

# Cooperative Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing Program

Weber State University/Utah State University

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Effective for students beginning degree Summer Sem. 2008 thru Spring Sem. 2009

## Admission Requirements

Admission into the Cooperative Nursing Program is selective. To ensure quality clinical placement, a limited number of students are accepted into the program each year. Applications are accepted once a year and are available in-person after October 1 or online at <http://weber.edu/nursing/>. Students must complete the application process by February 1.

Applications are reviewed by the Nursing Program admissions and advancement committee. A point system is used to facilitate candidate selection. Applications received by January 15 will earn extra points. Support courses will be evaluated, but points will not be awarded for courses already in-progress during the semester in which an application is received. Students will be notified of acceptance into the program by April 15.

Initially, many students are admitted into Utah State University to take their general education and supporting science courses, in order to become competitive applicants for the Weber State RN program on the Logan campus. Students must attain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in order to be accepted into the USU pre-nursing major.

All nursing students should subscribe to the Pre-Nursing E-mail List. The purpose of this list is to keep pre-nursing students informed about meetings and activities which will support their progress toward admission into an RN program in Utah. To subscribe, visit:

[http://lists.usu.edu/mailman/listinfo/pre-nursing\\_list](http://lists.usu.edu/mailman/listinfo/pre-nursing_list)

## The Program

Weber State University, in cooperation with Utah State University, offers at Logan either the Associate of Science or the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. This program is designed to prepare qualified students for the NCLEX Registered Nurse licensing exam. The Nursing Program is accredited by the Utah Board of Nursing and by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Weber State University is an agency member of the National League for Nursing Council of Associate Degree Nursing Programs and the Council for Practical Nursing Programs.

The program combines liberal art studies with professional nursing courses and clinical experience. Once accepted into the WSU/USURN program, the curriculum takes two academic years to complete. Some students may need to take summer coursework to finish the requirements within this time frame. The curriculum is planned to include a broad University Studies program concurrently with courses in Nursing. A grade of *B* or higher is required for all lower-division nursing courses, and a grade of *C* or higher is required for all support classes. Students will graduate from Weber State University with an Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing. After graduation, students who wish to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing may apply to the BSN completion program at WSU.

Coursework in nursing covers such aspects as nursing care, diagnostic procedures, the use of specialized equipment, medical and surgical intervention, and needs of the child, adolescent, and adult in the health setting. Other courses are microbiology, psychology, English, chemistry, anatomy, nutrition, physiology, and pathophysiology (a nursing course).

Applicants who wish to transfer from other schools of nursing or who are graduates of approved schools of vocational nursing must meet the entrance requirements for the Nursing Program. Students must complete all first-year General Education courses before being considered for advanced placement in the program. All students admitted to the program are expected to join the Utah Student Nurse Association (USNA), which provides an opportunity to interact with other members of the profession while developing professional attitudes and responsibilities.

## Career Opportunities

This program is designed to prepare students for providing nursing care in a beginning staff nurse position as a registered nurse. The nursing curriculum is based on the concept of career mobility; it takes into account the various types of nursing programs and recognizes common areas of achievement within those programs. This permits student mobility in light of individual ability and changing career aspirations. It is an interrelated system of achievement in nursing education which recognizes the possibility of mobility from other health-related fields. Such an eclectic approach can provide a degree of flexibility in pursuing personal interests in the nursing field.

## Biology Advising Center

The Department of Biology department head, the director of undergraduate studies, and advisors are available to provide all undergraduate majors with additional information regarding specific programs and career opportunities. The Biology Advising Center and the director of undergraduate studies are located in BNR 101. Additional information and an "Ask an Advisor" e-mail service are on the web at <http://www.biology.usu.edu/>

## Undergraduate Degrees Offered Through This Department

**Biology:** Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Emphases: Biology  
Cellular/Molecular  
Ecology/Biodiversity  
Environmental

**Composite Teaching—Biological Science:** BS, BA

**Public Health:** BS

Emphases: Industrial Hygiene  
Environmental Health  
Public Health Education

## Graduate Degrees Offered Through This Department

**Biology:** MS and PhD

**Ecology:** MS and PhD

**Toxicology:** MS and PhD

## Academic Advisement

All students should contact their academic advisor for assistance with course selection, program planning, and meeting graduation requirements. If students do not know who their advisor is, they should contact their department, college, or the Office of University Advising. Prior to admission to the Nursing Program, advising is by Douglas Watson (Director of Admissions Advisement at Weber State University) and by the Utah State University Department of Biology. Following admission, advisors are assigned by the nursing faculty.

## Graduation Requirements: Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (Weber State University) (3.0 overall GPA minimum)

Students must complete all prerequisite courses listed *before* beginning fall nursing classes. A grade of *C* or better must be achieved in each of these courses in order for the student to remain in the Nursing Program.

## First Year

Summer Semester (or prior college credit)	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2320 <sup>1</sup> Human Anatomy . . . . . 4 (formerly BIOL 2010)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2420 <sup>1</sup> Human Physiology . . . . . 4 (formerly BIOL 2000)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 1110 (BPS) General Chemistry I (Prereq: MATH 1050) . . . . 4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Literacy (QL) course . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breadth Humanities (BHU) elective course . . . . . 3	

**Note:** If CHEM 1110 is taken at another university, MATH 1030, MATH 1050, or STAT 1040 must be completed before graduation with an AAS or AS degree.

### Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1100 Introduction to Microbiology (Home Study only) (3 cr) <b>Or</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2060 <sup>1</sup> Elementary Microbiology (4 cr) . . . . . 3 or 4 (formerly BIOL 1110)	
<input type="checkbox"/> NFS 1020 (BLS) Science and Application of Human Nutrition. . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1030 Foundations of Nursing Practice . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1031 Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1050 Treatment Modalities . . . . . 3	

### Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 1010 (BSS) General Psychology . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> HS 2230 Introductory Pathophysiology . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1040 Women's Health and the Childbearing Family . . . . . 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1041 Women's Health and the Childbearing Family Clinical . 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1045 Nursing Care of Adults and Children . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1046 Nursing Care of Adults and Children Clinical . . . . . 2	

## Second Year

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<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1010 (CL1) Introduction to Writing: Academic Prose . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breadth Social Sciences (BSS)/Diversity elective course (SOC 1010). 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breadth Creative Arts (BCA) elective course. . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer and Information Literacy (CIL) competency exam	

### Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 2010 (CL2) Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode. . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2050 Treatment Modalities . . . . . 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2070 Nursing Care of Adults and Children II . . . . . 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2071 Nursing Care of Adults and Children II Clinical. . . . . 4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breadth American Institutions (BAI) elective course. . . . . 3	

### Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2060 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. . . . . 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2061 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical . . . . . 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2080 Patient Care Management . . . . . 2	
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<sup>1</sup>Due to House Bill 320 (Common Course Numbering), BIOL 1110 was changed to BIOL 2060, BIOL 2000 was changed to BIOL 2420, and BIOL 2010 was changed to BIOL 2320.

## Requirement Changes

Department of Biology majors will be responsible for meeting the requirements that were in effect when they entered the program. Majors should consult with their advisors on a regular basis to be aware of any changes in requirements.

## Materials for Persons with Disabilities

This requirement sheet is available in digital format, recordings, or large print upon request to the USU Disability Resource Center.

## For more information contact

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