

Change of Major to Nursing

Admission to the Nursing major is a competitive process. While meeting the minimum requirements allows you to apply, maintaining the highest GPA possible can strengthen your application and increase your competitiveness. All applications for matriculation into the Nursing major are reviewed by the School of Nursing Admissions Committee.

Students currently enrolled at William Paterson University may apply for a change of major through WPCONnect after completing the following requirements:

Eligibility Requirements

- Complete at least **12 credits at William Paterson University** to establish a WPU GPA.
- Earn and maintain a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0**.
- Complete the following prerequisite courses at William Paterson University:

Required Prerequisite Courses (*courses highlighted in yellow are required, applications will not be considered until these are completed*)

- **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 Health Sciences
- MATH 1300 – Elementary Statistics
- PBHL 2240 – Therapeutic Nutrition
- BIO 3120 – Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
- COMM 2360 – Public Speaking
- ANTH 3100 – Global Transformations

Important Academic Policy

Students seeking admission to the Nursing major who have earned a grade of **C- or below** in any nursing prerequisite course are **not eligible for admission to the Nursing major**, even if the course has been successfully repeated.

This policy applies to the following prerequisite courses:

- General Psychology
- Lifespan Development
- Anatomy & Physiology I and II
- Advanced Anatomy & Physiology
- Basic Microbiology
- Chemistry for Health Sciences
- Elementary Statistics
- Nursing Research
- Therapeutic Nutrition
- Public Speaking
- Global Transformations

Additional Considerations

Enrollment in nursing core courses is based on demonstrated academic achievement in the prerequisite coursework and the availability of seats within the program. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the Nursing major.