

Introduction:

People interested in nursing as a career care about people. Integrity, dependability, respect for others, a sense of humor, and good physical and mental health are attributes of individuals who choose nursing as a career. Nurses need a strong background in physical, social, behavioral, and biological sciences.

Nurses provide direct care to patients. They monitor well-being and progress of a patient through conversations, physical examinations, and administration of treatments. Nursing is a discipline and a profession. As a discipline, nursing supports the belief that there is a dynamic interrelationship between the individual and the environment. As a profession, nursing is committed to assisting individuals in the performance of activities that contribute to their health.

Nursing education builds on a firm foundation in the liberal arts and sciences. If you're planning a major in nursing, you'll study basic sciences, oral and written communication, mathematics, humanities, and social sciences during your freshman and sophomore years.

Career Opportunities:

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, registered nurses constitute the largest health care occupation, with 2.4 million jobs. Job opportunities are expected to be very good, with shortages of nurses in many states.

Registered nurses provide expert health care, support, assistance and information to patients and their families. They manage the care of individual patients in both medical and non-medical settings, consulting with attending physicians, other health care professionals, therapists, patients and their families. Registered nurses may work in settings that include hospitals, offices, nursing homes, long-term care centers, factories, fitness centers, private homes, community health agencies, schools, and research centers. Others are self-employed as private duty or administrators. After advanced training, some become nurse practitioners or physician's assistants who perform other services traditionally handled by physicians. Others become head nurses with responsibility for all nursing services of a specified area.

Websites you may want to visit:

American Association of Nurses: www.nursingworld.org

Wisconsin Nurses Association: www.wisconsinnurses.org

Suggested course of study for a nursing major:

University of Wisconsin-Richland can offer you the freshman/sophomore curriculum needed to begin a nursing major. The four-semester program outlined below is to be used as a guide. Additional information and transfer planning sheets for specific majors and universities are available in the Student Services Office. UW-Richland offers the freshman/sophomore curriculum appropriate to a nursing major and includes required general education and pre-business courses. Consult your *academic advisor* for individualized program planning assistance.

First Year

Semester 1

English*	3 credits
Math*	3 credits
Zoology 101/Biology 109	5 credits
Chemistry 125 or 145	5 credits

Semester II

English*	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Psychology 202	3 credits
Chemistry 203	3 credits
CPS 106/107/108 &/or	3 credits
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 credits

Second Year

Semester III

PHS 202	4 credits
Mathematics 117**	3 credits
Psychology 250	3 credits
Sociology 101	3 credits
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 credits

Semester IV

PHS 203	4 credits
BAC 201	5 credits
COM 103	3 credits
Ethnic Studies	3 credits
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 credits

Placement in English and mathematics will be determined on the basis of placement tests; see *. Successful completion of the schedule outlined above, with the addition of an interdisciplinary course, will satisfy the requirements for an Associate of Arts & Science degree.

** Check with your transfer institution regarding Math 117

Explore career possibilities by visiting The Resource Center, located in the Student Services area of Melvill Hall. There you'll find career information, self-assessment videos and career assessment testing. Interactive computer programs are available to help you identify your work-related interests, skills and values. Knowing these characteristics can help you discover compatible occupations. The programs also provide information about educational requirements, potential salary, and employment outlooks for occupations in Wisconsin and nationwide.

For more information on majors in the UW System, go to: uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/majormania .

For more information or assistance, contact:

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