEM 162 Organic Chemistry for the Health Sciences (5)*
- CHEM 163 Biochemistry for the Health Sciences (5)*
- CSBS 210 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (5)*
- PSYC 100 General Psychology (5)*
- PSYC 201 Life Span Development (4)
- SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology (5)*
- or SOCI 263 Social Problems (5)*

*All courses listed above must be completed by the end of spring quarter for fall enrollment or by the end of fall quarter for spring enrollment.

New requirements for the College of Nursing for spring 2014 admission.

- TEAS Testing: TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a proctored online multiple choice exam that measures entry level skills and abilities (science, math, read and writing language) of nursing program applicants. Prospective students must score at the proficient, advanced or exemplary level to be eligible for admission.
- A proctored writing exam will be given to students during the personal interview process.
- Fifty hours of volunteer/work experience in the healthcare or related setting.

After admission and prior to registration at the WSU College of Nursing, basic students are required to submit evidence of First Aid and CPR (must be Adult, Infant and Child) certification. CPR certification must also be updated annually unless the initial card is valid for two years. HLED 194 Emergency Response (3) provides both certifications.

Required courses in the following program of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSN)

Student Learning Outcomes—students will:

- provide competent nursing care to individuals, families, groups and communities through promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health; prevention of illness, and physical, emotional, and spiritual support throughout life span;
- formulate nursing practice decisions using evolving knowledge and research from nursing science, the biological and behavioral sciences and humanities;
- use developmentally appropriate teaching-learning principals to assist clients to achieve their health goals and to assist colleagues to improve the quality of their nursing care;
- provide compassionate, ethical care to individuals of diverse cultures, values, beliefs, and lifestyles;
- demonstrate the values central to nursing practice including: altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice;
- protect the rights of people to receive optimum care and make informed decisions affecting their health welfare.

NURSING MAJOR

Required Nursing Major Courses (90 credits)

- NURS 200 Evidence Based Practice (4.5)
- NURS 209 Professional Development I: Ethical Reasoning and Decision Making Processes in Nursing (4.5)
- NURS 311 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Nursing (6)
- NURS 315 Nursing Practice: Health and Illness (6)
- NURS 316 Introduction to Nursing Practice in Health and Illness: Theory (3)
- NURS 317 Health Assessment (4.5)
- NURS 322 The Human Experience of Diversity and Health (3)
- NURS 324 Nursing Concepts in Acute and Chronic Illness in the Adults (6)
- NURS 325 Nursing Practice in Acute and Chronic Illness in Adults (7.5)
- NURS 328 Introduction to Gerontological Nursing (5)
- NURS 408 Professional Development III: Leadership and Management (4.5)
- NURS 409 Professional Development IV: Transition to Practice (3)
- NURS 414 Child and Family Health: Theory (4.5)
- NURS 415 Children and Families as the Focus of Nursing Care (3)
- NURS 416 Childbearing Health of the Family (4.5)
- NURS 417 Nursing Care of Childbearing Families (3)
- NURS 424 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Concepts (4.5)
- NURS 425 Nursing Practice: Psychiatric/Mental Health (3)
- NURS 426 Community Health Nursing Theory (3)
- NURS 427 Community Health Nursing Practice (4.5)
- NURS 430 Senior Practicum (4.5)

Elective Tier III/Upper Division Elective (4.5)

Total credits for above major 94.5 credits

Nursing Program for Registered Nurses Required Courses

BSN for RNs Admission Criteria

- Washington State RN licensure eligibility (National Background Check clearance upon acceptance to the WSU College of Nursing);
- junior year standing (60 semester hours (s)/90 quarter credits (q));
- cumulative GPA ≥3.0 in college courses and in course prerequisites to nursing;
- minimum course grade in each course prerequisite to nursing (C, ≥2.0);
- lower division prerequisites to the nursing major:
  - Anatomy and Physiology (8s/12 q)
  - Chemistry course with lab (4s/6q)
  - Human Nutrition (3s/4.5q)
  - Introduction to Sociology/Social Problems (3s/4.5q)
  - Life Span Development (3s/4q)
  - Microbiology (4 s/6q)
  - Statistics (4s/6q)
  - computer skills, word processing, World Wide Web and email are essential;
  - some travel to the College of Nursing in Spokane may be required.
NURSING Courses

Terms Offered: Check with the department or EagleNET.

NURS 308 Evidence Based Practice (4.5)
Prerequisite: Admission to nursing program or permission of the instructor.
Focus on the development, evaluation, and critical thinking and decision making in nursing.

NURS 311 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing (6)
Prerequisite: Admission to nursing major.
Etiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifestations of common human dysfunction. Nursing implications for prevention and therapeutic approaches including pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapies.

NURS 315 Nursing Practice: Health and Illness (6)
Prerequisites: NURS 308, 311, 314.
Introduction to nursing practice and health assessment: professional values, core competencies, core knowledge and role development.

NURS 316 Introduction to Nursing Practice in Health and Illness: Theory (3)
Introduction to theoretical foundations of nursing practice. Core values of caring and holistic provide framework for multidimensional assessment of adults.

NURS 317 Health Assessment (4.5)
Systematic approach to health assessment of adults. Holistic assessment is emphasized, incorporating use of nursing process and scientific rationale.

NURS 322 The Human Experience of Diversity and Health (3)
Prerequisite: Admission to nursing major or permission of the instructor.
Explorations of regional, national and global expressions of health and illness and implications for health care professionals.

NURS 323 Nursing in the Genome Era 2 (3)
Genome science and application of genetic and genomic concepts to nursing care.

NURS 324 Nursing Concepts in Acute and Chronic Illness in the Adult (6)
Prerequisites: NURS 311, 314, 315.
Theoretical concepts of acute and chronic illness in the adult as a basis for critical thinking and decision-making in nursing.

NURS 325 Nursing Practice in Acute and Chronic Illness in Adults (7.5)
Prerequisites: NURS 311, 314, 315; co-requisite NURS 324.
Application of acute/chronic illness concepts in adults as a basis for critical thinking and decision-making in nursing.

NURS 328 Introduction to Gerontological Nursing (3)
Co-requisite: NURS 318.
Professional value, communication and functional assessment in care of elders. Core knowledge and role development of the gerontological nurse.

NURS 405 Nursing Leadership (2)

NURS 440 Community Health Nursing Concepts (2)

NURS 462 Psychiatric Mental Health Concepts (2)

NURS 477 Ethics in Health Care (2)

NURS 481 International Health Care (4.5)
Prerequisite: Admission to WSU nursing program.
Promoting the public’s health through application of the public health functions: assessment, policy development and assurance.

NURS 491 Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Laboratory Value Analysis and Interpretation (4.5)
Prerequisites: NURS 311, 324, 325 or by permission.
Analysis/interpretation of common laboratory values; skill in interpretation of common ECG rhythms, dysrhythmias and application of ACLS guidelines.

NURS 498 Special Topics in Nursing (1.5–4.5)
Prerequisite: Senior standing or permission of the instructor.
Selected topics in nursing.

NURS 499 Independent Study (2–6)