

Pre-Nursing Checklist

Pre-Nursing Prerequisites

- Must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- A competitive prerequisite GPA is typically a 3.7 or higher.
- Do not take more than 2 science courses per semester.
- Encouraged to consider taking the science prerequisites at local community colleges due to their longer Add/Drop period and better course selection and schedule.

Course Repetition Policy

- Repeat only 1 prerequisite for a Grade Substitution.
- Cannot take alternative course in the case of earning a “C” or better.

Application Process

Students are **not** allowed to apply with courses still in progress.

Application Information

- Visit the NursingCAS website to submit your application: www.nursingcas.org
- Application fee is \$45.

Fall Admission Cycle (March 1-31)

Open to ALL eligible applicants.

- ✓ Prerequisite courses must be completed the previous Fall.
- ✓ TEAS must be completed by March 31st.

Spring Admission Cycle (August 1-31)

Open ONLY to all eligible CSU Fresno student applicants. (Eligible applicants must be currently enrolled fulltime in courses at CSU Fresno for at least 1 semester. Eligible Post-Baccalaureate applicants are to have graduated from CSU Fresno.)

- ✓ Prerequisite courses must be completed the Summer prior.
- ✓ TEAS must be completed by August 31st.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Do not take the TEAS test until you have completed at least 3 of the 4 prerequisite science courses.

Test Information

- ✓ Three chances to earn the required 75% or higher. Students will be allowed to take the TEAS beyond 3 attempts, *only after* 5 years have passed from the first attempt.
- ✓ **Testing Services** (559-278-2457, Family/Food Sciences 110)
 - The test is about 4 hours.
 - Requires credit card payment of \$40.00 and a money order “sitting fee” of \$40.00.
- ✓ Visit the TEAS website for more information: www.atitesting.com.
- ✓ The Bookstore sells TEAS test guide and the Library Reference Desk has a copy of the TEAS study manual.

Additional Information

Learning Resource Center (559-278-2052, Library ground floor)

- ✓ 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.

Career Services office (559-278-2381, Thomas Bldg, Room 103)

- ✓ Uncertain about your major you should visit the Career Services Office. Career Counselors can help to clarify your major selection through personal reflection and assessment instruments.

Review Fresno State Alternative Majors

- Public Health – Community Health Option
- Kinesiology – Exercise Science Option
- Recreation Administration – Therapeutic Recreation Emphasis
- Dietetics & Food Administration (Registered Dietitian)
- Communicative Disorders & Deaf Studies – Speech Language Pathology Emphasis
- Social Work – Some hospitals and large medical offices or clinics employ those with a Master’s in Social Work (MSW)

Non-Fresno State Alternative Programs / 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
ADDITIONAL TO MAJOR – These courses must be completed with a "C" or better and should be taken no later than the second semester of the nursing program.	
Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 10)	D3
Moral Questions or Contemporary Conflicts of Morals (PHIL 20 or 120)	C2 or IC
Critical Thinking about Society (SOC 3)*	A3
Nutrition and Health: Realities and Controversies (NUTR 53)	E
Life Span Development (CFS 38)	E