



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Pre-Nursing

School of Nursing, College of Arts & Sciences

Program of Study

Students seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) must complete the general education core curriculum as well as courses to support the Nursing curriculum. The courses necessary to be successful in Nursing include Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, Nutrition, Life Span Development, Microbiology, Statistics, two in Anatomy and Physiology, and two in Chemistry.

The Pre-Nursing student must maintain an overall GPA of 2.33 and a 2.33 GPA for nursing support courses. Students must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) before applying to the School of Nursing. This test is given several times during fall and spring semesters. The application to the Nursing major is completed in early spring semester of the student's sophomore year.

Faculty

Western Illinois University faculty hold doctoral degrees from distinguished universities across the United States such as the Universities of Wisconsin–Madison, Rhode Island, Missouri, Georgia, Michigan, Arkansas, Connecticut, and Minnesota; Cornell; MIT; Colorado State; Maryland College Park; Northern Illinois; Iowa State; Louisiana State; Miami University, Ohio; and Southern Illinois. Faculty members are dedicated educators, skilled in fostering active student participation. They are also active scholars, who are involved in research and have to their credit books, chapters in books, articles, and scholarly presentations at professional conferences.

The Leslie Malpass Library

The library and its five branches house more than one million cataloged volumes, 3,300 current journal subscriptions, and 25 foreign and domestic newspapers. In addition, the library provides computer access to resources worldwide, including 800 other Illinois libraries with more than 22 million volumes. When necessary, the interlibrary loan program can have materials in students' hands within a day or two.

After College

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that there will be over one million new and replacement positions for nurses by 2010. Nursing is a rewarding career, and responsibilities placed on nurses continue to increase. Most hospitals or other employers are emphasizing the importance of personnel with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. At Western, students receive a solid background in the disciplines that are extremely important in a career in nursing. All of the science courses have a laboratory component and will prepare students to understand the fundamentals that are important to being a successful, highly qualified nurse. Students from our program are prepared for entry into the School of Nursing.

For More Information

You can learn more about the School of Nursing by visiting wiu.edu/nursing or by calling the school office, (309) 298-2571.

HIGHER VALUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western Illinois University offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 13,000 students in west-central Illinois. Western students have all the advantages of a large public university—strong faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities—in an atmosphere free from distractions. Western Illinois University is a member of the NCAA and competes at the Division I level, sponsoring 20 intercollegiate sports in a broad-based athletics department. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,500 students. The core values that are at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Western's GradTrac and Cost programs guarantee that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, room, and board.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, women, and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM, and campus tours are conducted at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily. Individual appointments with an admissions counselor, advisers/faculty, or a financial aid adviser may be arranged during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10:00 AM, and a campus tour is conducted at 11:00 AM. An individual appointment with an admissions counselor may be arranged. You may schedule your visit or tour online at admissions.wiu.edu by selecting "Visit Campus." You may also schedule a visit, tour, or individual appointment by calling toll free (877) PICKWIU [742-5948] or (309) 298-3157, or by e-mailing admissions@wiu.edu.

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