

# B.S. Nursing - R.N. Completion

## Admission

Students interested in the BS Completion program must be in the process of completing, or have completed, an associate degree in Nursing and be preparing to take the National Council Licensure Exam Registered Nurse Exam or already be a Registered Nurse. Students apply for admission to the program in any semester; those students admitted to the program will then begin the program in the following semester. Please see the College of Nursing website (<https://www.isu.edu/nursing/>) for details about the BS Completion programs for RNs.

### For BS Completion Program Applicants:

Prospective nursing majors must have a minimum combined GPA of 3.0 in at least 20 of the 38 credits of prerequisite courses listed below combined with their previous nursing-specific courses to be eligible to apply to the nursing program. Applicants must also complete the prerequisite courses listed below, or equivalents, with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better. The required minimum combined 3.0 GPA must be maintained following completion of remaining prerequisite courses. Failure to do so will result in revocation of program admission. **Every prospective student must meet with the Nursing advisor to be eligible to apply to the program.**

## Prerequisite Courses for BS Completion Program

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 1101 & 1101L	Biology I and Biology I Lab	4
BIOL 2221 & 2221L	Introductory Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	4
BIOL 3301 & 3301L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab	4
BIOL 3302 & 3302L	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 and Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab	4
BIOL 3305	Introduction to Pathobiology	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 2225	Child Development (preferred)	3
or		
	a life span development course approved by the College of Nursing	
MATH 1153	Statistical Reasoning	3
NTD 2239	Nutrition	3
or		
NTD 3340	Nutrition for Health Professionals (preferred)	
PHIL 2230	Medical Ethics (preferred)	3
or		
	a health-related ethics course approved by the College of Nursing	
PPRA 3315	Pharmacology for Nursing	4

## Application Process

**BS Completion Program Applicants** should make application to the College of Nursing when they have completed their associate degree program or are in their last semester of their associate degree program. Students who are interested in the BS Completion Program should contact the College of Nursing Academic Advisor as soon as possible when their decision is made. The Academic Advisor will assist the student with developing a plan of study to complete prerequisite courses, petitions, and ensure transcripts are provided. A unique plan of study will be developed for each BS Completion Student. NURS 4220 Leadership and Management in Nursing, NURS 4400 Experiential Learning Equivalency for BS Completion Students, and NURS 4410 Role of the BS Prepared Nurse in Current Society cannot be completed until the student has successfully passed the nursing licensure exam and received their registered nurse licensure.

Student will be required to submit an application that includes documentation of completion of:

- Prerequisite courses, completed and in progress;
- Documentation of a previous associate degree in Nursing (or degree in process);
- Unofficial transcripts of courses taken at other colleges or universities; and
- Any approved petitions completed for the College of Nursing.

## Alternate Status

An alternate admission list is implemented when more students meeting the admission criteria have applied than can be accommodated in the space available. If space becomes available to accommodate additional eligible students, the alternate list will be activated. Alternate status is recognized only for the semester of application.

## Reapplication

Students who are not admitted to the semester for which they initially apply may reapply in the next application cycle and will be reviewed for admission with the new group of applicants.

All students reapplying to the Baccalaureate program must meet the current admission criteria such as minimum GPA for nursing prerequisites, completion of prerequisite courses, and any other current criteria in order to be eligible for admission. Re-applicants will be subject to the same scrutiny and consideration as an initial applicant. Students who are reapplying must follow all steps detailed in the College of Nursing website (<http://www.isu.edu/nursing/>).

## Additional Considerations for Nursing Programs

- All students must first be admitted to the University. Criteria for admission may be obtained from the College of Nursing website (<http://www.isu.edu/nursing/>).
- Students may request **through the petition process** that prerequisite and requisite courses taken at another institution be accepted for comparable courses at Idaho State University. University credit and graduation requirements must be met.

## University General Requirements

### Specific Goal Courses Required for Nursing

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree must complete 8 of the 9 General Education Objectives (minimum 36 credits--see the General Education Requirements (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/generaleducation/>) described in the Academic Information section of this catalog.) The following courses are program requirements that may also be chosen to satisfy General Education Objectives:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL 1101 & 1101L	Biology I and Biology I Lab <sup>1</sup>	4
CHEM 1101	Introduction to Chemistry <sup>1</sup>	3
CHEM 1102 & CHEM 1103	Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry and Essentials of Organic and Biochemistry Laboratory	4
LLIB 1115	Introduction to Information Research	3
MATH 1153	Statistical Reasoning (MATH 1108 prerequisite)	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology <sup>1</sup>	3
Cultural Diversity Course - See General Education Requirements for Objective 9 in the Catalog (Satisfies General Education Objective 9)		3

<sup>1</sup> See University General Education Requirements for Objectives not met by major requirements. Students who have completed advanced placement tests for any of the following courses – CHEM 1101, BIOL 1101, or PSYC 1101, may have these requirements waived. Please review the CLEP and Advanced Placement credit information located at: <http://isu.edu/registrar/transfer-credit/credit-by-exam/>.

## Required Nursing Courses for BS Completion Students

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 3120	Health Assessment *	2
NURS 3120L	Health Assessment Lab *	1
NURS 3330	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
or DHS 4426	Evidence Based Research in Health Sciences	
NURS 4180	Foundations of Health Informatics for Nurses	2
NURS 4200 & 4200C	Population Health Nursing and Population Health Nursing Clinical	5
NURS 4220	Leadership and Management in Nursing	3
NURS 4400	Experiential Learning Equivalency for BS Completion Students	1-16
NURS 4410	Role of the BS Prepared Nurse in Current Society	2

\* Courses with an asterisk (\*) allow the student to test out by examination or documentation of clinical skills. Examination methods will be determined between student and faculty on an individual basis.

### Progression requirements:

- Students must be admitted to the BS Completion program to finish their nursing courses.
- An individualized plan of study will be developed for each BS Completion student.

- NURS 4220, NURS 4400, and NURS 4410 cannot be completed until the student has successfully passed the nursing licensure exam and received their registered nurse license.
- All students must meet University degree requirements including General Education, upper-division and resident credit.