

Pre-Nursing

School of Nursing, College of Arts and 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 courses in 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 grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and nursing support course GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher with at least a C+ in each support course. 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.

University Libraries

University Libraries consists of the Leslie F. Malpass Library, which is the main branch, and four other branches: the Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library and the Quad Cities Library. We offer students access to a variety of resources in print and online. Research assistance is available in person at the Reference Desk and via instant messaging. Check out their website for hours, events and services available: wiu.edu/libraries.

After College

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates there will be over one million new and replacement positions for nurses. 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 BSN. 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 of Nursing office at (309) 298-2571.

Higher Values in Higher Education

Located in Macomb (population 20,000), with a campus in the Quad Cities (Moline, IL), Western offers a caring and supportive learning environment to more than 10,000 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 offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 19 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League. Western's presence in the Quad Cities spans more than 40 years, and that campus offers undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 1,400 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 Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees and 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 discrimination based on an individual's membership in the following classes: sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, and any other classes protected by state or federal law.

Campus Visits

The Admissions Reception Center (Sherman Hall 115) is open most weekdays from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. when the University is in session. Group information sessions are available on Mondays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and individual appointments can be made on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Campus tours are conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments with advisors, faculty or a financial aid advisor may be arranged separately during the week. The Admissions Reception Center is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. most Saturdays when the University is in session. A group information session is available at 10 a.m., and a campus tour is conducted at 11 a.m. Students may schedule a visit or tour online at wiu.edu/admissions by selecting Visit Campus. Students 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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