

Nursing Major: The First Year

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Overview

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Prerequisite Courses

- ❑ English Composition* (ENG 101 & 102)
- ❑ Foundations of Psychology* (PSYC 111)
- ❑ Interpersonal Communication* (SPC 103)
- ❑ Introductory Social Sciences* (ANTH 111, 170, ECON 111, GEOG 111, HIST 111, POLS 111, or SOC 111)
- ❑ Contemporary Biology* (BIOL 111), Human Anatomy & Physiology I* (BIOL 240a), Bacteriology* (BIOL 250)
- ❑ General, Organic, & Biological Chemistry* (CHEM 120n/124n or CHEM 120a/124b & 120b/124b)

* Successful completion (C or better) required to apply to School of Nursing



Foundation Courses

- ❑ Distribution Social Sciences
- ❑ Statistics (STAT 107)
- ❑ Introductory Fine Arts & Humanities
- ❑ Critical Thinking (PHIL 106, FL 106, or MATH 106)



Competitive Program

- ❑ Must apply for admission to the Nursing major
- ❑ Fall only application due March 1st
- ❑ Students typically apply for sophomore year admission
- ❑ Grade of C or higher in all 9 prerequisite courses
- ❑ Can only repeat a prerequisite course once
- ❑ Prerequisite GPA = 2.7 (all college level work)
- ❑ Cumulative GPA = 2.5 (all college level work)
- ❑ Student should aim for 3.0 GPA and above



Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI)

- All applicants take the HESI A2 Admission Assessment as part of the application process
- Testing begins in October
- HESI is completed on campus through Instructional Services
- Score of 75% or higher required in Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, & Grammar

www.hesitest.com



Declaration Requirements

- ❑ Most students can declare pre-Nursing at anytime
- ❑ Must complete any developmental work, if necessary
- ❑ To declare a major, complete paperwork with an adviser
- ❑ Once declared pre-Nursing, assigned a departmental adviser



Degree Completion

- Student who are unable to complete prerequisite courses during the fall and spring semester of freshmen year will be unable to apply for sophomore year admission to the School of Nursing
- Students who need to take additional time to earn a Nursing degree have the opportunity to complete a minor



Academic Assistance

- Math Resource Area (Peck Hall 1414)
- Writing Center (Peck Hall 1419)
- Departmental Tutoring



Academic Success

$$4 + 3 + 2 + 1 = \text{Success!}$$

- 4 years to graduate
- 3.0 GPA
- 2 hours of study per hour in class
- and at least 1 extracurricular activity



Questions?

- Write down questions and ask your adviser in the next session