

PRE-NURSING

The field of nursing is booming, and the demand for nurses is high. To be a nurse, you need a good mix of compassion and scientific, medical knowledge. You will experience two years at Wayne State building a solid foundation in health- and medical-related courses, then transfer to a professional school to complete your Nursing degree. Or you can remain at WSC for all four years and achieve your undergraduate degree with the major of your choice, then pursue nursing through an accredited, accelerated Nursing program. A graduate degree can follow after earning your BSN. Recommended majors at WSC are Biology and/or Chemistry, if in residence at WSC for four years. As a nurse, you'll be trained for a nursing career in hospitals, clinics, emergency management, or even mission work.

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Recommended majors:

Life Sciences/Biology (B.A. or B.S.)

Chemistry/Health Sciences (B.A. or B.S.)

Department: Life Sciences, Physical Sciences and Mathematics

School: Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

Partnership options: Wayne State College partners with the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, Creighton University, and Bryan College of Health Sciences to offer nursing programs and pathways. A 4+1 dual-degree program and a 2+2 early admission program are offered through UNMC, a 3+1 accelerated program is offered through Creighton, and a 2+2 pathway is offered through Bryan.

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Skills Learned

- Human anatomy and physiology
- Dissection techniques
- Biological systems and structures
- Medical ethics
- Lab techniques and safety
- Observation
- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Communication

Possible Careers

- Clinical nurse
- Midwife
- Psychiatric nurse
- Pediatric or NICU nurse
- School nurse
- Nurse educator/mentor
- Home health nurse
- Surgical nurse
- Hospice nurse
- Parish nurse
- Flight nurse

Types of Employers

- Hospitals and medical clinics
- Health care institutions
- Private practices
- Surgical centers
- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Government/federal agencies
- Non-profit organizations
- Medical research facilities
- Insurance companies
- Churches/parishes
- Aviation/travel companies

outside the classroom



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.

Activities/Opportunities

- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP)
- Service-Learning

Clubs/Organizations

- Biology Club
- Health Science Club

The following information is provided to guide you in the pre-professional program described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for choosing a major and registering for courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Suggested majors for Pre-Nursing

The following majors are recommended for students planning to attend medical school. Additional electives may be recommended. Participation in the Pre-Nursing program at WSC does not guarantee acceptance to a school of nursing.

Life Sciences/Biology (B.A. or B.S.) — Our Biology program lays the groundwork needed for students entering medical school and provides plenty of time in our biology and research labs.

Chemistry/Health Sciences (B.A. or B.S.) — The Health Sciences program offers a solid foundation in biology and chemistry, and emphasizes how these fields relate to careers in health and medicine.

Sample courses

Students may be advised to take the following courses while pursuing one of the recommended majors. Please consult with your advisor to draft a final plan of study, and be sure to check with your intended medical school to make sure you're meeting all prerequisite course requirements.

BIO 220 Human Anatomy.....	4
BIO 230 Bioethics.....	3
BIO 340 Human Physiology.....	4
BIO 385 Microbiology.....	4
CHE 106 Chemistry I.....	4
FCS 317 Nutrition Through the Life Cycle.....	3
HSC 345 CPR-Healthcare Provider.....	1

Nursing partnerships

WSC partners with the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, Creighton University, and Bryan College of Health Sciences to offer nursing programs and pathways that allow you to achieve your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in a seamless fashion.

University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing (Norfolk, Neb.)

- Accelerated Nursing 4+1 Dual-Degree Program — Through this program, you'll obtain your bachelor's degree in the field of your choice at Wayne State, then take one year of classes at UNMC's College of Nursing in Norfolk to receive your BSN. Visit www.wsc.edu/unmc-accelerated-nursing to learn more.
- Early Admission Nursing 2+2 BSN Program — Our nursing pathway consists of two years at Wayne State, followed by two years with the UNMC's College of Nursing in Norfolk to receive your BSN. Visit www.wsc.edu/unmc-early-admission-nursing to learn more.

Creighton University (Omaha, Neb., and Phoenix, Ariz.)

- Accelerated Nursing 3+1 Dual-Degree Program — This collaborative dual-degree program allows you to earn two bachelor's degrees. You'll spend three years at Wayne State College to earn a B.S. in Health Sciences, followed by one year at Creighton's 12-month Accelerated BSN program on campus in Omaha or Phoenix, beginning in either January or August. Visit www.wsc.edu/creighton-accelerated-nursing to learn more.

Bryan College of Health Sciences (Lincoln, Neb., and Hastings, Neb.) — Blurb

- Bryan Nursing Access Program (BNAP) — In this 2+2 pathway, you can begin your college journey at Wayne State tuition-free for two years, then seamlessly transfer to Bryan and complete your BSN at their Lincoln or Hastings location. Contact Dr. Danielle Peekenschneider at 402-375-7338 or dapeeke1@wsc.edu to learn more.

department faculty



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