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 his or her 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 undeserved 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 and 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.
**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 www.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 www.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.

**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.

**ADDMING, 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!