



NURSING — ACCELERATED BSN

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET FOR SECOND DEGREE STUDENTS

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate and the master's 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 58 nursing credits. The next cohort of students will begin classes on June 8, 2009 and will complete the coursework in early June 2010.

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 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 UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences nursing baccalaureate and master's programs are fully accredited by the

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

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

- Nursing students benefit from high-tech classrooms and a state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Lab.
- 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 Chippewa Valley and at sites throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota.
- Many nursing students learn and work in health care facilities in Alaska, South Texas, and Costa Rica, to name a few.
- Nursing students can participate in the Spanish for Health Professions minor or certificate program offered through the foreign languages department.
- The Nursing Honors Program and the Nurse Scholars Program enable 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. Using distance education technologies, upper division nursing courses for the BSN are made available at various sites throughout Wisconsin.
- A satellite program is available in Marshfield, Wisconsin in cooperation with Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. 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.

Persons interested in studying at the Marshfield site should contact Dr. Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean - Marshfield site; or Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher, Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

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 ADMISSIONS 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, 2009, for June entry. To be considered for admission to the accelerated nursing program, students must 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*
- Statistics*
- Cultural Diversity (3 credits)*
- CNA certification.
- All application materials (health requirements, CPR certification, background checks, essay, two references), and an application fee.

- An overall GPA of 3.00 and a

science GPA of 2.5 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.

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. 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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