



NURSING — ACCELERATED BSN

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET FOR SECOND DEGREE STUDENTS

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. We offer various options, including an accelerated plan for second degree students wishing to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Through natural and social science, humanities, and nursing science courses, the concepts of humanity, health, environment, and nursing are interwoven in a curriculum that clinically addresses nursing across the life span of health care recipients.

ACCELERATED BSN CURRICULUM

This 12 month accelerated curriculum consists of 60 nursing credits. Each cohort of students begins classes in early June and completes the coursework the following June.

WHY STUDY NURSING?

- Gain the knowledge and experience to promote, maintain, and restore the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- The BSN program will prepare you as a generalist to provide professional nursing in a variety of areas including hospital, nursing home, community/public health, ambulatory, and home care settings.
- The BSN prepares you for study in graduate nursing programs.
- At UW-Eau Claire, you can obtain a graduate degree in nursing and receive advanced role preparation as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, or nurse educator.

THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire is the only public university in northwestern and northcentral Wisconsin that offers a baccalaureate nursing degree.
- The nationally recognized nursing program graduates more than 150 BSN students a year.
- UW-Eau Claire nursing graduates are actively recruited for positions all over the country, and nearly 100% have jobs or are continuing their education within a year of graduation.
- Survey responses from employers are overwhelmingly positive.
- The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences nursing baccalaureate and master's programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing

UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 64,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,500
- Undergraduates: 10,063
- Graduate students: 503
- International students: 124
- Multicultural students: 485
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- Students doing undergraduate research with faculty/staff: 710+
- ACT composite average: 24+
- Average high school rank: 77%
- Average class size: 28
- Faculty-student ratio: 1-to-20
- Computers-student ratio: 1-to-9
- Student organizations: 224
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

Education (CCNE) and approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing.

- Nursing students benefit from high-tech classrooms and state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Labs.
- Nursing students participate in clinical experiences at diverse health care settings in the Chippewa Valley and at sites throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences offers:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)—Traditional Pre-licensure program (comprehensive major; requires no minor)
- RN-BSN completion program (collaborative nursing BSN @ HOME program)
- Accelerated BSN (for 2nd degree students)

SPECIAL ACCELERATED BSN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Formal application to the accelerated BSN program must be made. The deadline for filing applications to the Accelerated BSN program at UW-Eau Claire site is January 15 for June entry. To be considered for admission to the accelerated nursing program, students must have applied to UW-Eau Claire by December 1 and have completed:

- Baccalaureate degree
- Chem 103 (General chemistry) or equivalent*
- Chem 150 (Biochemistry) or equivalent*

- Biol 214 (Human Anatomy & Physiology I) or equivalent*
- Biol 250 (Microbiology) or equivalent*
- Biol 314 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II) or equivalent*
- Psych 230 (Human development) or equivalent* (Psych 100 General Psychology is a prerequisite)
- Statistics*
- Cultural Diversity (3 credits)*
- CNA certification.
- All application materials (official transcripts, CPR certification, Nursing Assistant certification, essay, two references), and an application fee.

An overall GPA of 3.00 in the most recent baccalaureate or higher academic degree and a GPA of 2.5 in the required sciences are required. GPA will be one factor considered in admissions; highest GPA may not assure admission.

An interview will be part of the selection process.

Admitted students are required to submit health and background check information.

NOTE: *Indicated courses must be completed prior to being admitted to the program, with grades of C or higher; courses must be taken within the last 10 years. Advising with review of academic transcripts is required prior to distribution of application materials and must be completed by December 1st.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences may find it necessary to deny admission to a qualified applicant because of enrollment limits in the professional program. Depending on the number of qualified applicants, meeting minimum criteria for admission may not be sufficient to be accepted into the nursing major. Applicants who have completed all requirements will be given priority consideration. Conditionally admitted students must demonstrate full

completion of all requirements by the end of May preceding the program start date.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Accelerated BSN at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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Program costs are significantly higher per credit hour than typical UWEC undergraduate programs. For example, the tuition for the 2011-2012 academic year is approximately \$550.00/credit. Additional academic fees as well as uniform, supplies, immunization/health surveillance, textbook, and travel expenses apply.

For more information about campus including housing, admission requirements, financial assistance, and campus tours, contact:

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