

## **Advising Check List for Pre-Nursing Students**

### **Essential information for all Pre-nursing students**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Process - Students are not allowed to apply with courses in progress. This means for a fall admission cycle (March 1-31), students must have their prerequisite courses completed the previous fall and for a spring admission cycle (August 1-31), students must have their prerequisite courses completed the summer prior. The TEAS must be completed by the last day of each admission cycle. [March 31st](#) for fall admission and [August 31st](#) for spring admission.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Nursing students must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout all classes, not just those pertaining to Nursing. A competitive prerequisite GPA is typically a 3.7 or higher. Do not to take more than 2 science classes per semester.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Course repetition policy - Students can repeat only 1 prerequisite for a grade substitution. Students cannot take alternative courses in the case of earning a C or better. Students can however take alternative courses for GE Areas A1 or A3 should they earn a D or F. For example, a student who earned a D or F in N SCI 4 could take any alternative A3 course to satisfy the area. Pre-Nursing majors are encouraged to consider taking the science prerequisites at local community colleges due to their longer drop/add period and better course selection/schedule.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Do not** take the TEAS test until you have completed at least 3 of the 4 prerequisite science classes. See the TEAS website: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for more information. The bookstore sells a TEAS Test guide and the Reference Desk in the Library also has a copy of the TEAS study manual.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students are given 3 chances to earn the required 75% score on the TEAS test. The Testing Center (278-2457) requires credit card payment of \$40 and a money order “sitting fee” of \$40. The test is about 4 hours. Students are **required** to bring the copy to our office (McLane Hall, Room 194) so that we can make a photocopy of the results and have them on file.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students will be allowed to take the TEAS beyond 3 attempts, only after 5 years have passed from the first attempt.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Students should take advantage of the Learning Resource Center (278-2052, ground floor of the Library). This is a free tutoring service available to students who are having difficulty with their classes. Many Pre-Nursing students are challenged in the science course requirements.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Nursing students that are uncertain about their major should visit the campus Career Services office (278-2381, Thomas Bldg, Room 103). The Career Counselors can help you to clarify your major selection through personal reflection and assessment instruments.

\_\_\_\_ Review CSU, Fresno alternative majors, such as:

- Public Health major with a Community Health option
- Therapeutic Recreation an option within Recreation Administration
- Dietetics & Food Administration (Registered Dietitian)
- Communicative Disorders the Speech-Language Pathology option
- Social Work, some hospitals and large medical offices or clinics employ those with an MSW (Master's in Social Work).

\_\_\_\_ Non-CSU, Fresno alternative programs and/or majors

- Physician Assistant Programs (UC Davis, Stanford)
- Community College Nursing programs (return as RN to BSN's)
- LVN programs at community colleges (then seek LVN to RN program)
- Radiology Technology program (FCC & Merced College)
- Respiratory Therapy program (FCC)
- Surgical Technology program (FCC)
- Physical Therapy Assistant (COS, Visalia)

### Pre-Nursing Coursework

**\* Successful applicants typically earn a 3.7 G.P.A. or better in the following classes.**

PREREQUISITE COURSE	GE Requirements
Oral Communication (COMM 3, 7 or 8)	A1
Written Communication (ENGL 5B or 10)	A2
Critical Thinking (SOC 3 recommended)*	A3
Quantitative Reasoning (MATH 11 or PH 92)	B4
General Chemistry (CHEM 3A)	B1 & B3
Human Anatomy (BIOL 64)	
Human Physiology (BIOL 65)	
Introductory Microbiology (BIOL 20)	B2
<b>ADDITIONAL TO MAJOR-These courses must be completed with a "C" or better and should be completed no later than the second semester of the nursing major.</b>	
Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 10)	D3
Statistics (MATH 11 or PH 92)	B4
Catalog years Prior to Fall 2013: SOC 1 or 2 or ANTH 2	D3
Beginning Fall 2013: Critical Thinking about Society (SOC 3)*	A3
Nutrition and Health: Realities and Controversies (NUTR 53)	E
Life Span Development (CFS 38)	E
Moral Questions or Contemporary Conflicts of Morals (PHIL 20 or 120)	C2 or IC

