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Michael K. Young President

October 16, 2013

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Dear Azita:

Based upon the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Nursing is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2013.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Michael K. Young President

Enclosure

cc:

Ms. Dagmar Schmidt (with enclosure)

Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)

Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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Undergraduate Program

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The School of Nursing offers the following programs of study:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with eligibility to take the licensure examination to become a registered nurse.
- An accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing option for candidates with an existing bachelor's degree. This option provides eligibility to take the licensure examination to become a registered nurse.
- A four-quarter modification of the basic curriculum is available for the registered nurse.
 This BSN Completion (RN to BSN) program is available at UW Bothell and UW Tacoma, and prepares graduates go on for advanced degrees in nursing.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Suggested First- and Second-Year College Courses: See below, under Admission Requirements.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the nursing major occurs once a year, for autumn quarter, with an application deadline of January 15. Selection is competitive.

Application

- 1. Cumulative 2.00 GPA or higher
- 2. To be considered for admission, applicants must satisfy one of the following requirements at time of application.
 - a. Three out of the total prerequisite science courses completed with a minimum 3.00 GPA.
 - b. Four out of the total prerequisite science courses with a minimum 2.80 GPA.

The science prerequisite courses are <u>CHEM 120</u>, <u>CHEM 220</u>, <u>CHEM 221</u> (three-quarter chemistry series for UW students, two quarter sequence - one general chemistry and one organic - for non-UW applicants); <u>BIOL 118/BIOL 119</u>; <u>B STR 301</u>; <u>MICROM 301</u> (plus <u>MICROM 302</u> for UW students; non-UW applicants must take a separate microbiology lab if lab is not included in the general microbiology course); <u>NUTR 300</u>.

3. Together with the application and college transcript(s), applicants submit a personal statement; a resume outlining volunteer/paid health-care experience, community service, and cultural awareness; and a recommendation from a health care provider (employer or volunteer coordinator).

4. Applicants are expected to have 100 hours of health care experience in a paid or volunteer position in one setting for three months or more, completed within 12 months preceding submission of the application. The majority of applicants present health care experiences of several hundred hours for nine months or more.

5. After an initial review of all applications, some applicants are asked to attend a proctored essay session. The proctored essay dates are published in the admissions publication.

Eligible applicants are invited via email.

Entrance Requirements: Prior to beginning the nursing program in the autumn, students must meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 90 credits to include the following courses:

a. Written communication (10 credits): English composition and W-courses

b. Problem-solving (8 credits): one QSR course, chosen from MATH 107, MATH 111, MATH 112, MATH 120, MATH 124, MATH 134, MATH 144, PHIL 115, PHIL 120, PHIL 470, or Q SCI 291. One statistics course, such as STAT 220, STAT 311, Q SCI 381, QMETH 201, or EDPSY 490

c. Visual, Literary, & Performing Arts (VLPA) (15 credits)

d. Individuals & Societies (I&S) (15 credits): to include NURS 201 or equivalent

e. Natural World (NW) (26-33 credits): to include CHEM 120, CHEM 220, CHEM 221 (three quarter chemistry series for UW students; two-quarter sequence - one general chemistry and one organic - for non-UW applicants); BIOL 118, BIOL 119; B STR 301; MICROM 301 (plus MICROM 302 for UW students; non-UW applicants must take a separate microbiology lab if lab not included in general microbiology course); NUTR 300

f. Electives to complete 90 credits

2. A minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA is required, and a minimum grade of 2.0 for each prerequisite course. Because admission is competitive, the GPA for admission is usually significantly higher.

3. All applicants must be exempted from all English language proficiency requirements at UW in order to start the program. If offered admission the applicant is required to pay for a background check to be run by a company specified by the School of Nursing.

For additional information on admission criteria, specific prerequisites, and deadlines, as well as application forms, visit the School of Nursing website, nursing.uw.edu. To contact the School of Nursing Office of Academic Services, call (206) 543-8736 or 1-800-759-NURS or email sonas@uw.edu. Information sessions are offered periodically in the School of Nursing, Health Sciences Building T301, and an information session podcast is available. For a schedule of sessions or to listen to podcast, visit <u>nursing.uw.edu/admissions/info-sessions/.</u>

Major Requirements

Students need a minimum of 180 credits to graduate with a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington. The required credits in the nursing curriculum total 95; thus 85 credits must be earned through general education, nursing prerequisites, and elective courses.

95-94 credits as follows:

1. Nursing Foundations (52 credits): NURS 301, NURS 303, NURS 304, NURS 308, NURS 309, NURS 310, NURS 401, NURS 404, NURS 405, NURS 407, NURS 410, NURS 411, NURS 412, NURS 415, NURS 417, NURS 419, NURS 420

2. Clinical Nursing (40-39 credits): NCLIN 302, NCLIN 306, NCLIN 403, NCLIN 407, NCLIN 402, NCLIN 406, NCLIN 409, NCLIN 411, NCLIN 416, NCLIN 418

3. Nursing Research and Methods (3 credits): NMETH 403

Equivalent or higher-level coursework may be substituted with the approval of the academic adviser.

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing option

Admission Requirements

Admission occurs once a year, for summer quarter, with an application deadline in preceding autumn quarter. Selection is competitive.

Application Requirements

- 1. Cumulative college-level GPA of 2.80 or higher.
- 2. At least four of the total prerequisite science courses completed with a minimum grade of 3.0 in each course, and a cumulative GPA in these courses of 3.30 or higher. Science prerequisite courses are CHEM 120, CHEM 221 (three-quarter chemistry series for UW students; two quarter sequence -- one general chemistry and one organic -- for non-UW applicants); BIOL 118/BIOL 119; B STR 301; MICROM 301 plus MICROM 302 for UW students. (Non-UW applicants must take a separate microbiology lab if lab is not included in the general microbiology course); NUTR 300.
- 3. Together with the application and college transcript(s), applicant submits a series of personal statements; a resume outlining volunteer/paid healthcare experience, community service, and cultural awareness; and a recommendation from a healthcare provider (employer or volunteer coordinator).
- 4. Applicants are expected to have 100 hours of healthcare experience in a paid or volunteer position in one setting for three months or more, completed within 12 months preceding submission of the application. The majority of applicants present healthcare experiences of several hundred hours for nine months or more.
- 5. All applicants are asked to attend a proctored essay session.

Entrance Requirements:

Prior to beginning the nursing program in summer, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field.
- 2. Completion of a lifespan growth and development course -- NURS 201 or equivalent.

- 3. Completion of one statistics course, such as <u>STAT 220</u>, <u>STAT 311</u>, <u>Q SCI 381</u>, <u>QMETH 201</u>, or <u>EDPSY 490</u>.
- 4. Completion of all Natural World courses: <u>CHEM 120</u>, <u>CHEM 220</u>, <u>CHEM 221</u> (three-quarter chemistry series for UW students; two-quarter sequence -- one general chemistry and one organic -- for non UW applicants); <u>BIOL 118</u>, <u>BIOL 119</u>; <u>B STR 301</u>; <u>MICROM 301</u> plus <u>MICROM 302</u> for UW students. (Non UW applicants must take a separate microbiology lab if lab not included in general microbiology course.); <u>NUTR 300</u>. Minimum cumulative 3.30 GPA in these courses.
- 5. Minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA, and minimum 3.0 grade for each prerequisite course.
- 6. All applicants must be exempted from all English language proficiency requirements at UW in order to start the program. If offered admission the applicant is required to pay for a background check to be run by a company specified by the School of Nursing,

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Student Outcomes and Opportunities

- Learning Objectives and Expected Outcomes: The School of Nursing prepares its graduates to function as generalists in professional nursing practice and to collaborate with other health-care providers. The BSN/ABSN undergraduate curriculum emphasizes theory and clinical practice to ensure critical thinking, human caring, and clinical expertise. Clinical experiences are provided in institutional and community settings for preventive and acute care. For the ten goals of the BSN degree program, visit nursing.uw.edu/admissions/bsn/curriculum/.
- Instructional and Research Facilities: Learning Laboratory

- Honors Options Available: With College Honors (Completion of Honors core curriculum and Departmental Honors). With Honors (Completion of Departmental Honors requirements in the major). See adviser for requirements.
- Research Internships and Service Learning: Students complete eight clinical courses during the BSN program beginning with the first quarter of the program. Each student experiences placements in medical-surgical nursing, pediatric, family nursing, psychosocial mental health, and community-based nursing. Clinical hours per course range from six hours/week during the first quarter to 24 hours/week during the final quarter.
- Department Scholarships: Limited scholarships based on student need established by FAFSA. Students are invited to apply after they have been admitted to the program by completing the School of Nursing Financial Aid application.
- Student Organizations/Associations: Students may join the Professional Organization of Nursing Students (PONS) after admission to the program. PONS' involvement spans all aspects of the undergraduate program: recruitment, orientation, education, fund raising, and social events.