NURSING — PRE-LICENSEURE PROGRAM—MARSHFIELD SITE

UW-EAU CLAIRE UNDERGRADUATE FACT SHEET

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral 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 the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin, in cooperation with Marshfield Clinic Health System. 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. Rachel Merkel, Marshfield Site Coordinator, 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. Students under faculty supervision gain experience in places such as hospitals, short term rehabilitation facilities, community/public health agencies, ambulatory care facilities, schools, and nursing homes. Students must be full-time while completing the professional curriculum. Courses are taught by UW-Eau Claire faculty located in Marshfield and by faculty from Eau Claire. High-tech interactive distance education classrooms are utilized. This enables students at the Marshfield Site to receive the same, high quality education as those enrolled at the main campus in Eau Claire.

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-MARSHFIELD ADVANTAGE
- The Marshfield Medical Center is a large hospital that is part of a big 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.
- Earn BSN while living in central Wisconsin.
- With the Marshfield Site, the nationally recognized UW-Eau Claire 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 nursing baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral 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 Clinical Simulation Lab.
- In addition to classrooms, the Marshfield Site includes computer

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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. 65,000; metro. pop. 151,000.
- Approximately 80 students are nursing majors at the Marshfield Site.
- Approximately 16 students are admitted each fall & spring semester to the Marshfield Site.
- UW-Eau Claire Aggregate Data:
  - Average enrollment: 10,460
  - Undergraduates: 9,894
  - Graduate students: 566
  - Multicultural students: 9%
  - Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
  - ACT composite average: 24
  - Nickname: Blugolds
  - Colors: Navy and old gold

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labs, clinical skills/simulation lab, student lounge, conference rooms, 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 locations such as South Dakota, Costa Rica, and Harlaxton, England.
- UW-Eau Claire participates in the statewide BSN Completion (collaborative nursing BSN@Home) program that enables registered nurses with an associate degree 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.

Note: The nursing courses at the Marshfield Site involve additional course fees. Students wishing to access UW-Eau Claire Health Services will need to go to the Eau Claire campus.

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)

Special department admission requirements
To be considered for admission to the nursing program, students must have:
- Been accepted as a pre-nursing student to the University in good standing.
- Completed at least 30 semester credits, not including courses for nursing assistant certification, with a total grade-point average of at least a 3.00 (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 2.50. See program plan for completion of remaining two science courses.
- Earned a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses.
- Completed all application materials (application form and essay).
- Submitted a non-refundable application fee.
- CNA certification is a prerequisite to NRSG 267, a sophomore nursing clinical course. Admitted students should have wireless laptop access.

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. International, non-native speakers of English applying to an undergraduate nursing program at the Eau Claire campus must have a TOEFL score as follows: TOEFL Written >560 (or IELTS score of 6.5); or TOEFL (CBT)>220; or TOEFL (iBT)>83.

Admitted students are required to submit health & immunization/titer requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, and background check. Personal health insurance required.

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, it is likely the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be well above the 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA.

Because nursing is a professional discipline, students must anticipate some additional expenses related to the nursing program (see Catalogue). Also, textbook costs can be high, particularly in the early nursing courses; however, many books continue to be utilized in subsequent semesters.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Marshfield instructional site is not approved by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue I-20s or host F visa holders.

REQUIRED NON-NURSING COURSES
- General Chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Microbiology
- Human Development
- Statistics
- Critical Reading & Writing

Note: Persons interested in studying at the Marshfield Site must contact Dr. Rachel Merkel, Marshfield Site Coordinator (merkelrm@uwec.edu), for assistance with program planning. See www.uwec.edu/CONHS/programs/undergrad/bsnmarsh.htm 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, 1 unit speech
  - 3 units social studies

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