



NURSING — PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM—MARSHFIELD SITE

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate and the master's levels. We offer various options, including our pre-licensure program at our Marshfield Site, for students seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). Our Marshfield Site is located in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. 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.

Pre-nursing curriculum (one yr)

In the pre-nursing curriculum, students complete at least 30 semester credits with courses in general chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy and physiology, and microbiology. These prerequisite courses can be taken at a variety of institutions. Undergraduate program plans have been developed for three campuses in the Marshfield area: UW-Stevens Point, UW-Marshfield/Wood County, and UW-Marathon County. Students must determine that courses they plan to take will transfer into UW-Eau Claire as equivalent to required courses. Students should contact Dr. Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean, Marshfield Site, before beginning their course work to plan for integration and equivalency of the courses required at UW-Eau Claire. The program plans are developed for full-time study. However, pre-nursing courses can be completed as a part-time student.

Professional curriculum (three academic years)

The professional curriculum includes

60 credits in nursing courses. In each of the five semesters of nursing courses, students under faculty supervision gain experience in places such as hospitals, community/ public health agencies, ambulatory care facilities, schools, nursing homes, and private homes. Students must be full-time while completing the professional curriculum. Courses are taught by UW-Eau Claire faculty located in Marshfield, by faculty from Eau Claire who travel to Marshfield, and via interactive distance education classrooms. This enables students at the Marshfield Site to receive the same, high quality education as those enrolled at the main campus in Eau Claire.

UW-EAU CLAIRE/ MARSHFIELD SITE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Marshfield Site: Marshfield, WI; pop. 18,800; 84 miles east of the UW-Eau Claire campus.
- Eau Claire Site: Eau Claire, WI.; city pop. 64,000; metro. pop. 151,000.
- Approximately 90 students are nursing majors at the Marshfield Site.
- 16 students are admitted each fall & spring semester to the Marshfield Site.
- UW-Eau Claire Aggregate Data:
 - Average enrollment: 10,500
 - Undergraduates: 10,063
 - Graduate students: 503
 - International students: 124
 - Multicultural students: 485
 - 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%
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

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. Selected beginning graduate courses are available in Marshfield via distance education and online technologies.

THE EAU CLAIRE- MARSHFIELD ADVANTAGE

- Saint Joseph's Hospital is part of a large medical complex which includes multispecialty clinics, a world-renowned research foundation, and state-of-the-art medical and nursing libraries. It also functions as a major teaching center.
- Receive a BSN while living in central Wisconsin.
- With the Marshfield Site, the nationally recognized UW-Eau Claire nursing program graduates more than 100 BSN students a year, many of whom receive multiple job offers.
- 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 nursing baccalaureate and master's programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing.
- Nursing students benefit from high-tech two-way interactive video distance education classrooms and a state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Lab.
- In addition to classrooms, the Marshfield Site includes computer labs, clinical skills /simulation lab, student lounge, conference room, and faculty offices.
- Textbook service available.
- Nursing students have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research projects and service-learning activities that benefit the community.
- Nursing students participate in clinical experiences at diverse health care settings in the Marshfield area.
- Many nursing students from the Marshfield Site participate in cultural immersion experiences in health care facilities in Alaska, South Texas, and Costa Rica, to name a few.
- The Nursing Honors Program enables high achieving students to complement and enhance their learning opportunities.
- UW-Eau Claire participates in the statewide collaborative nursing program, a completion program that enables registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma in nursing to earn a baccalaureate degree. Upper division nursing courses for the BSN are made available at various sites throughout Wisconsin via online technologies. At least one course is available at the Marshfield Site every semester via live two-way interactive video.

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 department admissions requirements

To be considered for admission to the nursing program, students must have:

- Been accepted as a pre-nursing student to the University.
- Completed at least 30 semester credits with a total grade-point average of at least a 3.0 (includes transfer credits).
- Completed at least three of five required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a grade-point average of at least 2.5. Remaining two science courses completed prior to NRSG 240.
- Earned a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses.
- Completed all application materials (essay, health & immunization/titer requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, background check).
- Submitted a non-refundable application fee.
- CNA certification (will be a prerequisite to NRSG 240, a sophomore nursing clinical course; start date January 2010).

Other data utilized by the Admissions Committee are derived from a variety of sources that include application for admission to the university and the nursing program, high school transcript showing rank in class, previous collegiate records, and standardized tests such as ACT or SAT.

NOTE: 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.

REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES

- General Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Microbiology
- Human Development
- Statistics
- English Composition
- Physical Education

Note: Persons interested in studying at the Marshfield site must contact Dr. Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean, Marshfield Site for assistance with program planning. See www.uwec.edu/nurs/marshfield for undergraduate program plans.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

- The following courses are recommended to take in high school to prepare for the nursing major:
 - 4 units English
 - 1-2 units chemistry
 - 1 unit physics
 - 1-2 units biology
 - 2 units of Spanish, French, German, or other language
 - 2 units algebra, 1 unit geometry
 - 1-2 units history
 - 3 units social studies
 - 1 unit speech

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