

# PATHWAYS

**Two pathways for admission to the undergraduate pre-licensure nursing major:**

- Direct Admission
- Holistic Admission

(See inside for more information)

# PROGRAM FEATURES

**Two campuses for completion of the upper division nursing major:**

- Winona
- Rochester

**Two opportunities to apply to the major each academic year:**

- Apply by February 1 to begin the major in fall semester
- Apply by October 1 to begin the major in spring semester

**Clinical experiences in each semester of the nursing major:**

Primary hospital-based clinical partners:

- Winona Health, Winona, MN
- Gundersen Health System, La Crosse, WI
- Mayo Clinic Health System locations in Cannon Falls, MN, Lake City, MN, and La Crosse, WI
- Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus, Rochester, MN
- Mayo Clinic Hospital, Saint Marys Campus, Rochester, MN

WSU nursing students also complete clinical experiences in community and public health at sites including public health departments, schools, after school programs, and community agencies.

# ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(PRIOR TO BEGINNING UPPER DIVISION NURSING MAJOR)

- Become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), and be listed as “active” on a Nursing Assistant Registry within the United States
- Current CPR/AED certification (only American Heart Association or American Red Cross Basic Life Support (BLS))
- Submit health information as required by the Nursing Department (such as immunizations)
- Pass Minnesota, Wisconsin, and national background checks

*For more information about possible course sequences and the nursing curriculum, see our major map at:*

<https://catalog.winona.edu>

- Degrees & Programs
- Nursing (NUGE) – BS Major
- Nursing BSN Major Map

## Additional Costs for Nursing Majors

- Transportation to and from clinical experiences
- Scrubs for clinicals
- Stethoscope
- Differential tuition for nursing credits (approx. \$42 per credit, subject to change)

This list is not intended to include all possible additional costs.

Books and materials (print and electronic) for nursing are also quite expensive. Students' book expenses in Term 1 and Term 3 are quite substantial (approx. \$1,500, subject to change).

*NOTE: Nursing department policies and requirements are subject to change. Updates will be posted to the Undergraduate Nursing website.*  
[www.winona.edu/undergrad-nursing](http://www.winona.edu/undergrad-nursing)

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# PRE-LICENSURE NURSING MAJOR

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# PREPARING FOR THE NURSING MAJOR

## ***Nursing Prerequisites***

5-6 Natural Sciences

- BIOL 211 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL 212 Anatomy & Physiology II
- HERS 205 Nutrition for Lifetime Wellness **or** BIOL 206 Normal Nutrition
- BIOL 209 Microbiology
- CHEM 210 General, Organic, & Biochemistry **or** CHEM 212 **AND** CHEM 213 Principles of Chemistry

4 Social Sciences:

- PSY 210 Intro. to Psychological Science
- PSY 250 Developmental Psychology
- SOC 150 Intro. to Sociology
- SOC 212 Sociology of Families

Note: Starting Fall 2025 Soc 150 will no longer be required. Phil 221 Ethics and Health Care will be required.

Additional requirements:

- ENG 111 College Reading and Writing
- Statistics (STAT 110 **or** STAT 210 **or** STAT 305 **or** *Psy 231*)

## ***Eligibility to Apply***

- Admitted student to WSU declared pre-nursing major (PNDA or PNHA) who has completed at least 12 college credits post high school graduation.  
\* Completed nursing prerequisites, with a grade of C or better  
At least 4 natural sciences  
At least 3 social sciences  
English  
Statistics  
All nursing prerequisites must be completed before beginning the nursing major.
- At least 45 completed college credits
- Cumulative College GPA  
At least 3.75 (Direct Admission)  
At least 3.0 (Holistic Admission)

# DIRECT ADMISSION (PNDA)

## ***Initial Eligibility***

- Composite ACT of 27 or above, **or** SAT of 1280 **or** above
- New entering first year student declaring a pre-nursing major when enrolling at WSU

The Direct Admission Agreement must be completed within the first two weeks of the student's first semester as a degree-seeking student at WSU.

## ***Maintaining Direct Admission Status***

- Cumulative college GPA of at least 3.75 at time of application to nursing major
- Earn a grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisite classes
- No withdrawal from (W) or repeat of nursing prerequisite classes once enrolled at WSU
  - Students who completed grade-bearing college credits while in high school and received a grade of W, D, or F in a nursing prerequisite course may repeat the course prior to their first day of class as a new entering first semester student at WSU without invalidating their eligibility for Direct Admission.
- Complete 10 hours of volunteer/community service work per fall and spring semester while a degree-seeking student at WSU
- See assigned WSU nursing advisor every semester
- Satisfactorily complete an interview about interest in nursing with assigned advisor prior to application to the major
- Meet all eligibility requirements for application to the major no later than the end of the student's third semester at WSU

**Direct Admission status guarantees admission if requirements above are maintained.**

**A student who fails to maintain direct admission status may apply through holistic admission.**

# HOLISTIC ADMISSION (PNHA)

For students without direct admission status and transfer students.

Any student applying to the Pre-Licensure Nursing major, must have 12 college credits completed or in-progress post high school graduation.

## ***To apply through Holistic Admission***

- Meet requirements for completed prerequisites and college credits
- Cumulative college GPA of at least 3.0 at time of application to the nursing major
- Complete 10 hours of volunteer/community service work per fall and spring semester while a degree-seeking student at WSU
- Submit a current personal statement, including motivation to be a nurse, influences for this decision, and experiences in healthcare
- Submit two current references, including one from a professor

## ***Holistic Admission Criteria***

### **1. Academic Achievement**

- Cumulative college GPA
- ACT/SAT score at time of first course as new entering first semester student at WSU (ATI TEAS if no ACT/SAT score within 5 years)

### **2. Personal Achievement**

- Volunteer/Community Service
- Personal Statement
- References

### **3. Interview** (Applicants may qualify for the interview process based on their scores for Academic and Personal Achievement.)