**WCU BSN Pre-requisite Worksheet**

The [WCU BSN Website](https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/nursing/undergrad-programs/bsn/index.aspx) is the official source for updates to program requirements and supersedes information on this worksheet. Students who have completed credit outside of WCU can use the Registrar’s [Look Up Tool](https://ssbprod-wcu.uncecs.edu/pls/WCUPROD/bzsktrar.P_Disp_States) to review how these courses may transfer into WCU. This tool shows how courses from various institutions have transferred into WCU. This tool shows the most recent transfer equivalencies meaning credits may transfer in differently than expected. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the nursing advisor in the Advising Center or the Registrar’s Office. The Registrar’s office, in partnership with academic departments, makes the final determination on transfer equivalencies.

As some pre-requisite courses are unique to WCU, transfer students should expect to enroll at WCU for one semester prior to applying to the BSN program.

***Other requirements: Test scores and GPA***

When applying to the BSN program, the criteria used to score an application are the overall collegiate GPA, ACT, and TEAS scores.

* The collegiate GPA will be calculated based on official transcripts for each institution attended. All transfer transcripts must be received and in the student record by the program application deadline for consideration. ***Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA to be eligible for the BSN program.***
* Applicants must also take the [TEAS test](https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/nursing/undergrad-programs/teas-registration-and-administration-guidelines.aspx), which is offered through WCU’s testing center. Candidates may take the TEAS test multiple times so long as there are at least 30 days between each attempt. If an applicant has taken the TEAS more than one time, the highest score will be used in scoring their application.
* High school scores for the ACT are accepted, though students may take a residual ACT through WCU’s testing center if they have not previously sat for the ACT or if they wish to raise their score. Applicants should note that a ‘super score’ will be used for their ACT (using the highest score for each of the four sections).
* Applicants are required to have a minimum of ***60 credit hours*** ***earned*** before matriculating into the program. However, as the BSN program consists of 57 credit hours applicants are encouraged to have 63 credits earned to eliminate the need for an additional course during the program.

To determine how competitive your application might be, you may wish to look at the following:

1. Cumulative GPA: 25% of applicant score
2. TEAS Score: 50% of applicant score
3. ACT Score: 25% of applicant score

Admission to the BSN program is highly competitive. Average GPA, TEAS, and ACT scores vary depending on the applicant cycle and number of candidates. While information can be provided on past averages this is only to serve as a benchmark and not as a guarantee or promise of admission.

Students are responsible for reviewing and verifying their degree audit to ensure all requirements outside of the BSN program are satisfied for graduation prior to their final semester. This includes all Liberal Studies, Upper-Level Residency, and other requirements.

**Applicant Eligibility:**

1. Have you received a C or better in at least 3 science pre-requisites: YES NO
2. Will all 4 science prerequisites be completed (C or better) prior to matriculation: YES NO
3. Will both (2) nursing prerequisites be completed (C or better) prior to matriculation: YES NO
4. Have you completed the required Liberal Studies courses with a C or better: YES NO
5. Will you have 60 credits prior to beginning the BSN program: YES NO
6. Is your cumulative GPA (including transfer GPA) higher than 3.0: YES NO

All application materials must be received by the application deadline. Applications are completed online through [NursingCAS](https://nursingcas.org/). The deadline for fall entry is **February 15th** and the deadline for spring entry is **September 15th**. Any variations to these deadlines will be communicated with candidates as appropriate.Late applications will not be accepted.

**Science pre-requisites**

There are four science courses that are pre-requisites to gain admission the program. Applicants must have final grades of C or better in at least three of these courses to be eligible for consideration. All four pre-requisites must be completed prior to matriculating into the program. **There are no exceptions. All grades must be a C or higher.**

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|  | Course # & Name | Credit Hours | Semester taken | Letter grade earned  (IP for in progress) |
| CHEM 132: Introductory Chem with Lab or higher (4 sem. Credits) |  |  |  |  |
| BIO 291: Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab (4 credits)\* |  |  |  |  |
| BIO 292: Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab (4 credits)\* |  |  |  |  |
| ENVH 260/261: Etiology of Infectious Disease w/ lab (3 credits) |  |  |  |  |

**Nursing pre-requisites**

The nursing pre-requisites must be completed before matriculating into the program. These courses are unique to WCU with very few transfer equivalencies. All potential substitutions should be approved by your advisor to ensure eligibility for admission. **All courses must have grade of C or higher.**

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|  | Course # & Name | Credit Hours | Semester taken | Letter grade earned (IP for in progress) |
| ND 330: Human Nutritional Needs  or ND 338: Normal/Therapeutic |  |  |  |  |
| NSG 346: Pathophysiology for Nursing |  |  |  |  |

**Liberal Study Prerequisites**

**The liberal studies courses listed below are required to be completed prior to starting the program with a C or better.** All remaining liberal studies must be completed before entering the final year of the program. It is strongly recommended that all liberal studies should be completed prior to matriculating into the program. *If you have been granted a liberal studies waiver your liberal studies requirements will be considered complete.*

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|  | Course Number | Credit Hours | Semester taken | Letter grade earned |
| ENGL 101 Writing and Rhetoric |  |  |  |  |
| ENGL 202 Writing and Critical Inquiry |  |  |  |  |
| MATH 170: Applied Stats |  |  |  |  |
| COMM 201: Foundations of Communication |  |  |  |  |
| PSY 150: General Psychology |  |  |  |  |
| HEAL 111, HEAL 123, OR HSCC 101: Nutrition, Fitness, and Wellness |  |  |  |  |

***Contact*** [***Registrar@wcu.edu***](mailto:Registrar@wcu.edu) ***with any transfer credit questions and*** [***WCUNURSING@wcu.edu***](mailto:WCUNURSING@wcu.edu) ***with program related questions.***