

# Interested in changing your major to Nursing?

This information for students enrolled in WPU looking to change their major to nursing.



The objective of this presentation is to provide the necessary information in changing your major to nursing.

Completing all the steps and recommendations outlined in this presentation is in no way meant to imply you will be accepted into the nursing major.

**“Acceptance into the nursing major is academically competitive” – the better your GPA and more prerequisites completed makes the student a more competitively qualified candidate.**

## Nursing Prerequisite Courses

- **BIO 1120** General Anatomy & Physiology I
- **BIO 1130** General Anatomy & Physiology II
- **BIO 1700** Basic Microbiology
- **PSY 1100** General Psychology
- **PSY 2110** Life Span Development
- **CHEM 1330** Chemistry for the Health Sciences
- **MATH 1300** Elementary Stats
- **NUR 3500** Nursing Research (must be a nursing major to register for this course)
- **PBHL 2240** Therapeutic Nutrition (must be a nursing major to register for this course)
- **BIO 3120 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology** (A&P I & II and CHEM 1330 are prerequisites)

To be ***eligible to apply*** for a change of major to nursing a student **must**:

- 1) Establish a GPA at WPU by completing a minimum of twelve (12) credits.
- 2) Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 however the higher the GPA the better ones chances of acceptance.
- 3) Complete at least one of the nursing prerequisite science courses **at** WPU. We recommend BIO 1120 General Anatomy & Physiology I.

**Note:** Students may meet the eligibility requirements to apply for a change of major to nursing after only one semester/twelve credits at WPU. However, **realistically** they stand a better chance of acceptance into the nursing major by being better prepared (*more prerequisites completed*) to proceed into the “NUR” nursing curriculum courses. If a student is rejected for not enough prerequisites they may reapply for a change of major the following year as long as there are no grades below C in nursing prerequisite courses.

# Additional science courses are:

If a student has already completed a BIO 1120 or an equivalent we recommend:

- BIO 1130 General Anatomy & Physiology II
- BIO 1700 Basic Microbiology
- CHEM 1330 Chemistry for Health Sciences
- BIO 3120 Advanced Anatomy & Physiology

(BIO 3120 prerequisites are BIO 1120, 1130 and CHEM 1330)

(BIO 3120 is not offered during the summer semester and we are not aware of an equivalent course in nearby colleges)

- The deadline to apply for a change of major to nursing is February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Once a student meets the eligibility requirements to apply for the change of major they may logon to WPCConnect and apply.
- Regardless of when a student applies for the change of major, (whether it be June 1<sup>st</sup> or January 31<sup>st</sup>) decisions, which are academically based are not made until after the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline (unless something within the students academic history would prevent the student from ever being accepted into nursing at WPU. Details further on in this presentation.)

- **Students who possess the higher GPA's and most if not all of the prerequisites have the best chances of acceptance into the major.**
- Students will be notified either via e-mail or advisement notes in March or April once decisions are made. (The department reserves the right to withhold decisions until the current semesters grades have been finalized.)
- Students accepted into the major are expected to commence the nursing core courses in the following spring semester. (which means all prerequisites must be completed prior to starting the nursing major "NUR" prefix core courses in the spring.)

**Nursing Curriculum - Suggested Sequence of Courses**

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> semester</u></b>		Credits	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> semester</u></b>		Credits
BIO 1120	General Anatomy & Physiology I (UCC 3D)	4	BIO 1130	General Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG 1100	College Writing (UCC 2B)	3	BIO 1700	Basic Microbiology	4
PSY 1100	General Psychology (UCC 3C)	3	PHIL XXXX	PHIL 1100, 1120, 1500, 2200, 2320 or POL 1150 (UCC 3A)	3
LANG	Foreign Language I	3	PSY 2110	Lifespan Development	3
XXXXXXX	Personal Well Being (UCC 1)	3	LANG	Foreign Language II	3
WPS 1010	Will. Power 101	NC	WPS 1020	Will. Power 102	NC
		Credits			Credits
		16			17
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> semester</u></b>			<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> semester</u></b>		
CHEM 1330	Chemistry for Health Sciences (UCC 3D)	4	PBHL 2240	Therapeutic Nutrition	3
MATH 1300	Elementary Statistics (UCC 3E)	3	NUR 3500	Nursing Research (UCC WI)	3
HIST XXXX	HIST 1030, 1040 or 1050 (UCC 3B)	3	BIO 3120	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology	4
ENG 1500	Experiences in Literature (UCC 2C)	3	ANTH 3100	Global Transformations and the Human Condition (UCC 6)	3
COMM 2630	Public Speaking (UCC 2A)	3			
		Credits			Credits
		16			13
<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> semester (Junior year)</u></b>			<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> semester (Junior year)</u></b>		
NUR 3250	Cultural Foundations of Nursing (UCC 4 & WI)	3	NUR 3290	Health Concepts	3
NUR 3260	Critical Thinking and Inquiry	3	NUR 3300	Nursing Practice II	6
NUR 3270	Comprehensive Health Assess	4	NUR 3310	Health Concepts Seminar	3
NUR 3280	Nursing Practice I (UCC TI)	4	NUR 3320	Pharmacology	3
		Credits			Credits
		14			15
<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> semester (Senior year)</u></b>			<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> semester (Senior year)</u></b>		
NUR 4251	Dimensions of Public Health Nursing (UCC 5)	4	NUR 4305	Leadership & Professional Practice	3
NUR 4261	Nursing Practice III	2	NUR 4306	Nursing Practice IV (UCC TI)	6
NUR 4262	Transition to Professional Practice	2	NUR 4307	Leadership Seminar	3
NUR 4271	Health Indicators Seminar	2	NUR 4315	Professional Licensure Preparation	1
NUR 4280	Healthcare Economics	3			
NUR XXXX	Nursing Elective	3			
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**The following slides demonstrate  
the inclusion of:**

1. The nursing prerequisites
2. The **University Core Curriculum (UCC)**
3. University graduation requirements

**NURSING PREREQUISITES Nursing Curriculum - Suggested Sequence of Courses**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> semester</u>		Credits	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> semester</u>		Credits
<b>BIO 1120</b>	<b>General Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (UCC 3D)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>BIO 1130</b>	<b>General Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
ENG 1100	College Writing (UCC 2B)	3	<b>BIO 1700</b>	<b>Basic Microbiology</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PSY 1100</b>	<b>General Psychology (UCC 3C)</b>	<b>3</b>	PHIL XXXX	PHIL 1100, 1120, 1500, 2200, 2320 or POL 1150 (UCC 3A)	3
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XXXXXXX	Personal Well Being (UCC 1)	3	LANG	Foreign Language II	3
WPS 1010	Will. Power 101	NC	WPS 1020	Will. Power 102	NC
Credits		16	Credits		17
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> semester</u>			<u>4<sup>th</sup> semester</u>		
<b>CHEM 1330</b>	<b>Chemistry for Health Sciences (UCC 3D)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>PBHL 2240</b>	<b>Therapeutic Nutrition</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>MATH 1300</b>	<b>Elementary Statistics (UCC 3E)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>NUR 3500</b>	<b>Nursing Research (UCC WI)</b>	<b>3</b>
HIST XXXX	HIST 1030, 1040 or 1050 (UCC 3B)	3	<b>BIO 3120</b>	<b>Advanced Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b>	<b>4</b>
ENG 1500	Experiences in Literature (UCC 2C)	3	ANTH 3100	Global Transformations and the Human Condition (UCC 6)	3
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NUR 4262	Transition to Professional Practice	2	NUR 4307	Leadership Seminar	3
NUR 4271	Health Indicators Seminar	2	NUR 4315	Professional Licensure Preparation	1
NUR 4280	Healthcare Economics	3			
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**UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM Nursing Curriculum - Suggested Sequence of Courses**

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BIO 1120	General Anatomy & Physiology I (UCC 3D)	4	BIO 1130	General Anatomy & Physiology II	4
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**WPU Graduation Requirements (Nursing Curriculum - Suggested Sequence of Courses)**

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<b>WPS 1010</b>	<b>Will. Power 101</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>WPS 1020</b>	<b>Will. Power 102</b>	<b>NC</b>
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# Therapeutic Nutrition

## PBHL 2240

- Therapeutic Nutrition is for *nursing majors only*.
- Change of major students accepted into the nursing major would be expected to complete this course in the semester prior to commencing the NUR core courses.

# Nursing Research

## NUR 3500

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- Change of major students accepted into the nursing major would be expected to complete this course in the semester prior to commencing the NUR core courses.

- **A grade of C- or below in a Nursing Prerequisite course will prevent a student from being accepted into the nursing major at WPU even if the course is repeated.**

## **Nursing Major Prerequisite Courses**

- **BIO 1120** General Anatomy & Physiology I
- **BIO 1130** General Anatomy & Physiology II
- **BIO 1700** Basic Microbiology
- **PSY 1100** General Psychology
- **PSY 2110** Lifespan Development
- **CHEM 1330** Chemistry for the Health Sciences
- **PBHL 2240** Therapeutic Nutrition
- **MATH 1300** Elementary Stats
- **NUR 3500** Nursing Research
- **BIO 3120** Advanced Anatomy & Physiology

# General A&P I

## BIO 1120

- Non-nursing majors must request a **permit** from the Biology Department in order register for BIO 1120.
- Students need to communicate with the Biology Department secretary Science Hall East room 4064 to inquire regarding a request.
- Students need to know which section and CRN # of the course they are requesting permission to.



# Applying for the change of major.

- Once a student meets the eligibility requirements they may apply for a change of major in WPCConnect.
  1. Sign into WPCConnect.
  2. Look for the “My Degree” section header and click on **“Add, Declare or Change Major”**.



Click on **“Nursing – General-BS”** then **“Change/Declaration Major”**.

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