



NURSING — TRADITIONAL PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM

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 traditional pre-licensure program, for students seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). 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 academic year)

In the pre-nursing curriculum, students complete at least 30 semester credits with courses in general chemistry, biochemistry, and anatomy and physiology. Some or all of the pre-nursing courses can be taken at other institutions, but students should contact the College of Nursing and Health Sciences before beginning their course work to plan for integration and equivalency of the courses required at UW-Eau Claire. This work 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 six semesters, 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.

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

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

northcentral Wisconsin that offers a baccalaureate nursing degree.

- The nationally recognized 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 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, coordinator of the 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 department admissions requirements

Formal application to the BSN Traditional Pre-licensure program must be made. Students are encouraged to apply during the semester in which 30 credits will be completed. The deadlines for filing applications to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are Dec. 1 and May 1. Students must specify whether they are applying to the Eau Claire site or to the Marshfield site. 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 required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a grade-point average of at least 2.5.
- Completed all application materials (essay, health requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, background check).
- Submitted a non-refundable application fee.

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.

CNA certification will be a prerequisite to NRS 240, a sophomore nursing clinical course (anticipated start date January 2010).

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.

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

FRESHMAN COURSE WORK

Sample First Year

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Chem 103	General Chemistry	5
Engl 110	Introduction to College Writing	5
Psyc 100	General Psychology, or	
Psyc 260	Educational Psychology	3
Humanities	general education course	3

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE#	TITLE	CREDITS
Chem 150	Biochemistry	3
Biol 214	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
NRS 211	Wellness: Food for Fitness	1
NRS 213	Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness	1
General education	course	3
General education	course	3

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the nursing program at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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ADMISSIONS

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