The Pre-Nursing designation allows students to continue exploration of various majors by selecting multidisciplinary General Education courses with a focus on nursing major prerequisite coursework. The prerequisite courses help prepare students for submitting an application to the Bachelor of Science Nursing program. The other courses may serve as the basis for other potential SF State majors as students determine which one is most appropriate for his or her skills, interests, and career goals.

The Nursing Bachelor of Science (BSN) prelicensure program at SF State is a two year program which prepares students for entry level positions in professional nursing practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, community clinics, long term care, home care, and community health agencies. Graduates work as staff nurses in the following areas: maternity, pediatrics, medical-surgical nursing, gerontology, psychiatric/mental health, and public/community health nursing.

Community Clinical Placement Statement

In accord with the SF State mission, the School of Nursing is dedicated to the practice of social justice and has an unwavering commitment to reducing health disparities. As part of fulfilling this commitment, most of the community health practicums are located in undeserved San Francisco neighborhoods. While sometimes challenging, the School of Nursing believes that these experiences prepare students to become productive, ethical and active citizens.

IMPACTION

The SF State nursing major is an impacted program meaning, more qualified students apply than can be accommodated in the program. Those who are not admitted are encouraged to pursue an alternate major and then re-apply as a second baccalaureate or entry level master’s student.

Freshmen cannot be admitted to San Francisco State University as nursing majors. They instead can be admitted as Pre-Nursing or to an alternate major. Please note:

THE PRE-NURSING DESIGNATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING MAJOR

ADVISING FOR PRE-NURSING

Pre-Nursing students must work closely with counselors in the university Undergraduate Advising Center or the College of Health and Social Sciences Student Resource Center regarding schedule planning for prerequisite coursework. It is important for freshmen to seek advisement beginning their first semester to remain on track for submitting an application to the nursing major, ideally, during the fall semester of sophomore year.
Suggested course sequence to apply for admission by Junior year*

FALL 2018
Area B4 Math 124{highly recommended}, PSY 171 or ISED 160
Biology 210 & 211
Chemistry 101 & 102
Area A1 or A3 Oral Communication or Critical Thinking
Area A2 English 114 or 104

SPRING 2019
Biology 212 & 213
Area A1 or A3 Oral Communication or Critical Thinking
Area C1 or C2 Arts or Humanities
Area D2 U.S. History
Area A2 or A4 English 105{if needed} or English 214

FALL 2019
Biology 220
Area A4 Written Communication II{if needed} or Pre-requisite for parallel major
Area D1 Psychology 200{Preferred}
Area C3 Humanities
Area D3 U.S. CA Government

SPRING 2019
Area UD-B
Area UD-C
Area UD-D
Area C1 Arts

* AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken a community college can also impact the suggested course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect your scheduling, please contact an SRC advisor.

General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major
Students who are admitted into the Nursing major will fulfill Upper Division GE Area D and SF State Studies AERM and SJ upon successful completion of the program.

School of Nursing Undergraduate Supplemental Application Periods
Spring Admission
August 23 - September 17
8:59pm Pacific Time

Fall Admission
October 15 - January 15
8:59pm Pacific Time

NURSING MAJOR ADMISSION CRITERIA

The following requirements must be met to be eligible to apply.

Minimum Grade Point Average
Prerequisite GPA must be 3.0 or higher at the time of School of Nursing supplemental application.

Prerequisite Coursework
- All prerequisite courses must be completed by the time of School of Nursing supplemental application submission.
- A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite courses. A grade of C- is not acceptable.
- Please consult www.assist.org to determine comparable or articulated coursework acceptable.
- Repeating a prerequisite course is acceptable and the higher grade will be used by the School of Nursing Admissions Committee.
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Supplemental Criteria
The following optional supplemental criteria is highly recommended and will be considered for admission to the program:

- Health related work/volunteer experience
- Multicultural work/volunteer experience
- Multi-linguistic fluency within health-related or multicultural experiences
- Veteran or active duty military status

While these experiences are optional, the majority of our applicants fulfill some of these criteria. Evidence is presented by way of a letter of verification on the organization’s stationery which describes the volunteer/work site and describes the student’s role.

TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS
The TEAS exam measures basic essential skills in reading, math, science, English and language usage. Applicants for Fall 2018 entry must score 78 or higher within three attempts.

Please Note: Applicants for Fall 2017 and beyond must take the new version: ATI TEAS. We will no longer accept TEAS V.

ADDITIONAL, DROPPING AND WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES AFTER START OF SEMESTER
Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway until before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need permission numbers from your instructor to add classes via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without it noted on your official records must occur within the first three weeks of each semester. After this three-week period, you are no longer allowed to drop classes via your Gateway. You must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition with objective supporting documentation. If approved, a “W” will appear on your transcript. All withdrawal petitions that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation will be denied within the College of Health and Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes as you are allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal and W’s on your transcript can reflect poorly. Also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once for a maximum of two times.

Lastly, it is ALWAYS the student’s responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes – always check your schedule!

RESOURCES:
To learn more about the nursing major application process contact the School of Nursing:
BH 357 or nursing@sfsu.edu or (415) 338-1802 nursing.sfsu.edu

To identify nursing prerequisite course equivalencies offered at other schools visit: www.assist.org
To find out more about this major set up an appointment with a SRC advisor by calling (415) 405-3740 or emailing srcenter@sfsu.edu

PRE-REQUISITE FLOW CHART

BIO 210/211
MICROBIOLOGY

CHEM 101/102

BIO 212/213
PHYSIOLOGY

BIO 220*
ANATOMY

BIO 212/213
(BIO 612)**

BIO 612

MATH 124
STATISTICS

CRITICAL
THINKING

ORAL
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* BIO 220 may not be accepted at other nursing programs due to the virtual lab component. It is strongly recommended for students to take an 4 unit anatomy course with a lab at a community college. Please refer to www.assist.org for course equivalencies.

** Bio 612 and 328 are intended for Biology majors