

2009-2010 Course Catalog

The University Of Montana

Pre-Nursing

Pre-Nursing Advising Program, Lommasson Center, Room 269

The pre-nursing curriculum is a two-year program which is designed to provide the basic undergraduate education needed for entry into the professional portion of a baccalaureate nursing program.

Through an arrangement with the College of Nursing at Montana State University-Bozeman, The University of Montana-Missoula offers approved prerequisite courses for prenursing students. Students who intend to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree offered through Montana State University can complete the 15 credits of sophomore level nursing courses in Bozeman. In addition, these 15 credits of sophomore level nursing courses are currently offered through a limited option on one of MSU's "Upper Division" campuses located at Billings, Great Falls, Kalispell, and Missoula. Students may apply for acceptance into clinical nursing (junior and senior years), to one of MSU's "Upper Division" campuses, up to a year prior to placement regardless of whether or not they have been admitted to MSU. Depending upon the specific placement, students can complete the entire nursing program in Missoula. It is highly competitive to be placed into the entire program available on MSU's Upper Division campus in Missoula

A grade of "C" (2.00) or better is required in the following specific courses for admission to clinical nursing. MSU's College of Nursing does not accept C- as a passing grade in required courses. Though a grade of "C" (2.00) is minimally acceptable, students are advised to attain the highest grade average possible in these classes for placement considerations at the upper-division level. Acceptance to clinical nursing is based on the average of the grades received in required prerequisite courses at the time of application. Admission is based strictly on grade prioritization. There is a competitive component to a successful application. At a minimum, a 2.50 cumulative GPA is required. MSU general education requirements need to be satisfied prior to graduation. Due to occasional changes in the curriculum and degree requirements, it is essential to contact the pre-nursing advisor before course selection and enrollment. The following courses may not be repeated more than once regardless of where taken.

Suggested Course of Study

First Year	A	S
BIOL 110N Principles of Biology (prereq. for BIOL 312), BIOL 112 Human Form and Function I or BIOL 113 Human Form and Function	3	-

BIOL 106N Elementary Medical Microbiology	-		3	
CHMY 121N-123N (CHEM 151N-152N) Intro to General Chemistry/Intro to Organic and Biochemistry	3		3	
CHMY 124N (CHEM 154N) Intro to Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	-		2	
COMM 111A Introduction to Public Speaking	-		3	
WRIT 101 (ENEX 101) English Composition	3		-	
M 115 (MATH 117) Probability & Linear Math	3		-	
PSYX 100S (PSYC 100S) Introduction to Psychology	-		4	
SOCI 101S (SOC 110S) Principles of Sociology	3		-	
	15		15	
Second Year		A		S
BIOL 312-313 Anatomy and Physiology I & II	4		4	
HHP 236 Basic Nutrition	-		3	
STAT 216 (MATH 241) Statistics	-		4	
PSYX 230S (PSYC 240S) Developmental Psychology	3		-	
PSYX 233 (PSYC 245) Fund of Psychology of Aging	3		-	
General Education	6		3	
	16		14	

Individual programs may differ from the suggested course of study to better fill the needs of the particular student. Students desiring admission to other schools of nursing are encouraged to obtain a catalog from the college and, in consultation with the pre-nursing advisor, develop a plan of study tailored to meet the specific course requirements of the college of their choice. In Montana the associate of science degree in nursing (ASN) can be obtained at MSU Northern, Havre; Miles Community College, Miles City; Montana Tech of The University of Montana, Butte, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, and Colleges of Technology in Missoula, Helena, Great Falls, and Billings⁶. A BSN completion program can be obtained at MSU-Northern, Havre; Montana Tech of The University of Montana, Butte, and Salish Kootenai College, Pablo. A baccalaureate

degree in nursing (BSN) can be obtained at Carroll College, Helena and Montana State University, Bozeman.