

HEALTH SCIENCES: PRE-NURSING CONCENTRATION

All pre-nursing students will be Health Sciences majors with a pre-nursing concentration. Admission to the University does not imply acceptance to the nursing program. The undergraduate program is very competitive and applicants are ranked based on their GPA for the general education and prerequisites required by the program. Fifty percent of the prerequisites and general education courses must be completed by the application deadline. Special consideration will be given to students completing all of their prerequisite and general education coursework at CSU Pueblo, veteran status, first generation students, and residency in Southeastern Colorado. Only students admitted to the Nursing or Health Sciences majors are eligible to take nursing courses as indicated in their degree plan

The BSN program is very competitive. If a student is not admitted to the BSN program they can complete the BS in Health Science which will prepare them for the accelerated Nursing Program, and entry level Master in Nursing and other health related graduate degrees at other institutions such as Public Health, Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Healthcare Administration.

Applications for the Basic Admission Pathway in School of Nursing are due before May 25th of the year preceding January admission.

Interested applicants must provide the following:

- **Prerequisite coursework:** Applicants must complete 23 credit hours of prerequisite coursework (https://www.csupueblo.edu/nursing-bs/_doc/basic-admission-prerequisites.pdf) (fifty percent) with a grade of C or higher
- **Transcripts:** Unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended must be included with prerequisite coursework highlighted
- **Basic Admission Pathway Application:** In a single packet, applicants must mail transcripts and Basic Admission Pathway Application (https://www.csupueblo.edu/school-of-nursing/_doc/updated-application-11.12.2019.docx) to:

Colorado State University-Pueblo

School of Nursing

Attn: Peggy Foley

Advisor/Counselor of Nursing

2200 Bonforte Blvd

Pueblo, CO 81001

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Summarize and synthesize information relevant to assessing and improving population health and healthcare issues;
2. Exhibit the ability to read and interpret scientific research with application of the scientific methods, statistics, study design, and reporting in the health sciences;
3. Evaluate and integrate critical concepts and skills acquired in the health sciences curriculum to common professional problems in the health science fields of interest;

4. Exhibit effective oral and written communication as well as mass communication regarding subjects related to the health sciences in an individual and group setting;
5. Apply and demonstrate knowledge, skills and critical problem solving in a field-based and/or clinical setting;
6. Successfully enter into a health science related career or into a graduate program;

Students in the Pre-Nursing concentration will apply to the BSN in the spring of the Freshman Year. If they are not admitted into the Basic Admission Pathway they can change their major to Health Science (General) and pursue the Accelerated Admission Pathway. Students must complete the BS in Health Science and the Accelerated prerequisites with at least a 3.0 GPA for preferred admission into the accelerated BSN program. Students can earn up to 19 credits of nursing classes that will count for both the BS in Health Science and the BSN while completing the BS in HS. Please see the BS in HS General curriculum for the courses.

Specific Program Requirements

Specific Concentration Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
HS 101	INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH PROFESSIONS ¹	2
CHEM 111	PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY ²	3
CHEM 111L	PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY LAB ²	1
BIOL 206	INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY	3
BIOL 206L	INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY LAB	1
NSG 207	NURSING PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	3
Total Credits		13

¹ HS 101 not required but highly recommended for entry into the BSN program.

² CHEM 121 and CHEM 121L will be accepted for CHEM 111 and CHEM 111L

Note: HS 101 is not required but highly recommended for entry into the BSN program.

Specific General Education Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Required General Education Courses		
BIOL 223	HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY I	3
BIOL 223L	HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY I LAB	1
BIOL 224	HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY II	3
BIOL 224L	HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY II LAB	1
COMR 103	SPEAKING AND LISTENING ¹	3
MATH 156	INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS	3
PSYC 151	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	3.0
General Education: World Language		3
General Education: English		6
General Education: History		3
General Education: Humanities		3
General Education: Social Science		3
Total Credits		35

¹ COMR 221 will be accepted in lieu of COMR 103 but student must complete additional Gen Ed Humanities

Total credit hours before applying to the BSN Program: 46

Students cannot graduate from the Pre-Nursing concentration. Students will apply to the Basic Pathway for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing during the Spring semester of their Freshman year. The Basic Admission Pathway is for students that have completed 23 credits (fifty percent) of prerequisite nursing coursework.

Traditionally, students advance from the Pre-Nursing Pathway (first two years of undergraduate studies) into the Basic Admission Pathway (last two years of undergraduate studies). Therefore, the majority of students are in their second year of studies when admitted into the School of Nursing through the Basic Admissions Pathway.

If a student is not admitted into the Basic Admission Pathway they can change their major to Health Science (General) and pursue the Accelerated Admission Pathway. Students must complete the BS in Health Science and the Accelerated prerequisites with at least a 3.0 GPA for preferred admission into the accelerated BSN program. Students can earn up to 19 credits of nursing classes that will count for both the BS in Health Science and the BSN while completing the BS in HS. Please see the BS in HS General curriculum for the courses.

Planning Sheet

Disclaimer: The Planning Sheet is designed as a guide for student's planning their course selections. The information on this page provides only a suggested schedule. Actual course selections should be made with the advice and consent of an academic advisor. While accurately portraying the information contained in the college catalog, this form is not considered a legal substitute for that document. Students should become familiar with the catalog in effect at the time in which they entered the institution.

Course	Title	Credits
Year 1		
Fall		
BIOL 223 & 223L	Human Physiology and Anatomy I (GT-SC2) and Human Physiology and Anatomy I Lab (GT-SC1)	4
COMR 103	Speaking and Listening	3
ENG 101	Rhetoric & Writing I (GT-CO1)	3
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics (GT-MA1)	3
General Education	Must be a World Language course.	3
Credits		16
Spring		
BIOL 224 & 224L	Human Physiology and Anatomy II (GT-SC2) and Human Physiology and Anatomy II Lab (GT-SC1)	4
CHEM 111 & 111L	Principles of Chemistry (GT-SC2) and Principles of Chemistry Lab (GT-SC1)	4
ENG 102	Rhetoric & Writing II (GT-CO2)	3
HS 101	Introduction to Health Professions <small>Not required, but encouraged for Nursing.</small>	2
PSYC 151	Human Development (GT-SS3)	3
Credits		16
Year 2		
Fall		
BIOL 206 & 206L	Introduction to Microbiology and Introduction to Microbiology Lab	4
NSG 207	Nursing Pathophysiology	3

General Education	History, Humanities, Social Science	Credits
		9
		16
Total Credits		48

NOTE: Pre-Nursing students must apply for the Nursing program by May 25th of the year preceding their desired admission in January (May 25th of their freshman year for most).

If the student is not accepted into the BSN program they would continue in the BS in Health Science program choosing either the General Health Science concentration (which could allow them to continue with some Nursing classes and result in possible admission to the accelerated Nursing program) or Health Coaching, Public Health, or Pre-Athletic Training concentration.