Thinking of changing your major to Nursing?

A brief presentation for currently enrolled WPU students looking forward to changing their major to nursing.
This information is providing the necessary information and procedure to apply for a change of major to nursing.

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

“Acceptance into the major is academically competitive and limited by the number of seats available.”
• Students who possess the higher GPA’s and most if not all of the prerequisites have the best chances of acceptance into the major.

**Nursing Major Prerequisite Courses**

- **BIO 1120** General Anatomy & Physiology I
- **BIO 1130** General Anatomy & Physiology II
- **BIO 1170** Basic Microbiology
- **CHEM 1330** Chemistry for the Health Sciences
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- **PBHL 2240** Therapeutic Nutrition
- **CSH 1300** and **MATH 2600** Integrated Research & Statistics I & II OR **MATH 1300** Elementary Stats and **NUR 3500** Nursing Research
To be *eligible to apply* for a change of major to nursing a WPU student must:

- Establish a GPA at WPU by completing a minimum of twelve (12) credits.
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 however the higher the GPA the better ones chances of acceptance.
- 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 being almost ready to proceed into the “NUR” nursing curriculum courses. If a student is rejected for not enough credits/classes they may reapply for the change of major the following year.
Additional science courses are:
(In case a student has already completed a BIO 1120 equivalent)

- 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 WPU deadline to apply for a change of major to nursing is February 1\textsuperscript{st}.

• Once a student meets the eligibility requirements to apply for the change of major they may logon to WPConnect and apply.

• Regardless of when a student applies for the change of major, (whether it be June 1\textsuperscript{st} or January 31\textsuperscript{st}) decisions are not made until after the February 1\textsuperscript{st} deadline (unless something within the students academic history would prevent that student from ever being accepted into nursing. 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 via e-mail approximately mid March – mid April regarding the decision.

• 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 spring.)
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- NUR 3500 Nursing Research (taken in the fall semester prior to commencing the nursing core courses in spring; if accepted into the major.)
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*Subject to changes without notification*
• Students are reminded not to lose sight of completion of the non “NUR” UCC (University Core Curriculum) requirements. So if accepted into the nursing major you will be prepared to start NUR courses in the spring semester. (Be cognizant of the two semester foreign language UCC requirement)
Therapeutic Nutrition

- PBHL 2240 Therapeutic Nutrition is for nursing majors only and permits are not offered.
- Students accepted into the nursing major would be expected to complete this course in the fall semester prior to commencing the NUR courses in the spring semester.
MATH 1300

• Students who transferred in or previously completed MATH 1300 Elementary Statistics would take the second half of the MATH 1300/NUR 3500 sequence in the fall semester prior to commencing the NUR sequence of courses in the spring semester.
• 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.

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BIO 1120

• Non-nursing majors must request permission from the Biology Department in order register for BIO 1120.

• Once registration opens, students must go to Science Hall East room 4064 to complete a request form.

• The student needs to know what section and CRN # of the section being requested so if permission is granted it will work with the rest of your schedule.
Applying for the change of major.

- Once a student meets the eligibility requirements they may apply online for the change of major.
  1. Sign into WPConnect.
  2. Select the Self Service Tab.
  3. In the Registration Section click on “Add/Declare or Change Major”
  4. Complete the form (Check Nursing – General BS) Submit and you’re done!
• Students may only have one request for change of major at a time.
• A subsequent request to change a major cannot be submitted unless the first request has been acted upon.
• If a student reconsiders after entering a request you need to communicate with the chairperson of the Department and ask them to act on your request so you may enter a different choice for change of major.
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- Nursing Curriculum Control Sheet
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