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 (BSN) program. The other courses may serve as the basis for other potential SF State majors as students determine which one is most appropriate for their skills, interests and career goals.

**ABOUT THE MAJOR**

The Nursing Bachelor of Science prelicensure program at SF State is a two-year program that 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 underserved San Francisco neighborhoods. While these experiences are sometimes challenging, the School of Nursing believes that they prepare students to become productive, ethical and active citizens.

**IMPACTION**

The SF State nursing major is an impacted program, meaning that 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 reapply as a second baccalaureate or entry level master’s student.

Freshmen cannot be admitted to SF State 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 & Social Sciences Student Resource Center regarding schedule planning for prerequisite coursework. It is important for freshman 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 Fall 2020 admissions**

**FALL 2018**
- Area B4 Math 124 (highly recommended), PSY 171 or ISED 160
- Biology 210 & 211 or Chemistry 101 & 102
- Area A1 or A3 Oral Communication or Critical Thinking
- Area A2 English 114 or 104
- Area C1 Arts

**SPRING 2019**
- Biology 210 & 211 or Chemistry 101 & 102
- 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 212 & 213
- Area A4 Written Communication II (if needed) or prerequisite for parallel major
- Area D1 Psychology 200 (Preferred)
- Area C3 Humanities
- Area D3 U.S. CA Government

**SPRING 2019**
- BIOL 220
- Area UD-B
- Area UD-C
- Area UD-D

*AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at 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.

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**General Education Areas Potentially Met by Courses in this Major**

Students who are admitted into the Nursing major will satisfy Upper Division GE Area D and SF State Studies AERM and SJ upon successful completion of the program.

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**School of Nursing Undergraduate Supplemental Application Periods**

**Spring Admission**
- August 23–September 17 (8:59 p.m. Pacific Time)

**Fall Admission**
- October 15–January 15 (8:59 p.m. Pacific Time)

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**RESOURCES:**

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

To identify nursing prerequisite course equivalencies offered at other schools visit: assist.org

To find out more about this major, set up an appointment with an SRC advisor by calling (415) 405-3740 or emailing srcenter@sfsu.edu

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**PRE-REQUISITE FLOW CHART**

- **BIO 210/211 MICROBIOLOGY**
- **BIO 212/213 (BIO 612)** PHYSIOLOGY
- **BIO 220* (BIO 328)** ANATOMY
- **CHEM 101/102**
- **WRITTEN COMM**
- **MATH 124 (Highly recommended)** STATISTICS
- **CRITICAL THINKING**
- **ORAL COMM**

* 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 assist.org for course equivalencies.

**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**
- At least 7 of the 8 prerequisite courses must be completed by the time of School of Nursing supplemental application submission.
- The 8th prerequisite course must be complete no later than the fall or spring semester prior to nursing major entry.
- A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite courses. A grade of C- is not acceptable.
- Please consult assist.org to determine comparable or articulated coursework taken at California community colleges or CSUs. If the course in question was taken at a UC, a private university, or outside of California please contact the School of Nursing.
- Repeating a prerequisite course is acceptable and the higher grade will be used by the School of Nursing Admissions Committee.

**Supplemental Criteria**
These documents are optional but highly recommended. Please note that volunteer experience will get points only if it’s more than 120 hours. In addition, a letter of verification needs to be on letterhead of the organization(s).
- Health-related work/volunteer experience
- Service to underserved community/volunteer experience
- Multi-linguistic fluency within health-related or service to underserved community experiences
- Veteran or active-duty military status

**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.

**ADDDING, DROPPING & 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 courses 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 students’ responsibility to ensure that they are in the appropriate classes — always check your schedule!