

## Major Transfer Guide:

Website: <https://www.bellevuecollege.edu/nursing/>

For a comprehensive list of nursing programs in WA state, follow this link:  
[www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/6000/669080.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/6000/669080.pdf)

### What are the various Nursing Pathways, which Degree do I Begin with?

<b>NAC /CNA (Nursing Assistant - Certified)</b> <i>Education:</i> 4-10 week program, pass the NAC exam. <i>Duties:</i> give patient baths, check vital signs, make beds, transfer patients, help patients perform activities of daily living (ADL)  *BC requirement for entry	<b>LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse)</b> <i>Education:</i> One year approved training program and pass State licensure exam <i>Duties:</i> hands-on patient care, give shots and medications, keep medical charts, supervise NACs. LPNs should consider pursuing an RN ladder program after licensure. (LPN to RN)	<b>ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing)</b> <i>Education:</i> 2-3 year training in associate program and pass State RN licensure exam <i>Duties:</i> daily patient care, give shots and medications, keep medical charts, supervise LPNs, NAC, and entire nursing units. RN with an ADN should consider pursuing an <b>RN to BSN bridge</b> program after licensure.	<b>BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing*)</b> <i>Education:</i> 4-5 year training, completed at a university Bachelor program, and pass State RN licensure exam (NCLEX) <i>Duties:</i> daily patient care, give shots and medications, keep medical charts, supervise LPNs, NACs, and entire nursing units. * <b>Program not intended for those already possessing RN</b>
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### What Are Some Common Prerequisites that I'll Need to Take Here?

A career in nursing can be extremely rewarding and fulfilling. Like many professional career tracks, admission to nursing programs is competitive. As such, **students should prepare to apply to multiple nursing programs**. Healthcare related work or volunteer experience is essential; many nursing programs require or strongly recommend that you have some prior health-related experience before you apply.

Check with your nursing program of interest for **exact prerequisites**. Some nursing programs are competitive while others have a minimum requirement and is lottery based. Other common admission requirements include:

- a 3.0 or higher GPA in prerequisite courses. Bellevue College has a science GPA average of a 3.8.
- TEAS test. Bellevue College has a minimum of 74. BC also requires taking the WritePlacer test and a minimum of a 4.
- immunizations, background checks, and AIDS/CPR Health Care Provider Card. BC requires the CPR certificate through American Heart Association
- Nursing Assistant Certification (NAC or CNA)

Application deadlines can vary, and some colleges accept applications for more than one quarter of entry per year. Additionally, ladder (or step) programs are offered at some colleges, meaning students can complete their nursing in steps such as CNA → LPN → ADN → BSN

**Course Planning Notes:** Remember to maintain balance each quarter (i.e. try not to take all sciences or all writing-based classes in a single quarter). Also, keep in mind that 12 credit hours or more is considered full time; make sure to balance class load with your personal and/or work life. This is not an official educational plan— you should see an academic advisor if you have questions about course selection.

Every university and major concentration will require slightly different prerequisites. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper courses. Below is a general guide to the courses **required** (this is not an official list):

Gray Box = Prerequisite

BSN programs will typically want an Associates in Arts & Sciences DTA, classes for BSN programs are indicated as (BSN)

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
MATH 098	6	ENG 101	5	BIOI 160	6	BIOL 241	6
		CHEM 121	6	CHEM 131 (BSN)	6	ENG 201 (BSN)	5
Obtain NAC/CNA		PSYCH 100	5	PSYCH 200	5	*MATH 099	5
		Work as NAC		Work as NAC		*099 for MATH 141	
TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	6	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	16	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	16	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	16

  

SUMMER		FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
MATH 130 (Stats)	5	BIOL 242	6	BIOL 260	6	Social Science (BSN)	5
NUTR 101	5	Humanities (BSN)	5	CMST 280	5	Humanities (BSN)	5
		MATH 141 (BSN)	5	SOC 101 (BSN)	5		
Volunteer		Volunteer		TEAS & WritePlacer		Apply to BC Nurs	
TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	10	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	16	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	16	TOTAL QTR. CREDITS	10

## What prerequisites will I need to take before applying to a typical nursing program?

Below is a general guide to the types of classes recommended for students interested in nursing (this is not an official list).

This is not intended to replace the Bellevue College nursing guide. Rather, it is a general guideline for nursing programs across the state.

<b>Associate in Nursing (ADN)*</b> (These courses also satisfy the general education requirements for Bellevue College RN to BSN path)	<b>Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**</b> (Pre-nursing transfer to universities such as UW and SU only, <u>not</u> RN to BSN path)
ENGL& 101	ENGL& 101,201
CHEM& 121 – prerequisite is Math 078 or 098	CHEM& 121,131 – prerequisite is Math 098
BIOL& 160 <sup>1</sup> ,241,242,260	BIOL& 160 <sup>1</sup> ,241,242,260
PSYC& 100 <sup>1</sup> ,200	PSYC& 100 <sup>1</sup> ,200
MATH130 <sup>2</sup>	MATH 130 and either MATH 107,138,141 <sup>2</sup>
NUTR& 101 - Can complete after application, but before entry	NUTR& 101
CMST 280 - BC only, graduation requirement	Completion of Associate in Arts and Sciences-DTA
NAC (or CNA) <sup>3</sup>	

Notes: <sup>1</sup>Prerequisite for a higher level course. Some colleges count the course grade in the admissions GPA, others may not.

<sup>2</sup>UW will accept Math 107 **or** MATH 141 **and** statistics. SU requires Math 138 **or** MATH 141 **and** statistics. BC requires **only** statistics (MATH 130)

<sup>3</sup>BC requires NAC training prior to beginning in the nursing program. License is required if training was not from a community college. Some colleges require the license and experience as an NAC prior to applying to nursing.

\***All** prerequisites for BC's nursing program must be completed by end of winter quarter to apply for the following fall quarter or completed by the end of summer for winter quarter start, with the exception of NUTR 101 which can be taken during application quarter and CMST 280 can be taken while in the program. There are also two humanities co-requisites. Other programs vary.

\*\*3-4 lab sciences must be completed by the end of fall quarter for most BSN programs in order to apply for the following fall quarter.

### TIPS

- Students should register for **CHEM& 121** as soon as possible, and take at least one lab science each quarter. Math 098 is a prerequisite for CHEM& 121. BIOL 160 strongly recommends CHEM&121 prior. Summer classes may be necessary.
- Timing is very important. Applications are generally due between Dec. 1(SU) – Jan. 31 for BSN programs.
  - ⇒ UW requires completion of three of the prerequisite lab sciences (not including BIOL& 160) at the time of application with a min. GPA of 3.0 (or 2.8 if 4 courses are completed).
  - ⇒ UW also requires a minimum 100 hours volunteer or paid health care experience in one setting within a period of 3 months within the past year of the application deadline.
  - ⇒ SU wants 7 of their 10 prerequisites done by application deadline.
- Many programs require the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills.)
- Many programs have a time limit on science and math courses – usually 5, 7, or 10 years.
- Application deadlines for ADN programs vary widely. Many programs accept applications multiple times each year.
- Most nursing programs are full-time. Bellevue College also offers a part-time 11 quarter program every other year. Shoreline community colleges also offer a part-time program. It is **highly recommended** that you speak with a representative at the target college/university in conjunction with an academic advisor here at BC to ensure that you are taking the proper course sequence.
- Bellevue College, Shoreline College and others have admission based on a point system. Points are given for cum GPA, science GPA, volunteer work, medical experience, NAC license, etc, and are different at every college.

#### GPA

The average GPA for entering nursing students at the University of Washington is approximately 3.5. Students should strive to maintain a **strong GPA** with limited withdrawals, incompletes, repeated courses and non-graded options.

## Career Outlook and Salary Information

The median annual wage for registered nurses was \$70,000 in May 2017. Registered nursing is one of the fastest growing careers today. Registered nurses who have earned a BSN degree will enjoy the greatest demand for their knowledge and skills. RNs will be in high demand in underserved healthcare areas, such as inner cities and rural areas.

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventative care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby boomer population, as they live longer and more active lives.

Retrieved from: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

**This is an unofficial guide only, designed to prepare students for entry into Washington State Nursing programs. It is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with all community college and university programs to which he/she intends to apply to establish prerequisites and admission requirements, as they vary and are subject to change without notice**

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