

Associate in PRE-Nursing DTA Worksheet 2025-2026

NOTE: This worksheet is intended to be used for planning purposes. See Admissions and Records for official degree audit information.

You can circle or put a check mark next to the course that you have taken or plan to take as you keep track of progress toward your degree.

Degree Overview

This degree is applicable for students planning to transfer to an upper division Bachelor of Science, Nursing (Entry to practice/basic BSN pathway). The student completes a minimum of 90 credits in courses numbered 100 or above with a minimum of 2.0 cumulative college-level GPA. In addition to the requirements listed below, students must fulfill the requirements for [Graduation](#) as outlined in the GHC catalog.

General Requirements

Communications (10 credits)

Course	Cr.
ENGL& 101 – English Composition I	5
ENGL& 102 – English Composition II	5
OR	
Course	Cr.
ENGL& 235 – Technical Writing	5

Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills (5 credits)

Complete the following:

Course	Cr.
MATH& 146 – Intro. to Statistics	5

(See note 3)

Distribution Requirements (65 credits required)

Students should make early contact with their potential transfer institutions regarding the specific courses they should take in the following distribution areas

Social Science (15 credits)

The following courses are required.

Course	Cr.
PSYC& 100 – General Psychology	5
PSYC& 200 – Lifespan Psychology	5
SOC& 101 – Introduction to Sociology	5

Humanities (15 credits)

The following course is required.

Course	Cr.
CMST& 220 – Public Speaking	5

Choose ten additional credits from the following humanities courses:

No more than 10 credits per discipline area; 5 credits maximum in world languages or ASL. No more than 5 credits of performance/skills classes are allowed.
** denotes performance/skills class*

(See note 4)

Area A: Visual Arts

Course	Cr.
ART& 100 – Art Appreciation	5
ART 101 – Beginning Drawing*	5
ART 104 – 2D Design*	5
ART 105 – 3D Design*	5
ART 250 – History of Art: Japan	5

Area B: Theatrical Arts

Course	Cr.
DRMA& 101 – Intro. to Theatre	5
FILM 125 – Film Interpretation	5
THEA 161 – Intro. to Acting*	5
THEA 163 – Intro. to Directing*	3

Area C: Musical Arts

Course	Cr.
MUSIC 100 – Music Fundamentals	5
MUSC& 105 – Music Appreciation	5
MUSC& 121 – Ear Training	2
MUSC& 131 – Music Theory	3

Area D: Literary Arts

Course	Cr.
ENGL& 111 – Intro. to Literature	5
ENGL 208 – Surv. Brit. Lit. to 1800	5
ENGL 209 – Brit. Lit. 1800-Present	5
ENGL& 220 – Intro. to Shakespeare	5
ENGL 233 – Childrens Literature	5
ENGL 246 – Queer Literature	5
ENGL& 244 – Intro. to American Lit.	5
ENGL 252 – Survey of World Lit.	5
ENGL 275 – Gender in Literature	5

Area E: Languages (5 credit maximum)

Course	Cr.
ASL& 121 – Amer. Sign Lang. I	5
ASL& 122 – Amer. Sign Lang. II	5
ASL& 123 – Amer. Sign Lang. III	5
SPAN& 121 – Spanish I	5
SPAN& 122 – Spanish II	5
SPAN& 123 – Spanish III	5

Area F: Communications

Course	Cr.
CMST& 101 – Intro. to Com.	5
CMST& 210 – Interpersonal Com.	5
CMST& 230 – Small Grp. Com.	5
CMST& 240 – Intercultural Com.	5

Note: The required CMST& 220, Public Speaking, is within the *Communications* discipline area. So, no more than 5 additional credits from Area F above is allowed. A maximum of 10 credits are allowed per discipline area.

Area G: Culture and Ideas

Course	Cr.
LING 101 – Intro. World Language	5
PHIL& 101 – Intro. to Philosophy	5
PHIL& 115 – Critical Thinking	5
PHIL& 112 – Symbolic Logic	5

Natural Science (15 credits)

A total of 15 credits is required. One course from three different areas, labeled A through F is required. At least one course with a laboratory must be taken. (L) = includes lab

Area A: Biological Science

Course	Cr.
BIOL& 160 – General Biology (L)	5
BIOL& 241 – Human Anat./Physio. I (L)	5
BIOL& 242 – Human Anat./Physio. II (L)	5
BIOL& 260 – Microbiology (L)	5
CHEM& 121 – Intro. to Chemistry (L)	5
CHEM& 131 – Intro. to Organic and Biochemistry (L)	5
NUTR& 101 – Nutrition	5

(See note 5)

Required Electives (10 credits)

Up to 10 additional quarter credits of which a maximum of 5 credits may be in college-level courses as defined by the community college, and the remainder shall be fully transferable as defined by the receiving institution.

(See note 6 on the next page).

Record the classes you will use for electives below

Course	Cr.

Application to a University of College

1. Admissions application deadlines vary; students must meet the deadline for the university or universities to which they plan to apply for admission to transfer.
2. For admission to nursing as a major it is critical to note that grade point average requirements vary, and admission is competitive across the several programs in nursing.
3. Certain schools may have additional “university-specific” requirements that are not pre-requisites to admission to the nursing major but will need to be completed prior to graduation or, as noted below for Northwest University, prior to commencement of nursing courses. Contact with advisors from individual schools for institutional requirements is highly recommended since this DTA may not meet every institution-specific graduation requirement. NU, for example, requires 12 credits of Biblical Literacy prior to beginning nursing classes.
4. Certain schools may have additional “university-specific” requirements for admission to the institution that are not pre-requisites specifically identified in the DTA requirements. UW Seattle, for example, requires 10 credits of a world language if the applicant has not completed two years of a single language in high school; PLU requires a year of a foreign language at the college level, if two years of high school foreign language has not been completed.

Notes

Note 1: Northwest University and Walla Walla College require that the second English composition class be a research writing class.

Note 2: UW Seattle and Seattle University require 10 credits in quantitative/symbolic reasoning with the additional class in college algebra or precalculus (at UW Seattle, a class in Logic also serves for the additional class).

Note 3: Northwest University requires Cultural Anthropology and does not accept a course in the sociology discipline as a substitute. Students may be admitted to the BSN without Cultural Anthropology if they agree to complete the course at NU in the summer prior to the junior year. A curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity is encouraged (required by WSU). The credits in sociology provide one opportunity for such a curriculum. See the sociology choices in the WSU “Diversity Course Identification Guidelines” for possible selection or choose courses that include minority, nonwestern, ethnic or other “area” studies.

Note 4: In order to better prepare for successful transfer, students are encouraged to consult with the institution(s) to which they wish to transfer regarding the humanities courses that best support or may be required as prerequisites to their nursing curriculum. A curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity is encouraged (required by WSU). Credits in the humanities distribution area provide one opportunity for such a curriculum. See the humanities choices in the WSU “Diversity Course Identification Guidelines” for possible selection or choose courses that include minority, non-western, ethnic or other “area” studies. 5 credits maximum in world language or ASL; 5 credits maximum in performance/skills classes.

Note 5: Northwest University requires 2 credits of genetics as well. Students may be admitted to the BSN without genetics if they agree to complete the course at NU in the summer prior to the junior year. At the time of application when some of the course work may not yet be completed, UW Seattle requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 for 3 out of 7 courses or 2.8 for 4 out of the 7.

Note 6: A curriculum that provides students with an understanding of and sensitivity to human diversity is encouraged (required by WSU). The elective credits provide one opportunity for such a curriculum. See the humanities choices in the WSU “Diversity

Course Identification Guidelines” for possible selection or choose course that include minority, non-western, ethnic or other “area” studies.

This degree requires completion of a minimum of ninety credits in academic courses numbered 100 or above with a minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA. Required are ten credits in writing skills and five credits in quantitative skills (statistics) plus fifteen credits in social sciences, fifteen credits in humanities, thirty-five credits in natural sciences and ten credits of general elective coursework.

Students should contact their potential transfer institutions regarding the requirement for overall minimum GPA, a higher GPA in a selected subset of courses or a specific minimum grade in one or more courses such as math or English.

Registered nurses perform health assessment, plan care, and intervene to assist persons in the prevention of illness, the promotion, restoration, or maintenance of health, and in end-of-life care for persons who are dying. Registered nurses work in a variety of health care settings including hospitals, nursing homes, community and home health agencies, schools, and offices. A license is required to practice professional nursing. Applicants for licensure in Washington State must be graduates of a school of nursing approved by the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, an agency of the Department of Health.