

# School of Nursing

Two categories of students may be qualified to apply to the University of Pittsburgh's **School of Nursing**. The GN/RN applicant or a student currently enrolled and taking classes in a college or university, who desires a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree.

The **RN Options – Early Admission to MSN or DNP** curriculum is designed for registered nurses, who obtained their nursing education through either a diploma or an associate degree program, to complete their nursing education with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) on the way to earning a graduate degree (MSN or DNP). For more information about the RN Options program please go to the website <http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/degree-programs/rn-options-early-admission-msn-or-dnp>.

The **pre-licensure student** interested in obtaining the nursing education that leads to a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, and eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN), may apply to the School of Nursing. Admission to the School of Nursing is very competitive. Transfer students at least must have twenty-four (24) college credits at the time of application, admission will be based, in part, on the college academic record and on the high school academic record. All applications will be reviewed and decisions will be made based on the student's academic success and consideration of the number of seats available in the class. A 3.5 GPA or better from the previous institution is required for the applicant to be considered. As a transfer applicant, you must have successfully completed a general chemistry course with a lab at either the high school or college level, preferably with a B or better.

Admission to the School of Nursing for all transfer students is to the freshman class. It will usually take four (4) additional years to complete the nursing program once admitted unless admission to the sophomore year is granted. A limited number of spaces are available at the sophomore level and admission for these seats is very competitive.

Admission decisions for these spaces are made separately, subsequent to admission to the freshman class. Once you have been admitted to the freshman class, your records will be reviewed for your eligibility to be considered for a sophomore space. You may begin to fulfill the liberal arts and the elective requirements while at another institution, thereby reducing the credit load for some terms. English Composition, Psychology, Sociology, Culture (Anthropology, History, etc.), Public Speaking, Statistics, Creative Expression and/or general electives are recommended courses. Courses need to be of a 0100 level or greater and a "C" grade or better need to be obtained for liberal arts course credit transfer.

The following courses marked with an asterisk (\*) must be included in these credits, and classes that may be completed for this coursework at WCCC are noted – with suggestions for classes that will meet the requirement for sophomore status eligibility. Other coursework noted for freshman year are the liberal arts and the elective requirements mentioned earlier.

## University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Curriculum

<b>FRESHMAN YEAR FALL TERM*</b>		
<b>Pitt Course:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>At WCCC you may take:</b>
*CHEM 0910 Chemistry for the Health Professions	4	CHM 264 or 107 & 108
*NUR 0012 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	3	BIO 171
*NUR 0002 Nursing A&P 1 Lab	1	Lab Required
English Composition 0200	3	ENG 161 or 164
Intro to Psychology 0100	3	PSY 160
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

<b>SPRING TERM*</b>		
<b>Pitt Course:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>At WCCC you may take:</b>
*ORBIOL 0031 Microbiology 1	4	BIO 265 (lab required)
*NUR 0013 Anatomy and Physiology 2	3	BIO 172
*NUR 0003 Nursing A&P 2 Lab	1	Lab Required
*NUR 0088 Intro to Basic Statistics for EBP	3	MATH 160
NUR 1056 Nursing Informatics	3	NA
NUR 0051 Introduction to Professional Nursing	3	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	

<b>Other Liberal Arts Courses</b>		
<b>Pitt Course:</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>At WCCC you may take:</b>
Anthropology/U.S./Foreign History or Culture	3	Any history, U.S. or Foreign cultural course above 100 level
Sociology	3	Any Sociology course above 100 (but not 255)
Speech	3	SPC 155

Certain aspects govern the advanced credits allowed for transfer courses. After admission to the School of Nursing, an official transcript of courses taken in other accredited universities or colleges must be submitted to the University of Pittsburgh – School of Nursing Student Affairs and Alumni Relations Office. When requested, course descriptions or course outlines must be submitted to Student Affairs and Alumni Relations to determine course equivalency at the University of Pittsburgh. The credit transferred for any course can be no greater than the credit given at the University of Pittsburgh. Only courses with letter grades of “C” or better may be transferred. Science courses must have been taken within the last ten years with a grade of B or better unless there have been unusual circumstances.

**IMPORTANT:** As you plan your coursework at WCCC in preparation for transfer to the School of Nursing, keep in mind that the nursing curriculum at the University of Pittsburgh does allow for a limited number of general electives in history, American or foreign culture, art, music, literature, math, and philosophy at the 100 level or above. Please contact the Office of Student Affairs and Alumni Relations in the School of Nursing prior to course selection either by phone at (412) 624-4586 or email at [sao50@pitt.edu](mailto:sao50@pitt.edu).

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