

Thinking of Nursing at WPU?

A presentation for prospective second degree students looking to apply to William Paterson University's Nursing Program.



For this presentation a second degree student is an individual who has a *prior baccalaureate degree* from an accredited/recognized educational institution.

(Foreign degree students need to have a transcript evaluation from a recognized transcript evaluation service. Questions regarding international student admission for nursing should be directed to the [Undergraduate Admission's Office](#))

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Minimum requirements to *apply* for nursing at WPU as a second degree student is a prior baccalaureate degree in any discipline and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Acceptance is academically competitive and limited by the number of seats available.

Therefore:

- 1) The higher your cumulative GPA the better your chances and
- 2) having completed most, if not all of the nursing prerequisites enhances your chances of acceptance.

- Due to the academic competitiveness of the program, a student with a great GPA may not be accepted into nursing if they have none or too few of the nursing prerequisites completed.
- The application deadline is February 1st.

The Undergraduate Admission's Office must receive:

1. A completed [online application](#)
2. Application fee
3. Official transcripts from all previous colleges and universities or the application will be considered incomplete.

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

- Prerequisite courses may be taken at WPU or other colleges/universities or community colleges.
- Second degree student **applications for nursing** should be directed to the [Undergraduate Admissions Office](#).
- Second degree students wishing to take prerequisite courses at WPU before being accepted into nursing are processed through the [Graduate Admissions Office](#).

Decisions are not made until after the February 1st deadline (unless something within the students academic history would prevent the student from ever being accepted into nursing at William Paterson University.)

- **A grade of “C-” or below in nursing prerequisite courses will prevent a student from being accepted into the nursing major at WPU even if the course is repeated.**
- Students dismissed from another nursing program will not be accepted into nursing at WPU.

Your degree is always your degree, however courses only have a ten year lifespan.

- Therefore courses considered as prerequisites must be less than ten (10) years old.
- Since you already possess a baccalaureate degree you would not need to complete the general education/university core curriculum (UCC) requirements.

- Accepted students normally come on campus in the fall to complete any necessary prerequisites (typically PBHL 2240, NUR 3500, BIO 3120).
- Second degree students accepted into nursing are expected to be prepared to commence the nursing core courses the following spring semester.
- All pre and required co-requisite courses must be completed prior to starting the nursing major core courses in spring.

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Therapeutic Nutrition PBHL 2240

- Therapeutic Nutrition is for nursing majors only. Permission to non-nursing majors to enroll is not available.
- Students accepted into the nursing major would be expected to complete PBHL 2240 in the fall semester prior to commencing the NUR courses in the spring semester

Elementary Statistics MATH 1300

- Elementary Statistics is a prerequisite for NUR 3500 Nursing Research. Sometimes a prior research course may be considered for an equivalency course for NUR 3500.
- NUR 3500 may be completed in the fall semester prior to commencing the NUR sequence of courses in the spring semester.

Advanced Anatomy & Physiology BIO 3120

- To the best of our knowledge an equivalent course is not offered in other area colleges.
- BIO 3120 has prerequisites of A&P I and II as well as CHEM 1330 or equivalent.
- Accepted second degree students may take BIO 3120 in the fall semester prior to commencing the NUR core courses in the spring semester.
- BIO 3120 is not offered in the summer; non-nursing majors are permitted to take BIO 3120 space permitting.

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Questions regarding the Admission process or procedures should contact the [Undergraduate Admission's Office](#).

Other useful links/information:

- [Costs, financial aid and scholarships](#)
- [Application](#)

Questions regarding the nursing program may be directed to:

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