

# Pre-Nursing Program

Nursing is a fulfilling and vital career with enormous growth potential. Nurses are key members of health-care delivery teams, often serving as the most direct link to the patient while orchestrating the best possible care. They are in a position to advocate for patients and families, especially those who cannot advocate for themselves. Nurses improve patients' quality of life and support people at their most vulnerable moments. They serve as essential members of health-care teams, working together with physicians, pharmacists, social workers, and other providers to coordinate care. Nurses benefit from opportunities for continuous learning throughout their careers, and they may gain greater responsibility and autonomy through increased education and experience. They serve in a variety of settings and specialties, and they also may opt to pursue research or teaching opportunities.

The Pre-Nursing Program at University College is intended for students who wish to complete prerequisites before continuing on to a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program. Students receive individual advising in order to create a course plan that fulfills the prerequisites for their future nursing programs of choice. The pre-nursing curriculum provides students with the ideal foundation for their professional studies: strong communication skills, practical analytical and problem-solving abilities, an appreciation for complex ethical questions, and an introduction to human sciences. Students who complete this course sequence will be well equipped to continue on to a variety of clinical nursing (BSN) programs.

Students who complete 54 units of nursing prerequisites with University College may, with an additional 6 units, earn an Associate in Arts degree (<https://ucollege.wustl.edu/programs/undergraduate/associate-arts/>). Students interested in the associate degree should speak with an academic adviser about applying to that program and fulfilling degree requirements.

## Examples of Common BSN Prerequisites\* and Their University College Equivalents

General Elective	Select from a variety of introductory and upper-level courses; Quantitative Reasoning (Sci 117 or Sci 117M) is highly recommended.
College Algebra	Algebra (Math 140)
Statistics	Introduction to Statistics (Math 1011) or Applied Statistics (Math 205)

Introduction to Sociology	Introduction to Sociology (SOC 220) or other courses in Sociology with approval
English Composition I	Analytical Writing (EComp 111 or EComp 111M)
English Composition II	Critical and Researched Writing (EComp 203 or EComp 203M)
History or Political Science	Select from a variety of introductory and upper-level courses in these departments.
Social Science Elective	Select from a variety of introductory and upper-level courses in the departments of Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, and Psychology.
Humanities Elective	Select from a variety of introductory and upper-level courses in the departments of Art History, Classics, History, Literature, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.
Ethics	Biomedical Ethics (Phil 233)
Select courses in Biology, Chemistry, Genetics, or Physics	Concepts in Chemistry (Chem 1001), General Biology I (Bio 101), or other courses with approval
Nutrition	Nutrition (Bio 204)
Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with Lab)
Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology II (with Lab)
Microbiology with Lab	Introduction to Microbiology
General Psychology	Introduction to Psychology (Psych 100)
Human Growth and Development	Human Growth and Development (Psych 230)

\* Examples from admissions requirements for the Barnes-Jewish College Goldfarb School of Nursing (<https://www.barnesjewishcollege.edu/>).

## Advising

Our advisers go the extra mile to help students navigate their paths and address their needs. Advisers will provide students with the tools they need to make each moment spent on their education as valuable as possible. Students will receive the following:

- Individual appointments with experienced advisers
- Career planning services to prepare them for opportunities after graduation
- Partnerships with their advisers through their education journeys to ensure success

## Admissions Requirements

There are no formal requirements for admission to the Pre-Nursing Program. Students should speak with an academic adviser regarding their preparation for specific courses.

**Note:** University College is designed for students with adult responsibilities who may require part-time and flexible course schedules. Current high school students and recent graduates seeking a traditional WashU college experience should apply through Undergraduate Admissions (<https://admissions.wustl.edu/>).

### U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Noncitizen

University College cannot sponsor an I-20 for the Pre-Nursing Program. International students are eligible to apply for the Pre-Nursing Program if they already hold a visa that permits part-time study. International students holding a B-2 or F-2 visa are only permitted to register for courses that are recreational or avocational.

## Application Requirements

### Application Deadlines

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to submit all materials by the following dates:

- Summer 2021: June 21, 2021
- Fall 2021: September 13, 2021
- Spring 2022: February 1, 2022

### Completed Application Form

The online application is available online on the University College Apply (<https://ucollege.wustl.edu/apply/>) page. Applications are ready for review when all fields on the application form are completed and the required documents have been received.

Contact: University College Advisers  
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