

## An Academic Advisor's Guide to Admission Policies for College of Nursing

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Academic Advisors,

As a reminder, starting in the fall of 2012, the College of Nursing will begin admitting students as Pre-Professional Nursing majors as the CES program in Pre-Nursing is phased out. As part of this process, the College of Nursing has implemented a set of criteria in order to declare the major for first-time-freshman, transfer, and current UA students that mirrors the standards for competitive admission to the Professional BSN program. More information is online at: <http://www.nursing.arizona.edu/prebsn>. As a college with restrictions on declaring the major, the College of Nursing requires all students to select an alternative major for admissions – some students were admitted to this alternative in the admissions process.

- Pre-Professional Nursing transitioned to College of Nursing from CES
- Competitive admissions criteria to declare the major

### Criteria for Declaring as First Time Freshman

Students must have the following criteria for declaring the Nursing major:

- A minimum of a **3.3** (4.0 scale) high school cumulative grade point average
- **1220 SAT** (Math and Critical Reading) or **27 ACT** Composite Score

### Declaring as Current UA Students: Start of Fall

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Students must complete at least **24 hours at UA with cumulative GPA of 3.4**
- Students must have **four** Prerequisite courses completed with a **grade of "B" or better** (one "C" grade allowed).

### During New Student Orientations

At New Student Orientations, if you have a student qualified to change their major please have them email [entry@nursing.arizona.edu](mailto:entry@nursing.arizona.edu) for evaluation. The student will then receive a response within two weeks about the admission decision and Nursing advisors will work with the student to adjust their schedule accordingly. Please do not send students to the College of Nursing sessions as we do not have time to properly evaluate their admissions status and prepare their advising information for Orientation. This model has been discussed and agreed upon at the Orientation Advisory Council (OAC) meetings. Students must attend both the College session and Advising session of their admitted major.

- Student must attend all meetings of admitted major
- Eligible students should email [entry@nursing.arizona.edu](mailto:entry@nursing.arizona.edu) to be evaluated

### Changing Majors in the Fall Term

Once the fall term has started, students who are eligible to change their major must attend an **Information Session** hosted in the College of Nursing. During this workshop, each student's academic record will be reviewed by an Academic Advisor for eligibility to declare the major. Students can sign up online at: [www.nursing.arizona.edu/info](http://www.nursing.arizona.edu/info).

- In fall, students should attend an Information Session to change major

### BSN Professional Program

An application will still be required for Pre-Professional BSN students to apply to the competitive, upper division Professional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at the end of the sophomore year. Students may still apply to the upper division Professional BSN Program if they are another UA major or a transfer student. No preference or priority in admissions is given to students in the Pre-Professional Nursing program. Nursing also offers a Masters Entry to the Profession of Nursing (MEPN) program for students who complete a bachelor's degree in a different area.

- Application required to gain admission to Professional BSN Program (Junior/Senior years)
- No preference given to UA students or Pre-Professional students

### Questions

Students who do not meet the criteria to declare a Nursing major should continue to be advised by their admitted/declared major. If they have additional questions they should first be directed to an **Information Session** in the College of Nursing. If there are additional questions after that point, students should contact a nursing advisor at [entry@nursing.arizona.edu](mailto:entry@nursing.arizona.edu) or 520.626.3808.

- Students should work with declared/admitted major
- Questions answered at Information Sessions

## Courses for Nursing

The guide below is intended as a sample course sequence for student coursework progression. Shaded courses are required Nursing prerequisite courses necessary for admission to the BSN Professional Program. Pre-Professional students (semesters 1-4) must apply for entry into the Professional Program (semesters 5-8).

- Shaded courses are required Nursing prerequisite courses and should be prioritized in schedules

Course Title	Units	UD	Notes
<b>SEMESTER 1 (16 hours)</b>			
<b>First Year Composition Sequence:</b> choose 1 sequence <sup>1</sup> ENGL 101: First Year Composition I or ENGL 102: First Year Composition II ENGL 109H: Advanced First Year Composition - Honors	3		<sup>1</sup> <b>First Year Composition</b> 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. <sup>2</sup> <b>ALEKS Math Placement Test score of 55%</b> required on Prep for College Algebra to enroll in MATH 112 & MCB 181R. <sup>3</sup> <b>Language:</b> requirement may be met by the completion of a second semester or higher second language course or through a language proficiency examination.
<b>Nutrition:</b> choose 1 course NSC 170C1: Nutrition, Food & You NSC 310: Principles of Human Nutrition in Health and Disease	3		
<b>Mathematics:</b> MATH 109C, 110 or 112: College Algebra or higher <sup>2</sup>	3		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Language</b> <sup>3</sup>	4		
<b>Tier 1: INDV:</b> (choose 1 course) PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology PSY 150A1: Structure of the Mind and Behavior	3		
<b>SEMESTER 2 (16/17 hours)</b>			
<b>First Year Composition Sequence:</b> choose 1 sequence <sup>2</sup> ENGL 102: First Year Composition II ENGL 109H: Advanced First Year Composition - Honors	3		<sup>4</sup> <b>Chemistry sequence:</b> students must pair chemistry courses: CHEM 151 pairs with 152; CHEM 105A and 106A pairs with 105B and 106B; CHEM 101A pairs with 101B and 102. Chemistry requires completion of College Algebra or higher. <sup>5</sup> Individuals & Society (150) courses cannot repeat the "A", "B", or "C" designation in the course numbers. <sup>6</sup> <b>Statistics</b> may also be completed by taking CPH 376 or PSY 230.
<b>Chemistry 1:</b> choose 1 lecture/lab course combination <sup>4</sup> CHEM 101A: General Chemistry CHEM 151: General Chemistry I CHEM 105A: Fundamentals of Chemistry & 106A: Lab - Honors	3/4		
<b>Human Development:</b> choose 1 course EDP/FSHD/PSY 200: Evolution & Human Development (Tier 2: INDV) <sup>5</sup> FSHD 117: Lifespan Human Development	3		
<b>Statistics:</b> choose 1 course <sup>6</sup> MATH 163: Basic Statistics (Recommended) ISTA 116: Statistical Foundations MATH 263: Introduction to Statistics	3		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Language</b> <sup>3</sup>	4		
<b>SEMESTER 3 (17 hours)</b>			
<b>PSIO 201: Anatomy &amp; Physiology 1</b> (Tier 1: NATS)	4		<sup>7</sup> Traditions & Cultures (160) courses cannot repeat the "A", "B", "C" or "D" designation in the course numbers <sup>8</sup> <b>ALEKS Math Placement Test score of 55%</b> required on Prep for College Algebra to enroll in MCB 181R. Completion of CHEM is recommended before enrolling in MCB 181R.
<b>Chemistry 2:</b> choose 1 lecture/lab course combination <sup>4</sup> CHEM 101B: General Chemistry 2 and CHEM 102: Lab CHEM 152: General Chemistry II CHEM 105B: Chemistry Fundamentals & CHEM 106B Lab - Honors	4		
<b>MCB 181R: Introduction to Biology</b> <sup>8</sup>	3		
<b>Tier 1: 160 (TRAD Diversity Course)</b> <sup>7</sup>	3		
<b>Tier 2: Art</b>	3		
<b>SEMESTER 4 (16 hours)</b>			
<b>PSIO 202: Anatomy &amp; Physiology 2</b> (Tier 2: NATS)	4		<b>Apply to the BSN Professional Program</b>
<b>MIC 205A: Microbiology</b>	3		
<b>Tier 1 or Tier 2 INDV</b> <sup>5</sup> Recommended: PSY 240: Dev. Psych for Tier 2 INDV	3		
<b>Tier 2: Humanities</b>	3		
<b>Tier 1: 160 (TRAD)</b> <sup>7</sup>	3		

## BSN Professional Admissions

Admission Scoring Grid	Application Deadlines for Professional BSN
<b>45%:</b> Prerequisite courses GPA (3.0 minimum) <b>25%:</b> Cumulative GPA (3.0 minimum in all post-secondary courses) <b>10%:</b> Personal Statement <b>20%:</b> Interview	<b>February 1</b> for fall start - Two Nursing prerequisites may be in progress at time of application <b>September 1</b> for spring start - All Nursing prerequisite courses must be completed at time of application