

# Nursing - Traditional pre-licensure program

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master's and doctorate 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 prepares you as a generalist to provide professional nursing in a variety of areas including hospital, nursing home, community/public health, ambulatory and home care positions.

## Major

**Comprehensive major (no minor required)**

- **Nursing** - Bachelor of Science (BSN)

## Where you'll find our grads

- Registered Nurse, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Nurse Anesthetist, Eau Claire Anesthesiologists, Eau Claire, WI
- Clinical Coordinator, Northwest Wisconsin Homecare, Augusta, WI
- Coordinator of Nursing Special Projects, Central Vermont Medical Center, Barre, VT
- HIPAA Project Manager, Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy Financing, Westminster, CO

## Prepared for Success

Nursing students participate in clinical experiences at diverse health care settings in the Chippewa Valley and at sites throughout Wisconsin and

Minnesota. Many learn and work in health care facilities nationally or abroad in such places as South Dakota, Texas, El Salvador and Costa Rica.

In the pre-nursing curriculum (one academic year), students complete at least 30 semester credits with courses in general chemistry, biochemistry, and anatomy and physiology.

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.

## Why UW-Eau Claire

### Rankings / Reputation / Well-funded programs

Our nationally recognized nursing program graduates more than 150 BSN students each year. Nearly 100 percent of our graduates have jobs or are continuing their education within a year of graduation.

### Accreditation

Our programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing

Education (CCNE).

## Hands-On Experience

The professional curriculum includes 60 credits in nursing courses (in three academic years). 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 enrolled full-time while completing this curriculum.

## First-Year Suggested Curriculum

- General Chemistry
- University writing requirement—depending on placement exam. For test-out options, see [uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout](http://uwec.edu/Blugoldseminar/testout).
- General Psych or Education Psych
- Biochemistry
- Anatomy and Physiology I
- Human Development
- General electives

NOTE: CNA certification is a prerequisite to NRS 267, a sophomore nursing clinical course. Admitted students should have wireless laptop access.

## Program Options

UW-Eau Claire participates in the statewide BSN completion (Collaborative Nursing BSN@Home) program. It is a completion program that enables registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma in nursing to earn a baccalaureate degree. In

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addition, a satellite program is available in Marshfield, Wisconsin, in cooperation with Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital. For more information about these two programs, please refer to the separate program pages found on the Majors and Minors page.

## Special Admission Guidelines

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 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 3.0 (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.
- Earned a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses.
- Completed all application materials.
- Submitted a non-refundable application fee.

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 that 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 Catalog). Also, textbook costs can be high, particularly in the early nursing courses; however, many books continue to be utilized in subsequent semesters.