

# UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Program Getting Started

Pre-nursing, transfer and second degree students



## Applying as Pre-Nursing

### New Freshman, Transfer Students & Second Degree Students

- Submit an application to UW-Parkside, at [www.uwp.edu/apply/instructions.cfm](http://www.uwp.edu/apply/instructions.cfm), by March 1 for a Fall start and December 1 for a Spring start.
- Accepted students must register for and attend a ROAR Orientation where you can declare Pre-Nursing as your major.
- ALL students start as Pre-Nursing before they apply to the Professional Nursing Major.

### Inquiring Transfer Students

- Students that would like to meet with the nursing advisor prior to applying to UW-Parkside are welcome to schedule an appointment via Calendly (<https://calendly.com/uwpnursingadvisorappointment>). Inquiring students should send all unofficial transcripts and contact information to [hmvara@uwm.edu](mailto:hmvara@uwm.edu).
- Transfer Resources: UWM Transfer Equivalency Database (<https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/ted>) or Transferology ([www.transferology.com/school/uwm](http://www.transferology.com/school/uwm))

### Current UWP Student (Change of Major)

- To schedule an appointment with the nursing advisor, please make one via Navigate. Major Declaration forms can be found at [www.uwp.edu/currentstudent/declarationforms](http://www.uwp.edu/currentstudent/declarationforms)

## Applying to the Professional Nursing Major

### Prerequisites & Policies

- Preparatory Math and English based on placement test scores
- Math Competency: Placement score of 30+ **OR** Math 111 with a grade of "C" or higher will fulfill this requirement
- **Minimum Required GPAs** (Not listed on DARS or on Transcript):
  - Nursing: 2.75 minimum
  - Science: 2.75 minimum
  - These are *minimum* GPAs to be eligible for application to the professional major. On average, admitted students earn **3.3-3.4 GPAs**.
- Must have at least a "C" (2.0) in each pre-nursing prerequisite class (listed in the table).
- **Repeat Policy:**
  - Courses with a "C-" or lower are considered a failure and need to be REPEATED.
  - A course may only be repeated **one** time.
  - No more than **two** required courses can be repeated.
- Required pre-nursing courses may be taken after application is submitted, but courses must be completed with a "C" or higher, maintain the minimum required GPAs, and in the intended semester by the start of the professional major, if admitted.

### Application Process

- Applications to the Professional Nursing Major can be found online at <https://uwm.edu/nursing/academics/apply/> (please note UWM Website)
- **Timeline for Fall Start:**
  - Application Available: Early November (1st/2nd week)
  - Application Deadline: January 2nd (firm deadline each year)
  - On-Campus Essay & Short Interviews: Early/Mid February
  - Decisions Letters: March
- **Items Considered in Application:**
  - Academics
  - Work/ Volunteer/ Life/ Leadership Experience
    - No minimum hour expectation. Committee looks for consistency and a pattern of balancing volunteering with school and work. Healthcare experiences recommended.
  - On-Campus essay and series of short interviews

### Nursing Prerequisite Coursework

	UWP	CLC	
Cultural Diversity in Healthcare (FA & SP)	NURS 101	UWP	3 cr
Perspectives in Healthcare (FA & SP)	NURS 102	UWP	2 cr
Social Science Elective	Email Me	-	3 cr
Advanced Composition Prerequisites: ENG 101	ENGL 201 or 168	ENG 122	3 cr
Any Sociology	Email Me	-	3 cr
Intro to Psychology	PSYC 101	PSY 121	3 cr
Developmental Psychology Prerequisites: PSYC 101	PSYC 210	PSY 220	3 cr
Chemical Science (FA & SP) Prerequisites: MATH 111 (or concurrent registration)	CHEM 115	CHM 121	4 cr
Survey of Biochemistry (FA & SP) Prerequisites: CHEM 115	CHEM 215	CHM 125	4 cr
Anatomy & Physiology I (FA & SP)	BIOS 105	BIO 244	5 cr
Anatomy & Physiology II (FA & SP)	BIOS 106	BIO 245	5 cr
Microbiology (FA & SUMMER) Prerequisites: CHEM 115 and, BIOS 105 <b>or</b> NURS 251	BIOS 202	BIO 246	4 cr
Clinical Nutrition (SP ONLY) Prerequisites: BIOS 106 and CHEM 215	BIOS 190	UWP	2 cr
Genetics and Genomics (SP ONLY)	NURS 251	UWP	2 cr
<b>Total</b>			<b>46 cr</b>

\*This does not include prerequisites that must be completed prior to taking these classes.

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[hmvara@uwm.edu](mailto:hmvara@uwm.edu) (preferred) or [vara@uwp.edu](mailto:vara@uwp.edu)  
262-595-2480 (UWP) or 414-229-5047 (UWM)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does the UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Program Work?

The nursing major at Parkside is offered in partnership UW-Milwaukee. Students are admitted to Parkside and complete the UWM College of Nursing pre-nursing and Professional nursing curriculum on Parkside's campus. When students graduate, they are actually graduates of UW-Milwaukee. For this reason, each nursing student is responsible for meeting all UW-Milwaukee requirements. Successful completion of the pre-requisites and professional major courses require full-time Monday-Friday daytime availability as the nursing program does not offer online or evening courses. There is no part-time program for the UWM/UWP Nursing Consortia.

### How do contact my academic advisor?

Your academic advisor is best reached via email at [hmvara@uwm.edu](mailto:hmvara@uwm.edu). She can also be reached at 262-595-2653. You can make an appointment via Navigate.

### How long are my science credits good for?

All credit for required courses must have been earned in the ten years preceding beginning the nursing major. Consult with your advisor to discuss your options if your classes are outside of this timeframe.

### How many general education requirement courses do I need?

Art: 3 cr  
Humanities: 6 cr  
History: 3 cr  
Electives: Varies (124 credits needed for graduation)  
Foreign Language—(If you have successfully completed two years of the same foreign language in high school, then you have completed the UWM/CON foreign language requirement. If you did not complete these two years or if English is your second language, see your advisor to discuss options for completing the UWM foreign language requirement. If you hold a prior degree or started your college coursework prior to Fall 1999, you are exempt from this requirement.)

The nursing advisor can provide a list of courses offered at UWP that fulfill the GER requirements at UWM. This list applies to students in the UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Major ONLY. If you change your major or double major at UWP, you will need to meet with the proper advisor in the Advising and Career Center, as well as consult your DARS report. Transfer Equivalency Database (TED): <https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/ted> - General Education Requirements (GERS) may be checked on this tool for transferability: Art (A), History (HU or SS), Humanities (HU), Social Science (SS)

### Can I take pre-nursing courses at another campus and transfer them in?

Yes. Many prerequisite courses have equivalents at other schools. Be sure to contact your academic advisor or consult transfer guides to ensure that you're taking appropriate courses. E-mail your advisor for questions on transferable courses.

### Can I repeat a course if I'm not happy with my grade?

Prior to the start of the professional major, courses may be repeated only once and with no more than two total repeats. Grades of "C-" or lower are considered a failure MUST be replaced by grades of "C" or higher however, repeats of courses which have been passed with a grade of "C" or higher **do not count against** the repeat rules. The higher grade is then calculated in your nursing GPA if done by the professional major application deadline.

### Is the nursing program competitive?

Yes. We do not have enough clinical spots for every student, so you must apply to continue into the professional major. This usually occurs during the sophomore year, but you can apply any semester as long as the prerequisite courses will be completed by the beginning of the major coursework. We accept 40 students in the Fall semester only with an average of 60 applications per year. Applications are reviewed based on pre-nursing and science GPA, leadership/work/volunteer, etc. experience, a series of short interviews, and an on-site essay.

### What happens if I'm not accepted into the major?

You can meet with your assigned professional nursing advisor to get feedback on your application. Based on the strengths and weaknesses of your application, your advisor will discuss options for retaking courses, gaining more volunteer experience, or improving writing skills. Most students will decide to apply again the following semester, but some will decide to switch majors or transfer elsewhere.

### Do I have to be CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certified?

[A CNA license is not required for acceptance into the program.](#) It can be a useful experience for exploring the healthcare field and gaining familiar-

## Tools & Resources

**Parkside Academic Resource Center—Wyllie D180** (or call at 262-595-2044.

- Free tutoring in a variety of undergraduate subjects each semester.

**Advising and Career Center—Wyllie D175**— Call at 262-595-2040.

- Explore minors, majors, careers, internship volunteer opportunities and so much more on campus or in the community.

*The information provided on this sheet is specific to the UWM/UWP Consortia Nursing Major only. Students interested in other majors at UWP will follow different guidelines/requirements and should partner closely with an advisor in the Advising & Career Center to make sure you are meeting the graduation requirements of UWP.*

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