Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Prerequisite Planning Sheet for Fall 2014 Applicants

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) is a four-year degree program, consisting of one year of prerequisite courses, including the liberal arts, and three years of the nursing major. Students are admitted after they complete our required prerequisites. Admission takes place once a year for a fall semester start. The program is primarily a full-time, day school curriculum. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Two Locations, One Great University
The School has two B.S.N. program locations, one in the Twin Cities, and the other in Rochester. At the Rochester campus, courses are taught with a combination of on-site faculty, Internet, interactive television and other technology-enhanced delivery methods. Policies, application materials and nursing course content are the same at both campuses; however, prerequisite courses differ because of course availability.

Getting Started
The first step is to visit the U of MN School of Nursing Web site to see what’s offered and learn about the requirements for admission: www.nursing.umn.edu.

Prerequisites
There are 6-7 prerequisites required for the BSN program

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General Chemistry or Principles of Chemistry (minimum 3 credits)
Courses designed to prepare students for college-level chemistry or survey courses are not adequate. Choose a course that is a college-level general chemistry course and covers concepts such as measurements in chemistry; ionic and molecular compounds; chemical reactions and chemical equilibrium; gases, liquids, solids, and solutions; acids and bases.

Accepted courses at the U of M-Twin Cities: CHEM 1015* and CHEM 1017, CHEM 1061 and CHEM 1065 or CHEM 1021
Accepted courses at Rochester Community and Technical College: CHEM 1117, CHEM 1127
*Note: Students must complete both CHEM 1015 and CHEM 1017 in order to fill the U of M Physical Science Liberal Education requirement

General Biology (minimum 3 credits)*
An introduction to the major concepts and principles of modern biology. Topics include: structure/function of biological molecules, cell structure/function, energy recruitment/utilization, cellular reproduction, flow of genetic information through organisms and populations, principles of inheritance, evolution and ecology.

Accepted courses at the U of M-Twin Cities: BIOL 1009 (preferred), BIOL 1010, PSTL 1131
Accepted courses at Rochester Community and Technical College: BIOL 1220

Freshman Writing (minimum 3 credits)
Covers critical reading, writing, and thinking. Appropriate courses will include practice writing expected in a college career, such as summaries, essays, academic arguments, bibliographies, and papers built on research.

Accepted courses at the U of M-Twin Cities: WRIT 1301, WRIT 1401
Accepted courses at Rochester Community and Technical College: ENG 1117

Lifespan Development or Human Growth & Development (minimum 3 credits)
This is a developmental psychology course and must cover the entire human lifespan (infancy through older adult). Two separate courses may be used to fill this requirement.

Accepted courses at the U of M-Twin Cities: NURS 2001, NURS 3690 and NURS 3691, PSTL 2283W, FSOS 1201
Accepted course at Rochester Community and Technical College: PSY 2626

Human Nutrition (minimum 2 credits—3 credits preferred)
A nutrition course that addresses topics such as essential nutrients needed from the diet; major functions of nutrients; digestion, absorption, and metabolism of nutrients; scientific method and nutrition; food safety issues.
General Psychology (minimum 3 credits)
Scientific study of human behavior. Problems, methods, findings of modern psychology.
Accepted courses at the U of M-Twin Cities: PSY 1001, PSTL 1281
Accepted course at Rochester Community and Technical College: PSY 2618

Anatomy and Physiology I (minimum 3 credits)**--Rochester Applicants Only
This course must be the first part of a two-part sequence. Part one should cover cell structure and function, tissues, chemistry as it relates to biological sciences, the integumentary, the musculoskeletal systems and the cardiovascular and lymphatic systems.
No equivalent course at the U of MN-Twin Cities
Accepted course at Rochester Community and Technical College: BIO 1217

*General Biology prerequisite is waived IF an applicant has Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology, or A&P I and A&P II, completed before the start of the BSN program.
** A&P I cannot be more than 10 yrs old.

Eligibility Requirements
Below are preliminary requirements applicants must fulfill to apply to the nursing major. For updates on the eligibility requirements, please check the School of Nursing website: www.nursing.umn.edu.

Prerequisite Courses
To be considered, applicants must, at the time of application:
1. Have a minimum of 1 biological or physical science course completed at time for an A-F grade. Biological or physical science courses are defined as biology, chemistry, and anatomy & physiology I (for Rochester applicants only).
2. Have completed or have in progress a minimum of 5 of the 6/7 college-level/college credit prerequisites listed in the application with the ability to complete all 6 prerequisites (7 prerequisites for Rochester applicants) before entering the program in September.
3. At least 5 of the prerequisite courses completed or in progress must be taken for an A-F grade (1 can be pass/fail).
4. All prerequisite courses completed with a grade of C- or better.*
* Please note that while a grade of C- is the minimum, it is not reflective of a competitive grade.

We publish a prerequisite course guide for your reference, however, as course numbers and titles change frequently, please note that prerequisite coursework will only be accepted if it transfers to the University of Minnesota, meets the minimum credit requirements, has the same course content as the U of M-TC prerequisite course equivalent, and meets the timeline requirements. To verify if your prerequisite or elective courses will transfer to our program please visit http://www.nursing.umn.edu/BSN/attend-an-information-session/index.htm and review the Information Session PowerPoint web links to help you find transfer information for the academic year in which you are applying.

GPA Requirements
Applicants must:
1. Have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.8 (based on a 4.0 scale)
2. Have a minimum cumulative prerequisite GPA of 2.8 (based on a 4.0 scale) with at least 5 courses – completed or in progress – taken for a letter grade.
3. Applicants with fewer than 26 college semester credits completed at the time of application will also be evaluated on the following:
   – Preferred minimum high school GPA of 3.2 (based on a 4.0 scale).
   – Preferred minimum ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1150.

English Requirement
You are required to demonstrate English language proficiency if: (1) English is not your native language; and (2) you have lived in the US fewer than 8 years at the time of enrollment in the School of Nursing (by the first day of fall semester). Test scores must be submitted to the U of M Office of Undergraduate Admissions at the time of application.

Minimum scores in the following exams are required to demonstrate English language proficiency:
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 240 on the computerized version, 95 on the web version (iBT), or 586 on the paper version OR A Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) score of 85.

To register for the TOEFL exam, please go to www.ets.org/toefl. This internet-based exam is now given 1-2 times per month. The University of Minnesota Counseling and Consulting Services offers the MELAB exam. Please visit their website at www.uccs.umn.edu for MELAB registration and deadline dates.

Coursework Evaluation

Subject to change; please check website for most current information 06/13
If you question whether a course you’ve previously taken fulfills a specific prerequisite, and you want to have it evaluated by the School of Nursing, you may fill out a Coursework Evaluation Request form located on the School’s website: http://www.nursing.umn.edu/BSN/course-evaluation-petitions/index.htm Please use evaluations sparingly.

It can take up to 4 weeks for an evaluation to be processed, reviewed, and a decision made. Notification will be emailed to you via the contact information provided on the evaluation form.

### How to Apply & Notification Timeline

Application to the BSN program opens 1 year prior to the term of entry. For example, if you plan to apply for the fall 2014 class, the application will be available summer 2013 with a **February 1, 2014** deadline.

**All applicants must apply to the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in a competitive two-part process.**

1. **All applicants must complete and submit the School of Nursing Application;** it is available online at [www.nursing.umn.edu](http://www.nursing.umn.edu).

2a. Applicants who have never been enrolled as a degree seeking student though any campus or college through the University of Minnesota, must submit an **Undergraduate Transfer Application** in addition to the School of Nursing application. The Undergraduate Transfer Application is available through the Office of Admissions [http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply](http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply).
   
   *Note: Students who are or have been enrolled in the College of Continuing Education as non-degree seeking students must also fill out an Undergraduate Application.*

   **OR**

2b. Current or former degree seeking University of Minnesota students must submit a **Change of College Form** in addition to the School of Nursing application. The Change of College Form is available at [http://www.onestop.umn.edu/forms/index.html](http://www.onestop.umn.edu/forms/index.html).

**NOTE:** School of Nursing applications **will not be processed** unless a Change of College form or a University of Minnesota undergraduate application is also submitted.

### More Information

This information is subject to change without notice. Prospective students are encouraged to consult the School of Nursing website for complete admission requirements, program information, application forms and application instructions. Applicants are also encouraged to attend an information session to learn more about the BSN program, admission criteria, application instructions, and transfer course work. Register online at: [http://www.nursing.umn.edu/BSN/attend-an-information-session/index.htm](http://www.nursing.umn.edu/BSN/attend-an-information-session/index.htm)

For more information, contact the Office of Student and Career Advancement Services at 612-625-7980 or [ProspectiveBSN@umn.edu](mailto:ProspectiveBSN@umn.edu), or go to [http://www.nursing.umn.edu](http://www.nursing.umn.edu).

### Prerequisite Planning

Use this chart to plan out your prerequisite coursework. First, check off those courses you have already completed:

- __ General Chemistry
- __ General Biology
- __ Human Nutrition
- __ Freshman Writing
- __ General Psychology
- __ Lifespan Growth & Development
- __ Anatomy & Physiology I

Next, use the chart below to plan out your remaining courses. Keep in mind that you must have 5 courses complete or in progress by the **February 1st deadline**.

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