

## Pre-Nursing Requirements: Beyond the *Academic Advising Guide*

(Consult page 53 of the *Academic Advising Guide* in addition to this handout)

**Get started on science right away** – With the number of science pre-requisites required for Nursing, start taking sciences right away in your first semester. We recommend only one lab science course your first semester, but you could include Psychology 101 or statistics as well. Pre-requisites for the program in the School of Nursing include completion of the General Education curriculum (Foundations, Approaches and a subset of Connections) as well as a specific set of 8 math and science courses.

**Have a back-up major in mind** – It is important to develop a back-up plan, starting now! What will you do if not accepted into the School of Nursing? What if you decide that this is not the best career choice for you? **You have only eight semesters in which to finish an undergraduate degree** in the College of Arts and Sciences (not including summer school), so it is critical to have a plan that can be completed in that time. If you are accepted into the Nursing program after two years, that’s wonderful! If not, work on your alternate plan, along with any remaining nursing requirements, in junior and senior year.

**Timing** –The application deadline is in December each year, and students start the following May. Students may apply for the program as early as December of their sophomore year. If you are not ready to enter the program in May following your sophomore year, you can work on your alternate major and apply in a future year. While you are allowed to remain for more than eight semesters if you are accepted into the School of Nursing, we do want you to complete your nursing degree in a reasonable amount of time.

**Your grade point average and the School of Nursing** – The average GPA for students admitted to the School of Nursing is a 3.5. The minimum is a 2.8. The range of grades for students admitted recently is 3.0 to 4.0.

**Know about other nursing programs** – The School of Nursing at UNC-Chapel Hill is an excellent school, but it is not the only one. There are other nursing programs in the state of North Carolina. You should investigate to know about the range of possibilities. Program requirements vary, so you are responsible for knowing the requirements for programs you are interested in.

**More information about the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing:** <http://nursing.unc.edu/>

**Course Planning** – Schedules can vary. Below is one possible way of scheduling the first two years in preparation for the Nursing program.

|                  | FALL                          |          | SPRING                               |   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Freshman</b>  | ENGL 105                      | 3        | STOR 151 or 155 or GenEd requirement | 3 |
|                  | Language Level 2              | 4        | Language Level 3                     | 3 |
|                  | BIOC 107 or CHEM 101 and 101L | 4        | BIOC 108 or CHEM 102 and 102L        | 4 |
|                  | MATH 110 or STOR 151 or 155   | 3        | BIOL 101 and 101L                    | 4 |
|                  | Lifetime Fitness              | 1        | PSYC 101                             | 3 |
|                  | Total Hours = 15              |          | Total Hours = 17                     |   |
| <b>Sophomore</b> | BIOL 252 and 252L             | 4        | PHYI 292 or BIOL 253 and 253L        | 5 |
|                  | GenEd requirement             | 3        | MCRO 251                             | 4 |
|                  | GenEd requirement             | 3        | GenEd requirement                    | 3 |
|                  | GenEd requirement             | 3        | GenEd requirement                    | 3 |
|                  | <u>GenEd</u>                  | <u>3</u> |                                      |   |
|                  | Total Hours = 16              |          | Total Hours = 15                     |   |