

# NURSING

## Undergraduate Program

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### Bachelor of Science (BSN)

A consortium partnership between Eastern Washington University (EWU), Washington State University (WSU) and Whitworth University enables EWU students to complete undergraduate degree requirements and nursing prerequisite courses at EWU before applying to WSU College of Nursing to finish the BSN degree. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is completed at WSU College of Nursing in Spokane, Tri-Cities, or Yakima WA. Students applying from one of the participating universities have priority admission to the WSU College of Nursing program. Typically, freshmen enrolling at EWU will need at least two years of coursework to complete before they are eligible to apply for the BSN program.

### EWU Nursing Prerequisite Courses

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| BIOL 232      | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY NON-BIOL MAJORS  | 5  |
| BIOL 233      | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY NON-BIOL MAJORS  | 5  |
| BIOL 234      | HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY NON-BIOL MAJORS  | 5  |
| BIOL 235      | ELEMENTARY MEDICAL MICROBIOLOG  | 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  | 4  |
| CSBS 320      | STATISTICS FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (CSBS 320 is the preferred course for this requirement.) | 5  |
| or MATH 121   | INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS   |    |
| FNDDT 356     | NUTRITION   | 5  |
| PSYC 100      | GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY  | 5  |
| PSYC 201      | LIFE-SPAN DEVELOPMENT   | 5  |
| SOCI 101      | INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (SOCI 101 is the preferred course for this requirement.)          | 5  |
| or SOCI 263   | SOCIAL PROBLEMS   |    |
| Total Credits |   | 59 |

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

### General Admissions Requirements for Nursing

Admission to WSU's College of Nursing is competitive. Not all eligible students from EWU who have successfully completed the undergraduate degree requirements and the nursing prerequisite courses will be admitted to the BSN program. To be eligible for the Consortium Partnership program through EWU, students must complete at least three quarters of full-time course work and earn a minimum of 36 credits in

residence at EWU. Students who do not meet this requirement may apply to the BSN program as a transfer student directly through WSU.

Minimum admission requirements are listed below. Currently, however, successful applicants generally have GPAs well above 3.0. Due to the limited number of admissions to the BSN program, students are encouraged to apply to multiple nursing schools to increase their chances of being admitted to a program leading to a degree.

### BSN Admissions Criteria

- Minimum cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.0$  or higher for all Nursing prerequisite courses, with a minimum grade of  $\geq C$  in any individual course. Pass/Fail grades, AP or CLEP scores are not accepted.
- Minimum cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.0$  or higher in all college-level coursework from all schools attended.
- TEAS Testing: TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a proctored online multiple-choice exam that measures entry-level skills and abilities (science, math, language and reading language) of nursing program applicants. **Prospective students must score at the proficient, advanced or exemplary level to be eligible for admission.**
- Fifty hours of practical experience in the healthcare or related setting (volunteer or paid) Students will be able to gain experience from a broad variety of environments including, health care facilities, summer camps, CNA experience (Certified Nursing Assistant) to name a few. It is recommended students start earning hours early in the pre-nursing phase over a period of about three years including summers prior to application. Hours must be completed at the time of their interview, and no older than 3 years of application.
- **A two-part Writing Portfolio: 1)** Packet consisting of three graded samples of your writing from previous classes: 2) A timed writing exam to be administered after admission in to the BSN program.

After admission and prior to starting the BSN program, students are required to submit evidence that they have complete the American Heart Association First Aid and CPR courses and received certification, (must be Adult, Infant and Child). CPR certification must also be updated annually unless the initial card is valid for two years.

Upon completion of all EWU graduation requirements and the required program coursework, nursing students will receive a dual endorsed degree, from both Eastern Washington University and Washington State University.