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 2022 admissions*

**FALL 2021**
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (ENG 114 or ENG 104)
Area C1 or C2 Arts or Humanities
Major Prerequisite and Area B4: Math 124 (highly recommended), PSY 171 or ISED 160
Major Prerequisite: Biology 210 (B2 Met in Major) & BIO 211 or Chemistry 101 (B1) & CHEM 102 (B3)

**SPRING 2022**
Area A1 Oral Communication or Area A3 HSS 110 (recommended)
Area A2 Written English Requirement (if took ENG 104 in Fall 2019) or Area E HSS 210 (preferred) (if ENG 114 completed in Fall 2019)
Area C1 or C2 Arts or Humanities
Area D2 or D3: U.S. History or U.S./CA Government
Major Prerequisite: Biology 210 (B2 Met in Major) & BIO 211 or Chemistry 101 (B1) & CHEM 102 (B3)

**FALL 2022**
Major Prerequisite: BIO 212 (B2 Met in Major) & BIO 213
Area C1 or C2 Arts or Humanities
Area D1: PSY 200 (Recommended)
Area D2 or D3: U.S. History or U.S./CA Government
SF State Studies or University Elective

**SPRING 2023**
Major Prerequisite: BIO 220 (B2 Met in Major)
Area UD-B
Area UD-C
Area UD-D

AP and IB exam scores as well as courses taken at community college may impacted the suggest course sequencing. If you are not sure how this will affect you, please contact an SRC advisor.

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.

School of Nursing
Undergraduate Supplemental Application Periods
Spring Admission
August 1–September 1 (8:59 p.m. Pacific Time)
Fall Admission
October 15–January 15 (8:59 p.m. Pacific Time)

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

PRE-REQUISITE FLOW CHART

**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**

- Students who plan on applying, must have all 5 prerequisite courses completed by the time of application submission.
- 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.

While these experiences are optional, the majority of our applicants fulfill 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 must score 78 or higher within three attempts.

Please Note: Applicants for Fall 2017 and beyond must take the new version: ATI TEAS.

**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

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Adding, Dropping & Withdrawing from Classes after Start of Semester
Please be aware of all deadlines. You may add courses via your Gateway before the first day of instruction, provided there is space available. Once classes start, you will need a permission number from your instructor to add a course via Gateway.

Dropping courses via your Gateway without being noted on your academic record 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. At this point, you must have a serious and compelling reason to withdraw from a course and submit a petition that includes supporting documentation and an unofficial transcript. If approved, a “W” will appear on your academic record. Withdrawals that lack serious and compelling reasons and/or viable supporting documentation may be denied within the College of Health & Social Sciences. Be conscientious about withdrawing from classes, as you are only allowed a maximum of 18 units for withdrawal. Please also keep in mind that you are only allowed to repeat a course once after receiving a failing grade.

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