Frequently Asked Questions

How do I meet with my academic advisor?

UW-Milwaukee campus
Call the Student Affairs office at 414-229-5047 or come to Cunningham Hall 135 to schedule an appointment. You can also e-mail your assigned advisor.

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How long are my science credits good for?
All credit for required courses must have been earned in the ten years preceding beginning the nursing major. Consult with your advisor to discuss your options if your classes are outside of this timeframe.

Do I need to take a foreign language?
If you have successfully completed two years of the same foreign language in high school, then you have completed the UWM/CON foreign language requirement. If you did not complete these two years, or if English is your second language, see your advisor to discuss options for completing the UWM foreign language requirement. If you hold a prior degree or started your college coursework prior to Fall 1999, you are exempt from this requirement.

How many general education requirement courses do I need?
Art: 3 cr
Humanities: 6 cr
History: 3 cr
Electives: 4 cr
Students with a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing field do not need to comply with GER requirements.

Can I take pre-nursing courses at another campus and transfer them in?
Yes. Many prerequisite courses have equivalents at other school. Be sure to contact your academic advisor to ensure that you’re taking appropriate courses.

Can I repeat a course if I’m not happy with my grade?
Prior to the start of the professional major, courses may be repeated only once and with no more than three total repeats. Grades of “C-” or lower MUST be replaced by grades of “C” or higher however, repeats of courses which have been passed with a grade of “C” or higher do not count against the repeat rules. The higher grade is then calculated in your nursing GPA if done by the clinical application deadline.

Is the nursing program competitive?
Yes. We do not have enough clinical spots for every student, so students must apply to continue into the professional major. This usually occurs during the sophomore year, but students can apply any semester as long as the prerequisite courses will be completed by the beginning of the major coursework. We accept 64 students in the fall semester and 104 students in the spring semester with an average of 160 applications each semester. Applications are reviewed based on pre-nursing GPA, a reflective statement, and leadership/work/volunteer experience.

What happens if I’m not accepted into the major?
You will sit down with your assigned professional nursing advisor to get feedback on your application. Based on the strengths and weaknesses of your application, your advisor will discuss options for retaking courses, gaining more volunteer experience, or improving writing skills. Most students will decide to apply again the following semester, but some will decide to switch majors or transfer elsewhere.

Do I have to be CNA {Certified Nursing Assistant} certified?
A CNA license is not required for acceptance into the program. It can be a useful experience for exploring the healthcare field and gaining familiarity with the profession, but students will also have the opportunity for CNA licensure after their junior year in the program.