

# Nursing

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(Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

## Overview of the Nursing Programs at UW-Green Bay

Our mission is to transform communities by improving health and healthcare delivery. We offer high quality, student-centered nursing programs that inspire students to think critically and address complex health issues. The nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). More information about the BSN programs can be found by clicking on the program tab.

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

We offer several options to earn a BSN including the following:

- **Traditional BSN-** The traditional BSN program prepares nursing graduates to work in today's fast-paced healthcare environments. Building on a strong science and liberal arts base, the nursing curriculum uses a concept-based approach to enhance students' clinical reasoning. Using exemplars to illustrate each of the concepts, students learn to assimilate and sort information while recognizing patterns. The program is designed to be completed in 4 years.
- **NURSE 1-2-1-** a program designed for high school seniors (apply fall semester senior year). Students admitted to the NURSE 1-2-1 program complete courses at UW-Green Bay in years 1 and 4 and earn their Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) in years 2 & 3.

For nurses with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

- **RN-BSN Completion-** Offered both online via the BSN@HOME Collaborative and on campus. Eligible students must have a current, unencumbered RN license from any state in the U.S.
- **BSN-MSN Accelerated Leadership Option-** designed for RN-BSN students with leadership experience. This option allows RN-BSN students to complete select graduate (MSN) courses that will satisfy the associated RN-BSN course requirements. This allows students to accelerate their path to the MSN Leadership and Management degree.

### Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Leadership & Management

The MSN Leadership & Management program is designed for nurses who aspire to nursing positions at all levels of leadership. In this program, students learn from experts in their fields. Students complete a leadership practicum working directly with nurse leaders. Click for more information <https://www.uwgb.edu/msn/>

## For Further Information

UWGB Nursing & Health Studies website: <https://www.uwgb.edu/nursing-health/>

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Toll-free 888-NSG-UWGB (888-674-8942)

To apply online: <https://apply.wisconsin.edu/>

## RN-BSN

### Major Area of Emphasis (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2021-2022/undergraduate/programs/nursing/rn-bsn/>)

Students must complete requirements in one of the following areas of emphasis:

- RN-BSN Completion
- RN-BSN Completion (Accelerated) - Integrated with graduate Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Management program

### Overview of the RN-BSN Program

UW-Green Bay has a rich history of offering RN to BSN both **on campus and online** as a part of the collaborative UW BSN@HOME program. The RN-BSN program is designed for associate degree registered nurses looking to advance their career. This accredited, high quality program is designed to be nurse friendly, flexible, and meet the needs of adult learners and working registered nurses. Faculty employ innovative, media enhanced technologies to engage students.

The program consists of 120 credits for the BSN degree that builds on the foundation of the associate degree or diploma in nursing. Prior learning is acknowledged through liberal credit transfer. The RN transfers at least 60 credits through articulation agreements. Additional credits completed at other

universities, colleges, or community colleges may also transfer. The curriculum includes general education (18 credits), nursing support courses (12-15 credits), and upper level RN-BSN courses (30 credits). The online upper level RN-BSN courses are offered in 7 and 14-week sessions including the summer term.

The curriculum is designed to help students:

- Discover the latest evidence based nursing practice
- Understand how health policy impacts practice
- Expand knowledge of population health through practicum experiences close to home
- Examine cultural and global health issues facing nurses
- Learn recent advances in informatics & innovative healthcare technologies

#### Admission Requirements:

- Earned Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or diploma in nursing
- Grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) on post-secondary coursework
- Current, unencumbered RN license from any state

#### Nurse 1-2-1

This unique program is designed for high school students who would like to earn a BSN through the combined resources of the nursing programs at UW-Green Bay and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC). Prospective high school students admitted to UW-Green Bay complete a NURSE 1-2-1 application in fall of their senior year. Students complete general education and support courses in Year 1 at UW-Green Bay; complete the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) at NWTC in Years 2 and 3; and return to UW-Green Bay Year 4 to complete the BSN degree.

#### BSN- MSN Accelerated Leadership Option

UW-Green Bay offers an accelerated path to the MSN Leadership and Management degree for qualified RN-BSN students (see below for eligibility criteria). Pay undergraduate tuition rates while you earn up to nine graduate credits. This option allows qualified undergraduate students to enroll in three specific MSN courses (**NUR 737** Leadership in Complex Systems; **NUR 734** Evaluation and Evidence-Based Practices; **NUR 760** Informatics for Nursing Leaders).

These courses:

- satisfy both the undergraduate (RN-BSN) and graduate course requirements (*after admission to the MSN program*),
- provide more advanced content than the equivalent undergraduate course. Refresher content is available for reference,

#### BSN-MSN Accelerated Leadership Option Eligibility Criteria

- Experience in a leadership role
- Completion of at least six RN-BSN upper level credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher

For more information about the BSN-MSN Accelerated Leadership Option click here <https://www.uwgb.edu/rn-bsn/> ; For more information about the MSN program, click here <https://www.uwgb.edu/msn/>.

## Traditional 4yr

#### Overview of the Traditional BSN Program

The Traditional BSN program prepares nurse generalists to work in hospitals, long-term care, and community settings. The professional (BSN) portion of the curriculum includes 65 credits and is designed to be completed in five semesters of full time study. A concept-based approach is used to foster development of clinical reasoning by assisting students to sort, analyze, and find connections in health information.

The concepts are categorized around three main categories: **Healthcare Recipient Concepts** (e.g., Functional Ability, Family Dynamics, Culture), **Health and Illness Concepts** (e.g., Homeostasis, Protection, Mood), and **Professional Nursing Concepts** (e.g., Nursing Roles, Collaboration, Population Health, Healthcare Economics). The concepts are introduced and reinforced throughout the curriculum using exemplars or case examples that a nurse will experience in their practice. For example, the concept of immunity may be taught as a primary or interrelated concept at several points in the curriculum using exemplars such as rheumatoid arthritis, vaccination of children and adults, allergic reactions, or when understanding the immuno-

compromised state a patient experiencing cancer treatment often faces. Students and faculty will engage in active learning strategies designed to emphasize application of material rather than rote memorization.

Graduates will be prepared to sit for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN).

**Admission Requirements-** Prospective nursing students apply in March the year prior to starting the Traditional BSN program.

To be considered for the Traditional BSN Program, applicants must have:

- **30 completed college credits** including at least 3 of the following 4 science courses
  - BIOLOGY 201 & BIOLOGY 202 or equivalent
  - CHEM 108 & CHEM 109 or equivalent
  - HUM BIOL 240 & HUM BIOL 241 or equivalent
  - BIOLOGY 323 & BIOLOGY 324 or equivalent
- **Minimum 3.0 college GPA** with no required science course grade lower than a "C"
- **Preferred criteria:**
  - Completion of Certified Nursing Assistant Course (must be completed prior to starting nursing courses)
  - Healthcare experience
  - Community service/Volunteer experience

Admission to the Traditional Nursing program is competitive. Completion of the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the nursing major.

For application information including a link to the application click here <https://www.uwgb.edu/bsn-traditional/admission-requirements/>

Admitted students must complete a Criminal Background Check (cost incurred by student) and results must comply with standards required for clinical placement.

## Traditional BSN Program Outcomes

By the end of the Traditional BSN program, graduates will be able to:

1. Engage in professional nursing practice that is patient-centered and culturally appropriate for individuals, families and communities.
2. Demonstrate clinical judgement through the delivery of evidence-based nursing care across the lifespan.
3. Integrate principles of quality improvement, safety, and sustainability into nursing practice within healthcare organizations and systems.
4. Use knowledge sources effectively to deliver health promotion, disease prevention strategies designed to improve population health outcomes.
5. Demonstrate leadership and caring behaviors via advocacy, fiscal awareness, and analysis of health policy in dynamic healthcare environments.
6. Engage in effective communication and interprofessional collaboration in the delivery of health care for quality patient outcomes.
7. Use technologies for the management of information, delivery of patient care, and to support nursing innovation.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Supporting Courses</b>		
<b>Required:</b>		<b>34</b>
BIOLOGY 201 & BIOLOGY 202	Principles of Biology: Cellular and Molecular Processes and Principles of Biology Lab: Cellular and Molecular Processes	
BIOLOGY 323 & BIOLOGY 324	Principles of Microbiology and Principles of Microbiology Laboratory	
CHEM 108	Survey of General, Organic and Biochemistry	
CHEM 109	Survey of General, Organic, and Biochemistry Laboratory	
CHEM 207	Laboratory Safety	
HUM BIOL 240 & HUM BIOL 241	Anatomy and Physiology and Anatomy and Physiology Lab	
PSYCH 102	Introduction to Psychology	
PSYCH 203	Introduction to Lifespan Development	
PSYCH 205	Social Science Statistics	
PSYCH 343	Adult Development and Aging	
WF 105	Research and Rhetoric	
<b>Nutrition: Choose one of the following</b>		<b>3</b>
NUT SCI 202	Ethnic Influences on Nutrition	

NUT SCI 208	Art and Science of Healthy Food Preparation
NUT SCI 242	Food and Nutritional Health
NUT SCI 250	World Food and Population Issues
NUT SCI 300	Human Nutrition

**Communication: Choose one of the following** **3**

COMM 102	Introduction to Communication
COMM 133	Fundamentals of Public Address
COMM 166	Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication
COMM 237	Small Group Communication

**Required Nursing Courses:** **14**

NURSING 240	Introduction to Professional Nursing Concepts
NURSING 250	Communicating and Managing Healthcare Information
NURSING 260	Healthy Aging and Chronic Care Management
NURSING 270	Basic & Intermediate Nursing Skills and Simulation
NURSING 280	Pathophysiology Concepts for Nursing Practice
NURSING 290	Foundations of Nursing Practice: Practicum/Experiential Learning

**Upper-Level Courses**

**Required Nursing Courses** **51**

NURSING 300	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice
NURSING 310	Health Assessment for Nursing Practice
NURSING 320	Health & Illness Concepts I
NURSING 330	Health & Illness Concepts I: Advanced Nursing Skills/Simulation/Practicum
NURSING 340	Quality Improvement
NURSING 350	Professional Development I: Nursing Theory, Image and Ethics
NURSING 360	Health & Illness Concepts II
NURSING 370	Evidence-Based Practice: Translating Research to Practice
NURSING 380	Alterations in Health & Illness II: Practicum/Lab/Simulation
NURSING 390	Leadership for Sustainable Healthcare: Health Disparities, Health Equity, & the Nursing Profession
NURSING 400	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
NURSING 410	Behavioral Health Care Management
NURSING 420	Nursing with Diverse Populations Practicum
NURSING 430	Population/Community Health Nursing Theory
NURSING 440	Population/Community Health Nursing Practicum
NURSING 450	Health & Illness Concepts III: Complex Care
NURSING 461	Care Transitions Practicum Immersion
NURSING 470	Professional Development: Navigating the Nursing Profession
NURSING 480	Leadership: Nursing in an Evolving Healthcare System

**Total Credits**

**105**

## Faculty

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## Curriculum Guides (<http://catalog.uwgb.edu/archive/2021-2022/undergraduate/programs/nursing/cg/>)

The following are curriculum guides for a four-year Nursing degree program and are subject to change without notice. Students should consult a Nursing program advisor to ensure that they have the most accurate and up-to-date information available about a particular four-year degree option.

- RN-BSN
- Nursing 1-2-1
- Traditional 4yr Nursing