

**University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
MARSHFIELD PROGRAM SITE**

**Traditional Baccalaureate Nursing Program Updates**

**These changes will affect students admitted to the traditional BSN program**

**Admission Cycle**

The traditional BSN program will admit students into Nursing every semester. Students will be admitted one semester ahead of when they begin the professional nursing courses. To accomplish this, two groups of students (16 each) will be admitted at the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 application deadline. Therefore, students who wish to apply must carefully consider to which cohort they wish to apply from the two possible. The admission requirements for the two groups are different and are listed below.

**Requirements for students starting the professional nursing courses in Fall 2009**

- 1) Application due May 1, 2009
- 2) CNA is not required.
- 3) Students must have completed at least 3 of the 5 required sciences by the end of the spring 2009 semester to apply for this admission cohort.
- 4) Students must have all 5 required sciences completed before starting their nursing courses in fall 2009. Students can take one or two science courses during summer 2009. There may also be an exception allowing students to take biochemistry in fall 2009. If we are able to find an online biochemistry class offered fall semesters, students could take biochem during the fall 2009 semester along with their 10 credits of nursing courses. This cannot be guaranteed, however, so it will be to students' advantage to complete biochemistry prior to fall 2009.
- 5) All other admission requirements remain the same as they have in the past.
- 6) Reminder that the wellness classes should be completed before fall 2009 if possible. Students can take statistics and developmental psychology during the fall 2009 semester, but it may be very difficult to schedule these classes around the nursing courses. Satisfactory completion of all these courses is required in order to progress to the spring 2010 semester of the nursing program.

**Requirements for students starting the professional nursing courses in Spring 2010**

- 1) Application due May 1, 2009. Students will be admitted to the Nursing program for Fall 2009 but will not begin their professional nursing courses until January 2010.

- 2) No CNA required for admission. However, CNA certification will be required by the second semester after admission (spring 2010).
- 3) During the first semester after admission when students are not yet taking their nursing courses, they can be completing their CNA course. Proof of CNA course completion will be needed before students will be allowed to register for the professional nursing courses (NRS 230, 240) to start the second semester in the program.
- 4) Students must have completed at least 3 of the 5 required sciences by the end of spring 2009 to apply for this admission cohort.
- 5) Students will be able to finish their required sciences during the summer and fall of 2009. As long as biochemistry is an option in spring 2010 (as it has been previously), students can take biochem during spring 2010.
- 6) A 2 credit pharmacology class will be added to the curriculum, making the spring 2010 semester 12 credits of nursing. (Students still taking biochem will have a 15 credit semester.)
- 7) For students beginning professional nursing courses in spring 2010 there is a change in the wellness requirement. Only one wellness course will be required: NRS 211, Wellness: Food for Fitness. This requirement can be met by completion of a transferable nutrition course, or by completion of PED 206 (UW-Colleges) or HPW 102 (UWSP). NRS 211 or the equivalent will need to be completed prior to spring 2010, as it is prerequisite to NRS 240.
- 8) Since the spring 2010 semester will be 12 credits of nursing, it will be helpful if students have completed statistics, biochemistry, and developmental psychology prior to January 2010. If necessary one of these three courses could be taken with the nursing courses.
- 9) All other admission requirements remain the same as they have in the past.

(If there are not sufficient students to fill the spring 2010 class with applications received by May 2009, we will keep the October 1<sup>st</sup> application date as an option for assuring the admission limits for the spring 2010 class.)

### **Certified Nursing Assistant Requirement**

- Required for students starting their professional nursing courses in spring 2010 (NRS 230, 240). Evidence of completion required for spring 2010 Nursing course registration.
- Completion of certification exam required
- Work experience as a CNA not necessary

### **Biochemistry**

- No longer offered via ITV at the Marshfield site

- Starting in spring 2009, admitted nursing students will need to take biochem (Che 203) at either UW-Marshfield, UW-Marathon or through UW-Colleges Online in order to progress in the program.
- There is continued work to have an online biochem option for fall semesters.

### **Pharmacology course**

- A 2 credit pharmacology course will be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester nursing courses starting January 2010.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the nursing program (1<sup>st</sup> semester of professional nursing courses) will now be 12 credits.
- Students who may still need statistics, biochemistry, nutrition or developmental psychology should be advised to complete these courses prior to January 2010.

### **Future Timelines**

- *Students applying to begin professional nursing courses Fall 2010: Applications due December 1, 2009.* Students will be admitted to the nursing program for January 2010. Professional nursing courses will begin in Fall 2010.
- May 1 will be the due date for fall semester Nursing program admissions. Professional nursing courses will begin in the spring semester (2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the Nursing program).
- December 1 will be the due date for spring semester Nursing program admissions. Professional nursing courses will begin in the fall semester (2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the Nursing program).

For further information or to schedule an information session for pre-nursing students at your campus please contact:

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