

**WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY and WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF NURSING BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING (BSN)
DEGREE**

Thank you for your interest in earning a nursing degree at Whitworth University. Whitworth is a private Presbyterian university located in Spokane, Wash. A consortium agreement, established in 1968, continues to ensure the seamless progression of qualified nursing students from one of three area universities to Washington State University College of Nursing to complete their BSN degree. The other consortium partners include Eastern Washington University (EWU) and Washington State University (WSU). WSU College of Nursing has sites in Spokane, Tri-Cities and Yakima, Wash. Additional information about Whitworth University is available at www.whitworth.edu, and more about WSU College of Nursing is available at www.nursing.wsu.edu.

Students generally attend classes for two years at one of the consortium universities, completing general education and nursing prerequisite requirements specific to their parent institution. Each university has a nursing advisor. Pre-nursing students work closely with that advisor to plan a course of study for the timely completion of the pre-nursing and general education requirements. As a consortium applicant, students must complete a minimum of one full academic year at their school (32 semester credits/45 quarter credits) in order to apply to WSU College of Nursing. These students have preference for admission to the nursing program (approximately 85-90 percent of each class is made up of consortium applicants). Ten-fifteen percent of applicants may be considered from other colleges/universities, and those “transfer” students must apply through Washington State University.

Whitworth’s general-education and nursing-prerequisite requirements are listed below. If a student enters Whitworth as a freshman, s/he should work closely with his/her advisor to plan a course of study. By doing so, s/he will generally be able to apply to the College of Nursing during the sophomore year for admission at the beginning of the junior year. For students who transfer majors or who come to Whitworth with college credits, a plan of study is individualized, depending on the numbers of credits needed to complete all requirements. All students must complete a minimum of 32 semester credits at Whitworth prior to applying to the nursing program.

▮ **The Washington State University College of Nursing offers admission twice annually (December for fall admission and July for spring admission) to students who meet admission criteria including successful completion of all lower-division coursework.** The College of Nursing admits approximately 120 students each fall and spring.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications are completed online through NursingCAS. Visit nursing.wsu.edu for more information and deadlines.

ADMISSION CRITERIA:

- All applicants are required to take the TEAS test (Test of Essential Academic Skills). Scores are valid from one year prior to the admission deadline.
- Applicants must be at junior standing (60 semester credits/90 quarter credits).
- 50 hours of work/volunteer experience in medical settings within the last 3 years. *(Please note: Sacred Heart and Holy Family cannot accommodate short-term volunteer opportunities or job shadowing. For long-term volunteer opportunities, contact their Volunteer Services departments.)* The experience log form may be downloaded from <https://nursing.wsu.edu/documents/2015/10/bsn-experience-log-form.pdf>
- Favorable evaluation of all information in the application file by the Undergraduate Admissions and Progression Committee at the College of Nursing.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all college course work.
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in [College of Nursing's prerequisite courses](#).
- Minimum grade for each prerequisite course – 2.0 (pass/satisfactory grades, AP, IB, and CLEP scores are not accepted).
- Prerequisite courses may be repeated. However, repeated classes planned or in progress at the time of application must be completed as planned. If you want to withdraw from the repeated course, please contact your nursing advisor immediately for advisement.
- No more than 3 prerequisite courses may be in progress during the final quarter/semester of lower-division requisite course work.
- All course work must be completed by the end of the spring term for fall admission, or by the end of fall term for spring admission.
- Virtual/online labs are not accepted. All lab courses must be taken in an on-campus format.

Excellent grades during the lower-division course of study, especially in nursing prerequisite courses, are important if the student expects to be successful during the upper-division course of study. Admission to the College of Nursing is competitive, based on grades, your application, and interviews with WSU CON faculty. Selected students are invited for a personal interview, which is the second phase of the admissions process. Letters of recommendation and résumés are **not** part of the evaluation process.

Students pay Whitworth's tuition rates while they attend classes on campus. Once they are admitted to WSU College of Nursing, registration is completed through WSU, and WSU tuition rates (either as in-state or out-of-state residents) apply. Whitworth graduates earn bachelor of nursing science degrees from both Whitworth University and Washington State University. Whitworth students enrolled at WSU will be considered dually enrolled at Whitworth and WSU and must pay an enrollment fee (approximately \$305) per semester for the dual enrollment. Students will be able to continue participating in Whitworth activities, and each may take up to three semester credits at Whitworth while a student at WSU.

Note: Students attending CON apply to and receive financial aid through Washington State University. Whitworth academic scholarships do not apply to the CON program. The Whitworth Financial Aid Office staff is always available to assist students making the transition from Whitworth's financial-aid processes to WSU's.

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