

**College of Health and Human Services - School of Nursing  
Prerequisites for the Undergraduate Nursing Program (BSN)**

**Accelerated BSN applicants:**

Must complete the nursing prerequisite courses by the end of the spring term prior to the fall semester you intend to begin the nursing program. A regionally accredited bachelor's degree will meet general education requirements.

**Traditional BSN applicants:**

Must complete the nursing prerequisite courses and Mason Core courses requirements (except ENGH 302) by the end of the spring term prior to the fall semester you intend to begin the nursing program.

**NURSING PREREQUISITE COURSES**

COURSE NAME	CREDITS	MASON COURSE	NVCC EQUIVALENT
Bioethics	3	PHIL 309	PHI 227
Human Lifespan Development	3	PSYC 211	PSY 230, PSY 231 or PSY 232
Statistics *	3	STAT 250	MTH 240 or MTH 241
Nutrition	3	NUTR 295	DIT 121
<b>Important:</b> The three science courses below <i>cannot</i> be more than five years old for pre-licensure applicants, and two out of the three sciences <i>must</i> be complete at the time of application.			
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 124	BIO 141 or BIO 231
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 125	BIO 142 or BIO 232
Microbiology	4	BIOL 246 & BIOL 306 or BIOL 305 & BIOL 306	BIOL 205 or BIOL 150

**MASON CORE (GENERAL EDUCATION) COURSES**

*(Note: See opposite page for information about the Mason Core Waiver)*

MASON CORE CATEGORY	CREDITS	MASON COURSE	NVCC EQUIVALENT
English Composition	3	ENGH 101	ENG 111
Literature	3	Any approved course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: ENG 125 or any 200-level Literature (i.e. ENG 241)
Communication	3	COMM 100 or COMM 101	SPD/CST 100, 110, 115, or 126
Information Technology	3	Recommended: CDS 130 or IT 104 or any approved core course meeting <u>all</u> IT requirements, masoncore.gmu.edu	ITE 115
Social Science	3	Recommended: PSYC 100 or any approved core course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Recommended: PSY 200 or PSY 201 <b>and</b> PSY 202, PSY 216, SOC 101, ECO 201, ECO 202
Western Civilization	3	HIST 100 or 125	HIS 101, 102 112, 211, 212, 225, 226, 243, 244
Arts	3	Any approved course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: ART 101, MUS 101, 121, or SPD/CST 141
Global Understanding	3	Recommended: GCH 205 or any approved core course: masoncore.gmu.edu	HIS 111, REL 100, REL 230, REL 231, or REL 232, SPD/CST 229
Quantitative Reasoning **	3	Any approved core course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: MTH 151, 152, 173, 181, 240, 241, 271, or 272
Electives	7	Any course	Any course transferable to Mason
Advanced English Composition	3	ENGH 302	<i>No equivalent at community college; admitted applicants may take while enrolled in the nursing program.</i>

**NOTES**

\* PSY 213 at NVCC will satisfy the statistics requirement **ONLY** if the applicant has another college-level math (i.e., MTH 151, 152, 173, 181, 271, or 272 at NVCC) or has already completed a bachelor's degree.

\*\* MTH 240 or 241 satisfies Mason's quantitative math requirement *and* the BSN statistics requirement.

**RN to BSN applicants:**

Applicants must complete the nursing prerequisites prior to the semester they intend to begin the program and must hold an RN license prior to starting the program. Mason Core courses can be completed at Mason after admission to this program.

**Mason Veterans Program (MVP) and Co-Enrollment Pathway (CEP) applicants:**

Applicants must complete the nursing, Mason Core, and elective prerequisites prior to the semester they intend to begin the Mason program.

**NURSING PREREQUISITE COURSES for RN, MVP, and CEP Applicants**

COURSE NAME	CREDITS	MASON COURSE	NVCC EQUIVALENT
Bioethics	3	PHIL 309	PHI 227
Statistics *	3	STAT 250	MTH 240 or MTH 241
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 124	BIO 141 or BIO 231
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 125	BIO 142 or BIO 232
Microbiology	4	BIOL 246 & BIOL 306 or BIOL 305 & BIOL 306	BIOL 205 or BIOL 150
NAS 161 & NAS 162 (8 credits) at NVCC will fulfill the requirements for Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology ONLY for applicants who hold a current U.S.-based RN license. This option requires 4 additional elective credits for a total of 19 elective credits.			

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English Composition	3	ENGH 101	ENG 111
Literature	3	Any approved course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: ENG 125 or any 200-level Literature (i.e. ENG 241)
Communication	3	COMM 100 or COMM 101	SPD/CST 100, 110, 115, or 126
Information Technology	3	Recommended: CDS 130 or IT 104 or any approved core course meeting <u>all</u> IT requirements, masoncore.gmu.edu	ITE 115
Social Science	3	Recommended: PSYC 100 (or any core course: masoncore.gmu.edu)	Recommended: PSY 200 or PSY 201 <b>and</b> PSY 202, PSY 216, SOC 101, ECO 201, ECO 202
Western Civilization	3	HIST 100 or 125	HIS 101, 102, 112, 211, 212, 225, 226, 243, 244
Arts	3	Any approved core course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: ART 101, MUS 101, 121, or SPD/CST 141
Global Understanding	3	Recommended: GCH 205 (or any approved core course)	HIS 111, REL 100, REL 230, REL 231, or REL 232, SPD/CST 229
Quantitative Reasoning **	3	Any approved core course: masoncore.gmu.edu	Some options: MTH 151, 152, 173, 181, 240, 241, 271, or 272
Electives	15-19	Any course	Any course transferable to Mason
Advanced English Composition	3	ENGH 302	<i>No equivalent at community college; admitted applicants may take while enrolled in the nursing program.</i>

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**Mason Core Requirements** - Please visit <http://masoncore.gmu.edu/> to see list of courses that satisfy the Mason Core requirements.

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement** – Please visit <http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/gaa.asp> to review the Mason Core waiver eligibility requirements under the terms of the agreement. Mason's Office of Admissions, not the Office of Student Affairs, or the School of Nursing awards GAA waivers.

**Transfer Credit Matrix** – Please visit <http://admissions.gmu.edu/transfer/transferCreditSearch.asp> to determine if your course is transferrable to Mason. Please note this database is dynamic and constantly updated. While the data is as accurate and current as possible, the university retains the right to revise a transfer credit evaluation at any time.