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BIOLOGY - PRE-NURSING MAJOR, B.A.

Science & Health Department; Shaw School of Sciences

Asbury University offers a major in Pre-Nursing which provides options to students interested in pursuing a career in nursing. See restrictions below the course list.

To graduate must complete all major requirements, foundational requirements, and additional electives needed for 124 hour minimum degree requirement.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (77)

Continuing to nursing program requires grade of "C" or better in all BIO & CHE courses, minimum science GPA of 3.00, and cumulative GPA of 3.00.

[Please indicate with (T) if requirement met by transfer course]

__ 3	BIO	201	General Biology I
__ 3	BIO	202	General Biology II
__ 1	BIO	203	General Biology Lab I
__ 1	BIO	204	General Biology Lab II
__ 3	BIO	211	Microbiology
__ 1	BIO	213	Microbiology Lab
__ 3	BIO	252	Nutrition
__ 3	BIO	262	Human Physiology
__ 3	BIO	280	Scientific & Medical Terminology
__ 3	BIO	331	Human Anatomy
__ 1	BIO	333	Human Anatomy Lab
__ 2	BIO	341	Ethical Issues
__ 3	CHE	121	Gen College Chemistry I
__ 3	CHE	122	Gen College Chemistry II
__ 1	CHE	123	Gen College Chemistry Lab I
__ 1	CHE	124	Gen College Chemistry Lab II
__ 3	PSY	101	Psychology & Everyday Life
__ 3	PSY	315	Stats for Behavioral Science

Choose BIO322 or 379, or Health Care course:

	BIO	322	Genetics
__ 3	BIO	379	Immunology
	HC	__	_____

Choose one Health Care course (not used above):

__ 3	HC	__	_____
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Complete 30 Nursing Transfer hours:

__ 30+ T-PNR courses

Credits transferred from an accredited four-year school of nursing

PLUS FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (49)

(3 hours Social Science and 4 hours Science satisfied by required major courses.)

Plus electives if needed for the 124 hour degree requirement

Biology - Pre-Nursing Program restrictions

1. BION Student completes the major requirements at Asbury. BION majors transfer to an accredited 4-year school of nursing to complete the major and the AU degree by finishing one full-time year (30.0 hours) of nursing courses. These credits must be officially transferred back to Asbury University to receive an AU degree. Students must have 124.0 total hours to receive an AU degree.
2. BION Student may not have a double major. If completing any other Asbury major the Pre-Nursing major will not be listed. Student will complete and graduate from Asbury University in the other major only. However, any student who is preparing to apply for nursing or medical schools should contact the Health Professions advisor about taking required pre-nursing or pre-medical courses outside their declared major.
3. ^Transfer course restrictions: 50% of the BION major must be completed at Asbury University (minimum 39.0 major hours at Asbury), as the transferred nursing hours account for a large portion of the major. If more than 8 credits of the below listed major courses are taken at other schools, the student will be required to take additional Asbury University course hours in BIO, PSY, CHE, or SOC to account for the 50% needed at Asbury.
4. The 75.0 hours maximum transfer rule applies and includes the 30.0 nursing hours which limits all other transfer hours and institutional credit to 45 hours.
5. All Pre-Nursing students are reviewed at the end of the sophomore year (60.0 cumulative hours). After 2 years, students should have no grade below a "C" in all BIO and CHE courses, a minimum science GPA of 3.00, and a cumulative GPA of 3.00, in order to continue in the program.
6. Changing out of the BION major - A student who decides not to pursue nursing needs to make this decision by their junior year to allow sufficient time to complete the courses needed for another major. Discuss major changes with the Health Professions advisor.

Biology Pre-Nursing Completion

1. Students may complete an Asbury University degree by transferring to and completing credits at an approved school of nursing in their fourth year. Students take a prescribed course of study (BION) and the AU Foundations courses at Asbury University. The BION major must transfer to an accredited 4-year school of nursing. Upon completing a full-time (30 hours) year of professional nursing courses the credits must be transferred back to Asbury University to complete the Bachelor of Arts degree in Pre-Nursing. Students must complete a Degree Application and be listed in an Asbury Commencement in order to receive their Asbury degree. Any request for early Commencement exceptions (see catalog for details) must be placed no later than February 1st of the desired Commencement year. Asbury has an arrangement only with UK-CON for accepting qualified Asbury students, but other Schools of Nursing may be used.
 - A. University of Kentucky - College of Nursing (UK-CON) – Students can complete two degrees by successfully completing this program, a Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Nursing from Asbury and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kentucky. Participating students take the prescribed course of study at Asbury, including the Foundations courses, and then transfer to University of Kentucky -College of Nursing. To complete the Asbury University degree in Pre-Nursing the first 30 credits of nursing courses from UK must be officially transferred to Asbury University upon completion. Students will need to meet all UK admissions requirements prior to transferring to UK, including any required vaccinations.
 - B. Indiana Wesleyan University - School of Nursing (IWU-SON) - Students can complete two degrees by successfully completing this program, a Bachelor of Arts in Biology - Pre-Nursing from Asbury and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University. Participating students take the prescribed course of study at Asbury, including Foundations courses, and then transfer to IWU-SON. To complete the Asbury University degree in Biology - Pre-Nursing the first 30 credits of nursing courses from Indiana Wesleyan must be officially transferred to Asbury University upon completion. Entrance requirements for IWU-SON must be met, and spaces are limited (Contact the Health Professions Advisor for more information).
 - C. Eastern Kentucky University - School of Nursing (EKU-SON) – Students can complete two degrees by successfully completing this program, a Bachelor of Arts in Biology - Pre-Nursing from Asbury and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Eastern Kentucky University. Participating students take the prescribed course of study at Asbury, including Foundations Courses, and then transfer to EKU-SON. To complete the Asbury University degree in Biology - Pre-Nursing the first 30 credits of nursing courses from EKU-SON must be officially transferred to Asbury University upon completion. Entrance requirements for EKU-SON must be met, and spaces are limited (Contact the Health Professions Advisor for more information).
 - D. Other schools of Nursing – Students may transfer to other approved nursing schools although there is no agreement on admission or programs at these other schools. The Asbury degree is completed by the official transfer of the first 30 credits of nursing courses. Degrees and requirements for the other nursing schools vary. The school must be approved for use in the Pre-Nursing degree program.
2. Students may complete the pre-nursing requirements and seek admission to a nursing program without completing the Asbury three year pre-nursing curriculum and the Foundations requirements. This option will not lead to a degree from Asbury. No transfer of nursing courses would be needed.
3. Students with other Asbury majors may complete pre-nursing requirements without declaring the BION major. Contact the Health Professions Advisor if you are interested in any nursing/medical related field.