

Major Planning Guide:

Nursing

What can I do with a degree in nursing?

Nurses play an important role in variety of different healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or private practice. Nurses provide holistic patient care from coordinating care with healthcare providers, counseling, healthcare education, and administering medication. Some nurses will choose to gain further education to become a nurse practitioner.

Related Majors/Programs

Medical Laboratory Science	Respiratory Care
Nutrition	Healthcare Services Management
Surgical Technology	Community Health & Education
Dental Assisting/ Hygiene	Physician Assistant

Where can I earn a degree in nursing in Washington?

You can either enter an associate's program in nursing at Seattle Central or go directly into a bachelor's program in nursing at a university. You can use the College Navigator search engine found at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> to find nursing programs in Washington state or around the country.

How do I prepare to major in nursing?

Here are a few steps that we recommend you take to make sure that nursing is the right choice for you. There are many different types of careers in nursing, and it is important to do some research ahead of time to find the one that best fits your goals. An advisor can help you choose the transfer degree, and what courses you should take while you are here at Seattle Central.

Step One: Research

- Those who are undecided about a major/career can make an appointment with our Career Exploration Center in BE1102E to take a career assessment test. This assessment can reveal your interests, values, and skills which then match you up with potential careers and programs that prepare you for specific career paths.
- Students who plan to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree have multiple academic options. One possibility is to complete an associate's degree in nursing and then apply to RN-BSN completion programs. Another possibility is to earn a transfer associate degree that includes prerequisites for nursing and then transfer to a university to finish the bachelor's degree in nursing. Speak with an advisor to learn more about the options.
- Some universities offer a bachelor's in nursing only for students who have already become registered nurses by earning an associate degree (these programs are called RN-BSN programs).
- Our Transfer Center in BE1102F can help find universities you are interested in attending and guide you through the application process.

Step Two: Pick a Degree

Students planning to major in nursing often earn the Associates of Art (AA-DTA) degree. Advisors can help students understand how to best approach the math and science requirements necessary for transfer. You may pick up a degree planning worksheet for the AA-DTA ([purple sheet](#)) in BE 1102 lobby.

Step Three: Make a Long Range Academic Plan

Students planning to major in nursing at a university usually take courses in anatomy & physiology, chemistry, microbiology, statistics, and psychology, as well as general education requirements, to prepare to transfer. Many nursing programs also require volunteer experience or experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Additionally standardized testing and interviews may be required.

English	Biology	Chemistry	Other Courses
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 101	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 160	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM& 121	<input type="checkbox"/> NUTR& 101
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL& 102	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 241	<input type="checkbox"/> CHEM& 122	<input type="checkbox"/> MATH& 146
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 242		<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC& 100
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL& 260		<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC& 200

Please note: this is not a complete list of prerequisites. You should consult with an advisor at Seattle Central to make sure you take the appropriate courses to be prepared to enter the major.

*Check prerequisites, admission requirements, and GPA requirements at your intended transfer university early so you can be well-prepared to transfer. Many nursing programs only admit students in the Fall so plan accordingly.

What are my next steps?

- Once you have had the chance to explore the career opportunities in nursing you might want to schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor to plan out your course of study. You can make an appointment by stopping by the Advising office in BE 1102D or calling us at 206-934-4068. (*If you are an international student, please stop by International Education Programs in BE 1113*).
- Attend Transfer Fairs and Career & Networking Fairs hosted by our office throughout the year.
- Explore the professional organizations in your area of interest for more information about education and career options.

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