



Pre-Nursing Advising Sheet

The nursing field has a wide range of career pathways, from entry-level practitioner to doctoral-level researcher. The primary path to nursing is the four-year BSN program. Registered nurses (RN) are prepared either through a four-year baccalaureate program; a two-to-three-year associate degree in nursing (ADN); or a three-year hospital diploma program. However, there are additional ways of obtaining a BSN or MSN besides the traditional 4-year route which includes: 1) accelerated Bachelor of Science in nursing (A-BSN) programs which are geared for those without previous nursing preparation, but **already have a bachelor's degree** in a major field other than nursing and usually is a full-time commitment that takes 12-18 months or 2) Entry-level masters programs, also accelerated in nature, are geared to non-nursing graduates, generally taking three years to complete.

Common Pre-Nursing Prerequisite Courses		
Biology	One semester w/labs are generally required	BIO 1150/L or BIO 1210/L
Microbiology	One semester is generally required	BIO 2060/L
General Epidemiology	One semester is generally required	BIO 3600
General Chemistry	One semester w/labs are generally required or recommended	CHM 1210/L
Anatomy/ Physiology	One semester is generally required	BIO 2340, BIO 2350, BIO 4240, BIO 4460
Psychology	One semester is generally required	PSY 2201
Developmental Psychology	One semester is generally required	PSY 3305
Sociology/ Anthropology	Introductory sociology or anthropology is generally required or recommended	SOC 2201 or ANT 1020
Statistics	One semester is generally required	STA 1200 or STA 1300
English	One year or more is required	ENG 1103, ENG 2105
Communication	One semester is generally required	COM 1100 or 2204
Nutrition	One semester is generally required	NTR 2030

Resources

- National Student Nurses Association: www.nsna.org
- National League for Nursing: <http://www.nln.org/>
- American Nurses Association (ANA): <http://nursingworld.org/>
- All Nursing Schools: www.allnursingschools.com
- List of Accelerated BSN programs: www.aacn.nche.edu/Media/FactSheets/AcceleratedProg.html
- Centralized Application Services for Nursing Programs (NursingCAS): <http://nursingcas.org/>
- Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEA): <https://www.atitesting.com>
- National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN): <https://www.ncsbn.org>