The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing + Health Sciences educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral levels. We offer various options, including our BSN pre-licensure program at our Marshfield Site. This program was created in partnership with the Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS) and provides students in Central WI with the unique opportunity to learn where they live, to practice at a premier medical institution such as Marshfield Medical Center (MMC), and to earn a highly respected BSN degree from UW-Eau Claire in Marshfield, WI.

**Pre-Nursing Curriculum**
Students begin with the pre-nursing curriculum, a minimum of 30 credits. Required courses include: general chemistry, biochemistry, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, human development, statistics, and critical reading/writing. These courses can be taken at the main campus in Eau Claire or at a variety of local institutions. To help in planning, connect with the Director of the Marshfield Site and check out the sample program plans on our website for: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield, and UW-Stevens Point at Wausau.

**Professional Nursing Curriculum**
Once students are admitted to the program, they start the 60 credit professional curriculum at the Marshfield Site. Students, under faculty supervision, get to learn about and directly experience different specialties throughout the program, including: ambulatory care, pediatrics, obstetrics, mental health, public health, geriatrics, critical care, etc. There are also several student organizations to get involved with too! Students must be full-time while in the professional curriculum. Flip this page over to get more details on the application process!

**Graduation**
Marshfield BSN students join their main campus classmates for the Commencement ceremony held in Eau Claire to take the final step… receive their BSN degree! Our BSN graduates are actively recruited for positions, and nearly 100% have jobs or are continuing their education within a year of graduation.

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**THE EAU CLAIRE / MARSHFIELD ADVANTAGE**

- Get the **same high-quality degree** as students on the main Eau Claire campus... by taking classes in Marshfield!
- Courses are taught by UW-Eau Claire faculty located both in Marshfield (providing **face-to-face instruction**) and in Eau Claire (via **high-tech** distance education).
- Skills are taught by **hands-on learning** methods, including skills lab/simulation and clinicals held both at the Marshfield Medical Center and local community.
- There are many opportunities to collaborate with faculty on **research** projects and activities that benefit the community.
- Students may also choose to participate in **cultural immersion experiences** in health care facilities in locations such as South Dakota, Mexico, and England.
- This program is **fully accredited** by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing.
The application process has several steps. Connect with the Marshfield Site Coordinator (see page bottom) to request the program application and for assistance as you move through the process!

**Steps**
1. Submit application to the University as a pre-nursing student
2. Complete the prerequisite coursework (pre-nursing curriculum) and testing (CPR and CNA)
3. Submit program application (BSN-Marshfield) to the Nursing Department
   - Students are encouraged to apply during the semester in which 30 credits will be completed. Deadline dates for filing applications are December 1 and May 1.

**Additional Criteria for Admissions**
- Been accepted as a pre-nursing student in the University in good standing;
- Completed at least 30 semester credits* (with a total cumulative GPA of at least 3.00);
- Completed at least 3 required natural science courses*, with 2 being laboratory science courses (with a GPA of at least 2.50); and
- Earned a grade of "C" or better in all courses required for nursing.

*Visit www.uwec.ly/CONHS to review program plans and detailed admissions criteria. Other data utilized by the Admissions Committee are derived from a variety of sources, including high school transcript, previous collegiate records, and standardized tests such as ACT or SAT. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences may find it necessary to deny admission to a qualified applicant because of enrollment limits.

**Why a BSN degree?** Having a BSN degree is connected to a higher rate of professional advancement, as BSN-educated nurses are needed to fill many positions (including leadership and management roles). Many organizations and employers share the view that a more highly educated nursing workforce is critical to meeting the nation’s nursing needs and delivering safe, effective care. With that in mind, some careers may be open only to BSN holders, or may be the preferred qualification. In addition, research shows that BSN holders produce better patient outcomes.

Our BSN program will prepare you as a generalist to provide professional nursing in a variety of areas. You will gain the knowledge and experience to promote, maintain, and restore the health of individuals, families, groups, and communities. The BSN program also prepares you for study in our graduate nursing programs, intended for students who want to assume leadership roles in advanced professional nursing, clinical practice, nursing administration, or education.

**INTERESTED? QUESTIONS?**

If you have questions about the program, would like to schedule a tour, or would like to apply… please contact the Director of the Marshfield Site:

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To learn more about the UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing & Health Sciences or the Marshfield Site, check out our website at www.uwec.ly/CONHS. You can also find the Marshfield Site on Facebook by searching “UW-Eau Claire BSN Program, Marshfield Site” or “UWEC.Marshfield”. We look forward to connecting with you!