

Pre-Professional Nursing Major Freshman Orientation 2012

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This is a new pre-major for fall 2012 in the College of Nursing. Eligible students may start as Pre-Professional Nursing for their first two years while they complete the required coursework for **Professional Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program**. The Professional program requires an application and interview process, which typically occurs during the student's second year. Competitive applicants then go on to complete the final four semesters of nursing theory and clinical work in order to become a BSN prepared Registered Nurse. Upon graduation from the BSN program, students sit for the national licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN.

Incoming Freshmen are evaluated for eligibility for the **Pre-Professional Nursing major based on their application for admission to the University of Arizona**. Students must meet the following minimums:

- 3.3 Unweighted Cumulative High School grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)
- 1220 SAT Score (Math & Critical Reading Scores only) **OR** 27 ACT Composite Score

Admission to the Pre-Professional Nursing major does not guarantee admission to the Professional Program. Students must maintain a competitive grade point average in both their prerequisite coursework and cumulative college coursework in order to be eligible for Professional Admission. Due to the competitiveness of the Professional Program, the College of Nursing encourages all students to identify a complementary major or minor that they may pursue concurrently with the required coursework for Professional Admission to the Bachelor Science in Nursing program.

Students are not required to be in the Pre-Professional Nursing major - they may be in **ANY** major at the UA. Interested students need only complete the required coursework for Professional Admission. All of these courses are open to ANY UA student (as long as the course requirements are met). Please see the reverse side of this handout for the suggested two year plan for preparing for Professional Admission.

The College of Nursing does not accept Change of Major requests on the day of orientation.

However, interested students may send an email to entry@nursing.arizona.edu if they are interested in changing their major and meet the above criteria. Please make sure to send an email from your UA email address and include your full name and Student ID Number.

Students who do not meet the above criteria may change their major after their first year at the UA if they have earned a 3.4 cumulative grade point average and have completed certain first year courses (please visit the website for details). Students will be required to attend a "Change of Major" workshop in order to change their major. These workshop dates will be posted on the College of Nursing website.



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Pre-Professional Nursing Two-Year Plan

Below is the suggested two-year plan for students interested in completing the requirements for Professional Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing major. Shaded courses are prerequisite courses. Non-shaded courses are other degree requirements such as foundations (math, English, and second language) and General Education. This plan is based on a student meeting the math placement requirements to begin in College Algebra.

Placement into College Algebra

Course Title	Units	UD	Notes
SEMESTER 1 (16 hours)			
First Year Composition Sequence: choose 1 sequence ¹ ENGL 101: First Year Composition I ENGL 109H: Advanced First Year Composition - Honors	3		¹ First Year Composition can be completed by two different sequences: a two semester sequence of ENGL 101 followed by ENGL 102, or by a one semester option of ENGL 109 Honors. ENGL 109 requires placement. ² ALEKS Math Placement Test score of 55% required on Prep for College Algebra to enroll in MATH 112 & MCB 181R. ³ Requirement may be met by the completion of a second semester or higher level second language course or proficiency may be determined through examination.
Nutrition: choose 1 course NSC 170C1: Nutrition, Food & You (Recommended) NSC 310: Principles of Human Nutrition in Health and Disease	3		
Mathematics: MATH 109C, 110 or 112: College Algebra or higher ²	3		
2nd Language ³	4		
Tier 1: INDV Recommended: PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology or PSY 150A1: Structure of the Mind and Behavior	3		
SEMESTER 2 (17 hours)			
First Year Composition Sequence: choose 1 sequence ² ENGL 102: First Year Composition II ENGL 109H: Advanced First Year Composition - Honors	3		⁴ Chemistry sequence: students must pair chemistry courses: CHEM 151 pairs with 152; CHEM 105A and 106A pairs with 105B and 106B. Requires completion of College Algebra or higher. ⁵ If EDP200 is taken, students must take a Tier 1: INDV. If FSHD 117 is taken, students must take a Tier 2: INDV.
Chemistry 1: choose 1 lecture/lab course combination (Tier 1: NATS) ⁴ CHEM 151: General Chemistry I CHEM 105A: Fundamentals of Chemistry & 106A: Lab - Honors	4		
Human Development: choose 1 course EDP/FSHD/PSY 200: Evolution & Human Development (Tier 2: INDV) ⁵ FSHD 117: Lifespan Human Development	3		
Statistics: choose 1 course ISTA 116: Statistical Foundations MATH 163: Basic Statistics (Recommended) MATH 263: Introduction to Statistics	3		
2nd Language ³	4		
SEMESTER 3 (17 hours)			
PSIO 201: Anatomy & Physiology 1 (Tier 1: NATS)	4		⁶ Traditions & Cultures (160) courses cannot repeat the "A", "B", "C" or "D" designation in the course numbers ² ALEKS Math Placement Test score of 55% required on Prep for College Algebra to enroll in MCB 181R. Completion of CHEM 151 is recommended before enrolling in MCB 181R.
Chemistry 2: choose 1 lecture/lab course combination ⁴ CHEM 152: General Chemistry II CHEM 105B: Chemistry Fundamentals & CHEM 106B Lab - Honors	4		
MCB 181R: Introduction to Biology ²	3		
Tier 1: 160A (TRAD Diversity Course) ⁶	3		
Tier 2: Art	3		
SEMESTER 4 (16 hours)			
PSIO 202: Anatomy & Physiology 2 (Tier 2: NATS)	4		⁷ Individuals & Society (150) courses cannot repeat the "A", "B", or "C" designation in the course numbers. Apply to the BSN Professional Program
MIC 205A: Microbiology	3		
Tier 1 or Tier 2 INDV ⁷ Recommended: PSY 240: Dev. Psych for Tier 2 INDV	3		
Tier 2: Humanities	3		
Tier 1: 160 (TRAD) ⁶	3		

Professional Admission Scoring

45% – Prerequisite grade point average (3.0 minimum required)

25% – Cumulative grade point average (3.0 minimum required)

10% – Statement

20% – Interview: the highest ranked candidates for admission will be asked to complete an interview.



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