



## PREPARING FOR YOUR NURSING EDUCATION

Navigating your nursing education can be complex. With so many programs and pathways into nursing, finding the right path to fit your unique situation and goals takes time and effort.

To help you better understand your options, WCN created Nursing Program Prerequisite Course Guides. These prerequisite course guide spreadsheets can help you review and compare pre-nursing program course prerequisites for most Washington nursing programs.



To view the Nursing Program Prerequisite Course Guides, visit  
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And scroll down to the Nursing Program Prerequisite Course Guides.



### HOW TO USE THE WCN NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSE GUIDES

- ➔ Anyone with Office365 on their computer can open the spreadsheets directly on our Be A Nurse web page. Once open, there are options in the bottom right hand corner to view the spreadsheet in full screen or download it directly to your computer.
- ➔ For visitors who might not have Office365, a downloadable Excel file link is also available.
- ➔ For visitors unable to download or open an Excel spreadsheet, a PDF version of the information is also available for download.

We recommend downloading and saving the spreadsheet to your computer or a data storage device (like a thumb drive). Once downloaded, the document is yours to edit. You can make changes to the spreadsheet, like hiding rows to compare two or more programs next to each other. You can also save your changes, close the document, and return to the document at your convenience.

### ACCEPTANCE INTO A NURSING PROGRAM IS A COMPETITIVE PROCESS

#### Tips for success

- ✓ Choose multiple nursing programs to apply to. Choosing 3 to 4 nursing programs will help you prepare for your next steps if you are not accepted into the first or even second program you apply to.
- ✓ The grades you get in your prerequisite courses matter! Most programs have grade and GPA minimum requirements to apply. It is important to know these requirements for the programs you hope to apply to and put in your best effort on all your prerequisite courses.
- ✓ Not all courses are transferable from one school or program to another. It is recommended that students pursuing a pre-nursing degree work closely with an academic advisor and contact their potential transfer institutions early in their program regarding specific course choices in each area.
- ✓ The following courses are considered core prerequisite courses for most (but not all) nursing programs: ENGL 101, MATH 146, PSYC 100, BIOL 241, BIOL 242, BIOL 260, CHEM 121, NUTR 101. Additional prerequisite courses can also be required.