About the major:
The Department of Nursing offers the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). 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. It also prepares you for graduate studies, including advanced role preparation as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, or nurse educator. 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 Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Texas, and Costa Rica, to name a few.

### Required GE or University courses:
The English competency requirement should be completed during the first year.

**Category IA:** A minimum of 3 credits in Language Skills.

**Category IB:** MATH 246 – Elementary Statistics

**Category II:**
- CHEM 103 – General Chemistry I
- CHEM 150 – Survey of Biochemistry *(offered spring semester only)*
- BIOL 214 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL 250 – Microbiology
- BIOL 314 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Not for GE)

**Category III:** A student must take PSYC 230 – Human Development (PSYC 100 – General Psychology is the prerequisite). There are no specific course requirements for the remaining credits needed.

**Category IV:** 9 to 12 credits from two of the five subcategories

**Category V:** No specific courses required

### Courses that don’t count for the major:
CPR courses in kinesiology (incorrect level of certification for nursing students) and natural science courses that are not on the required list.

### Essential Courses:
At least three required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses are needed for admission to the Nursing Professional program. Chem 103 should be taken in the 1st semester of pre-nursing studies. A minimum science GPA of 2.5 is required.

### Information for exploring students:
There are no introductory courses for the Nursing major. Students interested in health care may consider wellness courses, NRSG 211, 212, or 213; these are not intended to provide an intro to nursing. Students may be interested in exploring IDIS 100 (Introduction to Social Welfare Services); HCAD 101 (Introduction to Health Services Administration); ENPH 210 (Introduction to Environmental Health); KINS 200 (Concepts in Kinesiology); CSD 150 (Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders).
Admission Requirements

Formal application to the professional program must be made. Students are encouraged to apply during the semester in which 30 credits will be completed (typically at the end of the freshman year). The deadlines for filing applications are Dec. 1st and May 1st. Students must specify which site they are applying to, Eau Claire or Marshfield.

To be considered for admission, you must have:
- been accepted as a pre-nursing student to UWEC in good standing.
- completed at least 30 semester credits with a total cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- completed at least 3 required natural science courses, two of which are laboratory science courses, with a science GPA of at least 2.5.
- Attain a grade of “C” or better in all courses required for nursing.
- completed all application materials.
- Pay non-refundable nursing application fee.

***The college 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 that the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be well above the 3.0 minimum. The admission GPA in recent admission cycles has ranged from 3.30 to 3.73. The college does not maintain a waiting list for admission to the program.***

Helpful tips:

- A student should obtain a copy of their immunization record and certification in CPR at the appropriate level in preparation for the application process.
- Eau Claire Student Nurses Association (ECSNA) is an organization for student nurses.
- It is recommended that students limit the number of work hours to 10 or less during the academic year.
- Clinical hours are 3 hours per credit.
- Certification as a nursing assistant (CNA) is required for admitted students before they take their first clinical course (in the second semester after admission). Students must take the certification exam, but do not have to demonstrate work experience. CNA certification is not an admission requirement. It is required by the time students register for the first nursing course requiring clinical as an admitted nursing student.

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UW-Eau Claire respects individual differences.  
This guide complements rather than substitutes for individual advising.

Example of a 4 year plan in Nursing can be found at: www.uwec.edu/AcadAff/degreeplans/nurs.htm

For instructions about how to declare this major:  
www.uwec.edu/Registrar/student/chgofmajor/index.htm