

Degree & Certificate Requirements

Pre-Nursing Associate in Arts & Sciences Degree (AA/DTA/MRP) Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program 2026-2027 Degree Requirements

This degree is applicable to students planning to prepare for an upper-division Bachelor of Science, Nursing (Entry-to-practice/basic BSN) pathway. Some colleges/universities have requirements for admissions to the Pre-Nursing major that go beyond those specified below. Students can possibly meet these requirements by careful selection of distribution and additional elective courses. Students should work with a counselor, completion coach or academic advisor and the catalog of the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer for further guidance specific to their goals. Early in the program, students should check with their intended transfer university/college advisor for specific admissions and Nursing program requirements for course choices where options are listed for Humanities, Mathematical & Natural Science, Social & Behavioral Science and electives. A cumulative college-level GPA of 2.0 is required. Some transfer institutions require a higher overall GPA, a higher GPA in a subset of courses, or a specific minimum grade in one or more courses. Check with your planned transfer institution for these requirements.

Communication *1

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
ENGL& 101	English Composition I [C]	5		
English - select 5 additional credits from the following:				
ENGL& 102	Composition II [C]	5		
ENGL& 235	Technical Writing [C]	5		
Communication - select 5 credits from the following:				
CMST& 101	Introduction to Communication Studies [C]	5		
CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication [C]	5		
CMST& 220	Public Speaking [C]	5		
Subtotal		15		

Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning *2

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
Quantitative Reasoning:				
MATH& 146	Introduction to Stats [M/S] [Q/SR]	5		
Subtotal		5		

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Humanities *3

Select three courses from the list below. Courses must be selected from at least two different subject areas. No more than five credits in performance/skills courses may be selected. At least two courses must be selected from Group A. Only one course may be selected from Group B.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
Group A - at least two courses must be selected from this group.				
ART& 100	Art Appreciation [H]	5		
ART 116	Art History Ancient World [H]	5		
ART 117	Art History Medieval-Baroque [H]	5		
ART 118	Art History Modern Times [H]	5		
DRMA& 101	Intro to Theatre [H]	5		
DRMA 215	Survey of Theatre History [H]	5		
ENGL& 111	Intro to Literature [H]	5		
ENGL 140	The Cinema [H]	5		
ENGL 160	Women's Literature [H]	5		
ENGL 180	Multicultural Literature [H]	5		
ENGL 195	Bible As Literature [H]	5		
ENGL 203	Mythology [H]	5		
ENGL 210	Intro to Linguistics [H]	5		
ENGL& 220	Intro to Shakespeare [H]	5		
ENGL& 236	Creative Writing I [H]	5		
ENGL& 237	Creative Writing II [H]	5		
ENGL& 244	American Literature I [H]	5		
ENGL& 245	American Literature II [H]	5		
ENGL& 246	American Literature III [H]	5		
ENGL& 254	World Literature I [H]	5		
ENGL& 255	World Literature II [H]	5		
ENGL& 256	World Literature III [H]	5		
ENGL 257	English Grammar [H]	5		
ENGL 264	English Literature I [H]	5		
ENGL 265	English Literature II [H]	5		
ENGL 266	English Literature III [H]	5		
ENGL 275	The Lord of The Rings [H]	5		
ENGL 280	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer Studies [H]	5		
HIST& 126	World Civilizations I [H]	5		
HIST& 127	World Civilizations II [H]	5		
HIST& 128	World Civilizations III [H]	5		
HIST& 215	Women in U.S. History [H]	5		
HIST& 215 is cross-listed with WS 215. A student may not use equivalent cross-listed courses for the same graduation requirement.				
ICS 120	Survey of Hispanic Culture [H]	5		
ICS 125	Native American Culture [H]	5		
ICS 130	Survey of Asian American Culture [H]	5		
ICS 135	Survey of African American Cultures [H]	5		
ICS 200	Intercultural Leadership [H]	5		
ICS 222	Columbia Basin Cultures [H]	5		
MUSC& 105	Music Appreciation [H]	5		
MUSC 116	History of Jazz [H]	5		
PHIL& 101	Intro to Philosophy [H]	5		
PHIL 106	Introduction to Logic [H]	5		

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Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
PHIL 131	World Religions [H]	5		
PHIL 150	Introduction to Ethics [H]	5		
WS 155	Women's Cultural Heritage [H]	5		
WS 215	Women in U.S. History [H]	5		
WS 215 is cross-listed with HIST& 215. A student may not use equivalent cross-listed courses for the same graduation requirement.				
Group B - only one of your three courses may be selected from this group:				
FRCH& 121	French I [H]	5		
FRCH& 122	French II [H]	5		
FRCH& 123	French III [H]	5		
JAPN& 121	Japanese I [H]	5		
JAPN& 122	Japanese II [H]	5		
JAPN& 123	Japanese III [H]	5		
JAPN& 221	Japanese IV [H]	5		
JAPN& 222	Japanese V [H]	5		
JAPN& 223	Japanese VI [H]	5		
SPAN& 121	Spanish I [H]	5		
SPAN& 122	Spanish II [H]	5		
SPAN& 123	Spanish III [H]	5		
SPAN& 221	Spanish IV [H]	5		
SPAN& 222	Spanish V [H]	5		
SPAN& 223	Spanish VI [H]	5		
SPAN 110	Beginning Spanish for Professionals [H]	5		
SPAN 111	Intermediate Spanish for Professionals [H]	5		
SPAN 112	Advanced Spanish for Professionals [H]	5		
SPAN 205	Spanish for Spanish Speakers [H]	5		
SPAN 206	Spanish for Spanish Speakers [H]	5		
SPAN 207	Spanish for Spanish Speakers [H]	5		

Subtotal 15

Social & Behavioral Sciences *4

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
Psychology:				
PSYC& 100	General Psychology [S/B]	5		
PSYC& 200	Lifespan Psychology [S/B]	5		
Social Sciences - select a minimum of 5 credits from the following:				
SOC& 101	Intro to Sociology [S/B]	5		
SOC 110	Gender, Media, & Popular Culture [S/B]	5		
SOC 115	Intro to Middle East History & Society [S/B]	5		
SOC 115 is cross-listed with HIST 115. A student may not use equivalent cross-listed courses for the same graduation requirement.				
SOC 150	Marriage, Family, and Relationships [S/B]	5		
SOC 160	Gender Studies [S/B]	5		
SOC& 201	Social Problems [S/B]	5		
SOC 220	Globalization [S/B]	5		

SOC 220 is cross-listed with ICS 220. A student may not use equivalent cross-listed courses for the same graduation requirement.

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Mathematical & Natural Science *5

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
Biology:				
BIOL& 160	General Biology W/ Lab [M/S]	5		
BIOL& 241	Human A&P 1 W/ Lab [M/S]	5-6		
BIOL& 242	Human A&P 2 W/ Lab [M/S]	5-6		
BIOL& 260	Microbiology W/ Lab [M/S]	5-6		
Chemistry:				
CHEM& 121	Intro to Chemistry W/ Lab [M/S]	5		
CHEM& 122	Intro to Organic Chemistry W/ Lab [M/S]	5		
or				
CHEM& 123	Intro to Biochemistry W/ Lab [M/S]	5		
Nutrition:				
NUTR& 101	Nutrition [M/S]	5		
Subtotal		35-38		

Electives *6

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Qtr. Completed	Comments / Substitution
HSCI 147	Medical Terminology [RE]	5		
or				
Any course that meets the elective requirements for the AA degree.		5		
Subtotal		5		
Total Credits Required		90-93		

Graduation Requirements:

- Required minimum 90 credits.
- Required minimum cumulative college-level GPA of 2.0.
- At least one-third of the college-level, degree applicable credits must be taken at CBC.
- Depending on your major, some course choices may be more appropriate than others. Consult with your completion coach or advisor.
- Maximum three credits of PE may be applied.
- A student may not use equivalent cross-listed courses for the same graduation requirement. Refer to the Cross-Listed Courses section of the catalog for more information, and consult with your completion coach or advisor.
- Refer to Catalog Option Policy for information about using previous degree requirements.
- For individual college requirements, see Provisions on our Transfer Opportunities webpage.

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- Walla Walla University requirement: The second English Composition course must be a research writing course. ENGL&102, or equivalent, fulfills this requirement.
- Northwest University: The second English Composition course must be a research writing course. ENGL&102, or equivalent, fulfills this requirement.

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- UW Seattle requirement: Requires 5 additional credits in college algebra, pre-calculus, or logic.
- Seattle University requirement: Requires 5 additional credits in college algebra or pre-calculus.

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- Washington State University requirement: Requires curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity. The Humanities distribution area provides an opportunity to meet this requirement. For potential choices go to ucore.wsu.edu/students/courses-and-learning-outcomes/divr.
- Many BSN programs recommend a public speaking course. Students should contact their transfer institution(s) to find out if a public speaking course is preferred.
- Students are encouraged to consult with the transfer institution(s) regarding the humanities courses that best prepare them for a BSN.

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- Washington State University requirement: Requires curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity. The Social Sciences distribution area provides an opportunity to meet this requirement. For potential choices go to ucore.wsu.edu/students/courses-and-learning-outcomes/divr.

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- Walla Walla University requirement: Requires a course in General Sociology.
- Northwest University requirement: Requires cultural anthropology and does not accept a course in the sociology discipline as a substitute. Students may be admitted to the BSN without cultural anthropology if they agree to complete the course at the University in the summer prior to the junior year.

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- University of Washington requirement: Requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for three Natural Sciences courses or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 for four Natural Sciences courses.
- Introductory survey courses or review courses do not meet the content level expectations for the Natural Sciences distribution area.
- Six-credit courses may be used in place of five-credit courses in the Natural Sciences distribution area. Extra credits may apply toward the Electives distribution area.
- Northwest University requirement: Requires 2 credits of genetics. Students may be admitted to the BSN without genetics if they agree to complete the course at the University in the summer prior to the junior year.

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- University of Washington requirement: Requires 100 hours of healthcare experience.
- Curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity is encouraged (required by WSU) and the elective credits provide one opportunity for such a curriculum.

Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Information:

For transferring students, 75 of the 90 credits must be fully transferable as defined by the Intercollege Relations Commission (ICRC) guidelines for the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) to be honored by four-year institutions in Washington. A maximum of 15 restricted elective [RE] credits may be used. The DTA will fulfill college and university general education requirements only. It may not meet unique institutional requirements, and does not modify admissions criteria for baccalaureate institutions. Upon entry to a baccalaureate institution, a DTA will generally provide a student with at least 90 quarter (60 semester) credits.

Note:

Students should contact their potential transfer institutions regarding the specific course choices in each area where options are listed. Some admission requirements may not be met by this DTA/MRP and transfer institutions may require additional courses before starting the BSN. Students should check with their potential transfer institutions about admission requirements, including overall minimum GPA, a higher GPA in a selected subset of courses, or a specific minimum grade in one or more courses such as math or English. For award of the degree, students must apply to graduate from CBC and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Award of the degree does not guarantee admission to a BSN program. At least one-third of the total credits must be taken at CBC.

Admissions application deadlines vary; students must meet the deadline for the university or universities to which they plan to apply for admission to transfer. Although some nursing programs note minimum GPA requirements for nursing prerequisites and other required courses, meeting the minimum requirements does guarantee nursing admission. It is strongly urged for students to check with their transferring institution for GPA requirements.

Certain schools may have additional "university-specific" requirements that are not pre-requisites to admission to the Nursing major but will need to be completed prior to graduation or, as noted above for Northwest University, prior to commencement of nursing courses. Contact with advisors from individual schools for institutional requirements is highly recommended since this DTA may not meet every institution-specific graduation requirement. Northwest University, for example, requires Old Testament and New Testament in the summer prior to beginning nursing classes.

Certain schools may have additional "university-specific" requirements for admission to the institution that are not pre-requisites specifically identified in the DTA requirements. UW Seattle, for example, requires 10 credits of a world language if the applicant has not completed two years of a single language in high school; PLU requires a year of a foreign language at the college level, if two years of high school foreign language has not been completed.