



A Campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

Your UW-Richland major in NURSING

Overview:

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:

American Association of Nurses: www.nursingworld.org

Wisconsin Nurses Association: www.wisconsinnurses.org

Curriculum Guidelines

The University of Wisconsin-Richland offers 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. Consult your academic advisor for individualized program planning assistance.

First year

Semester I	
English*	3 credits
Math*	3 credits
ZOO101/BIO 109	5 credits
CHE 125 or 145	5 credits
	16 credits
Semester II	
English	3 credits
Math	3 credits
PSY 202	3 credits
CHE 203	3 credits
CPS106/107/108	3 credits
&/or Humanities or	3 credits
Fine Arts	15-18 credits

Second year

Semester III	
PHS 202	4 credits
MAT 117	3 credits
PSY 250	3 credits
SOC 101	3 credits
Humanities or Fine	3 credits
Arts	16 credits
Semester IV	
PHS 203	4credits
BAC 101	5 credits
COM 103	3 credits
Ethnic Studies	3 credits
Humanities or Fine	3 credits
Arts	18 credits

* Placement in English and mathematics will be determined on the basis of placement test results.

** Check with your transfer institution regarding Math 117

Important notes

Successful completion of the schedule outlined above, with the addition of an interdisciplinary course, will satisfy requirements for the Associate of Arts and Science degree.

The course sequence listed is a suggested program of study. Your individualized program will be determined on the basis of (1) start date, (2) placement results, (3) transfer campus.

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

Explore career possibilities by visiting The Resource Center, located in the Student Services area of Melvill Hall. There you'll find career information, a self-assessment video and career assessment testing. A computer program you can use to determine your work-related interests, your skills and values to identify compatible occupations is also available. This program provides information about educational requirements, potential salary and employment outlooks for more than 550 occupations in Wisconsin and nationwide.

For more information or assistance, contact:

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