Group Advising

Pre-Nursing

Registration Information for Summer and Fall 2017

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This is your "To Do" list

You must complete this "To Do" list before attending Group Advising

☐ **REVIEW the following presentation.**
   Please read through thoroughly as you will be expected to know this information.

☐ **PRINT your unofficial transcript (or a copy of your Degree Evaluation found in [Degree Works](#)).**
   Go to your "student" tab in URSA and select "Unofficial Transcript" or "Degree Evaluation." You _must_ bring a copy of this with you.

☐ **CHECK for "holds" on your account.**
   If there's a hold, it may prevent you from registering for classes and from printing your transcript. Check for holds in URSA under "Registration Status".

☐ **FILL OUT your [Liberal Arts Core (LAC) checklist](#).**

☐ **PREPARE a list of classes that you want to take next semester.**
   Carefully consider nursing prerequisites and other potential courses for the semester.

☐ **PRINT and complete a copy of the [Pre-Nursing Course Plan & Advising Worksheet](#).**
   Use previous copies of advising forms to help you fill out the form for this appointment, maybe use a pencil when doing this.

☐ **AFTER you've reviewed this packet of information, find a date and time that will work for you (at the back of the packet). You will use the online link that will be emailed to you to sign up for your group advising appointment.**

Your responsibility for the advising session includes bringing these items to the Group Advising session. Failure to bring all of the above items will result in you having to re-schedule your appointment.

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What to Expect…

You will receive your PIN number, registration date, and other pertinent information regarding the Nursing program.

You will have time with your academic advisor to ask questions and get advice on your proposed course schedule.

You will be meeting in a group of up to 10 students. This is <u>not</u> an individual session so if you need one-on-one advising due to special circumstances, please plan accordingly.

CHANGING MAJORS: If you are changing majors from Pre-Nursing to another major, you will need to attend an advising session to get your PIN number and you will need to bring a *Major/Minor Change Form* with you that is filled out with the new major listed. After the advising appointment, you will need to go to the department that offers the major that you are changing to, have them "ADD" you to the new major, and work with an advisor in that major to pick the correct classes for next semester. The completed *Major/Minor Change Form* will need to be taken to the Registrar's Office for final processing. The *Major/Minor Change Form* can be found on the [Registrar's website.](Registrar's website) You will not need to stay for the entire group advising session unless you want to.

ADDING AN ADDITIONAL MAJOR: If you are currently declared as Pre-Nursing and would like to add an additional Major (ie: Double-Majoring), you will need to fill out the *Major/Minor Change Form* and have the new major sign to "ADD" you to that major. You will need to meet with your other department's advisor in addition to meeting with me in order to get the correct classes scheduled. The completed *Major/Minor Change Form* will need to be taken to the Registrar's Office for processing. The *Major/Minor Change Form* can be found on the [Registrar's website.](Registrar's website) Please speak with a Financial Aid Counselor to see if your financial aid will cover this (if applicable).

Your Transcript...

Pull out your printed transcript or degree evaluation and Liberal Arts Core (LAC) checklist.

Identify which courses you've taken, or are currently taking, that will count toward the LAC. Mark only courses that were passed with a D- or higher.

Make note of your <u>earned</u> <u>hours</u> towards the bottom of the transcript. This is the number that's used when determining your registration date.

As a reminder you will need to have at least 40 hours earned in your LACs, in the correct areas, to meet the graduation requirements.

ALL Nursing Prerequisites must have at least a "C" or higher (no C-'s), regardless of whether you've transferred in these courses or not.

Remember that AP/IB and transfer courses may also fulfill LAC requirements.

Credit for these courses will be listed near the top of your unofficial transcript.

Liberal Arts Core Area 1 Communication (Composition) – 6 hours

ENG 122 College Composition
is needed to meet the University LAC
requirements.

ENG 123 College Research Paper
is a Nursing prerequisite requirement and a
grade of "C" or higher is required.

If you took AP English **Language**/Composition and scored a 3 or higher, this will meet the ENG 122 requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office. (A score of 4 or higher will award credits for ENG 122 and ENG 123.)

If you took AP English **Literature**/Composition and scored a 3 or higher, this will meet the ENG 122 requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office. (A score of 4 or higher will award credits for ENG 122 and ENG 131.)

ACT score of 30 or higher, or SAT Critical Reading score of 630 or higher, exempts student from ENG 122; however, student will need to take an additional 3 credits from the LAC checklist ensuring that they meet the 31 credit requirement from Areas 1-6.
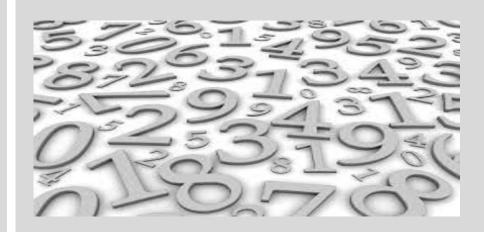
If you took AP English **Language**/Composition and scored a 4 or higher, this will meet the ENG 123 requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office.

ENG 122 is a prerequisite to Area 1b. Therefore, a passing grade in ENG 122 or an exemption, is necessary before enrolling in ENG 123.

Liberal Arts Core Area 2 Mathematics – 3 hours

STAT 150 Introduction to Statistical Analysis is a Nursing prerequisite requirement and a grade of "C" or higher is required.

If you took AP Statistics and scored a 3 or higher, this will meet the STAT 150 requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office.

Need Help?

[Ross 1250 Math Tutoring Lab - free drop-in tutoring staffed by faculty and students.](#)

[ASA Tutoring Center - free individual and group tutoring with appointments.](#)

Liberal Arts Core Areas 3 & 5
Arts & Humanities – 6-9 hours
Social & Behavioral Sciences – 3-6 hours

Arts & Humanities (Area 3)
6-9 hours from at least two different subgroups

In Area 3, your courses must be chosen from at least 2 different subgroups (a, b, c, or d).

Basically, if you take two courses in Area 3, you must take two courses in Area 5 (from 2 different subgroups).

If you take three courses in Area 3, then you only need one in Area 5 (the **PSY 230** course).

A total of 12 credit hours combined is needed to fulfill these two areas of your Liberal Arts Core.

Social & Behavioral Sciences (Area 5)
3-6 hours from at least two different subgroups

In Area 5, you need to have **PSY 230** (which is a LAC 5c) for Nursing prerequisite requirements. This means that you don't want to choose other classes from Area 5c because that subgroup has been met.

If you want to choose a class from Area 5, make sure that it's something from subgroup 5a or 5b.

Other Nursing programs may require a General Psychology or Sociology course for their requirements.

In addition, if you are interested in a Minor in Psychology or Sociology at UNC, you would need to take PSY 120 or SOC 100 (respectively).

Liberal Arts Core Area 4 History – 3 hours

You must successfully complete one Liberal Arts Core History course, per University graduation requirements.

If you took AP United States History, or AP World History and scored a 3 or higher, this will meet the History requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office.

If you took AP European History and scored a 4 or higher, this will meet the History requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office.

There are many HISTORY courses offered at UNC!

Make sure that you choose a course from the LAC Checklist.

Liberal Arts Core Area 6
Physical & Life Sciences– 7 hours

BIO 110 Principles of Biology, CHEM 281 Fundamentals of Biochemistry, and FND 250 Principles of Nutrition are all Nursing prerequisite requirements and a grade of "C" or higher is required.

BIO 110 Principles of Biology (4 credits)
If you took AP Biology and scored a 4 or higher, this will meet the BIO 110 requirement. Make sure that these credits are posted on your transcript. If they're not, you will need to send an AP transcript to our Admissions Office.

CHEM 281 Fundamentals of Biochemistry (4 credits)
Please note that effective Fall 2014, this course changed from a 5-credit course to a 4-credit course. (3 credits lecture, 1 credit lab)

FND 250 Principles of Nutrition (3 credits)

It is recommended by the Chemistry Department for students to successfully complete a college-level Chemistry course prior to enrolling in CHEM 281.

The suggested courses would be either CHEM 103, or CHEM 111 depending on your previous Chemistry experience.

Need Help?

ASA Tutoring Center - free individual and group tutoring with appointments.

Liberal Arts Core Areas 7 & 8
International Studies – select one course
Multicultural Studies – select one course

International Studies (Area 7)
 select one course

No foreign language is required at UNC for most majors. Although many courses in Area 7 are language courses, several are not. Also, please be advised that CHIN 116, FR 116, GER 116, and JAPN 116 are taught in English.

Multicultural Studies (Area 8)
 select one course

Before you graduate, you need to have successfully completed one course from both Areas 7 & 8.

Tutoring Services & Other Resources

How to Get Free Tutoring

To get started with your tutoring experience, stop by the Office of Academic Support & Advising (Michener L149). Students can schedule appointments in person at the receptionist's desk. A UNC student ID is required in order to schedule the first tutoring appointment. Appointments for tutoring are strongly recommended; walk-in slots are subject to availability. Both group and individual tutoring sessions are available. When you visit ASA, the receptionist can tell you the availability of subject areas and available tutor times. This list below can also be found on the ASA Tutoring Center website at http://www.unco.edu/asa/tutoring/.

http://www.unco.edu/asa/tutoring/resources.html

https://quizlet.com

https://www.studyblue.com

https://www.khanacademy.org

https://www.youtube.com/

MATH LAB INFORMATION

http://www.mathsci.unco.edu/Resources/

WRITING CENTER INFORMATION

http://www.unco.edu/english/wcenter/

Nursing Prerequisites...

BIO 110 – Principles of Biology
(4 credits – lecture & lab) {LAC 6}

BIO 245 – Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology
(4 credits – lecture & lab)

BIO 246 – Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology
(3 credits – lecture & lab)

BIO 251 - Allied Health Microbiology
(4 credits – lecture & lab, effective Fall 2017 and beyond)

CHEM 281 – Fundamentals of Biochemistry
(4 credits – lecture & lab) {LAC 6}

ENG 123 – College Research Paper
(3 credits) {LAC 1b}

FND 250 – Principles of Nutrition
(3 credits) {LAC 6}

NURS 326 – Pathophysiology
(3 credits)

PSY 230 – Human Growth & Development
(3 credits) {LAC 5c}

STAT 150 – Introduction to Statistical Analysis
(3 credits) {LAC 2}

ALL Nursing Prerequisites must have at least a "C" or higher (no C-'s), regardless of whether you've transferred in these courses or not.

ALL Nursing Prerequisites must be completed by the end of the Spring semester in which you are applying to the program.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class completion is required by the date of application for the School of Nursing, proof of class completion is <u>required</u>. If accepted into the Nursing Program for 2018, certification must be completed by April 1, 2018.

To find a list of available CNA programs in the State of Colorado, please go
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing_Education

School of Nursing GPA Calculation

GPA calculation

Most recent 45 college credits *(excluding technical and/or remedial credits)* x GPA = *Quality Points 1*

Nursing Prerequisites *(excluding BIO 110)* x GPA = *Quality Points 2*

Quality Points 1 + *Quality Points 2* = *Total Quality Points*

45 credits + Nursing Prerequisites credits = *Total Credits*

Total Quality Points / *Total Credits* = SON GPA

Remember that Nursing prerequisite courses will count twice in your GPA if they were completed within your most recent 45 college credits.

An example of how to calculate your School of Nursing GPA will be emailed to currently enrolled Pre-Nursing students. If you don't receive this, please let me know and this information can be sent to you.

Please note that the School of Nursing Office is not able to assist with calculating your SON GPA calculation but the GPA Predictor is very thorough and if the directions are followed correctly, it will give you an idea of what your SON GPA is.

School of Nursing Performance Standards*

Performance Requirement	Description	Standard	Examples of Actions (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Ability to problem solve	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop care plans, evaluate the effectiveness of nursing interventions
Interpersonal	Ability to relate to others	Interpersonal abilities sufficient for professional interactions with a diverse population of individuals, families and groups	Identify needs of others, establish rapport with patient, families, colleagues, engage in successful conflict resolution, peer accountability
Communication	Speech, reading, writing	Effective use of English language. Communication adeptness sufficient for verbal, nonverbal and written professional interactions	Explain treatment procedures, initiation of health teaching, documentation and interpretation of nursing actions and patient responses
Mobility/Endurance	Physical ability, strength, stamina	Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room quickly and maneuver in small spaces in order to physically perform patient care continuously for up to a 12-hour shift	Movement about patient's room, work spaces, and treatment areas, provide routine personal care and emergency administration of rescue procedures (CPR), walk, sit, and stand for long periods of time
Motor Skills	Physical ability, coordination, dexterity	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe, effective nursing care	Calibration and use of equipment, lift, transfer and position patients, maintain sterile technique
Hearing	Use of auditory sense	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Ability to hear monitoring device alarms and other emergency signals and cries for help, auscultatory sounds
Visual	Use of sight	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in patient care	Observe patient condition and responses to treatments, see calibration markings or numbers
Tactile	Use of touch	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Ability to palpate and use sense of touch in physical examinations and therapeutic interventions
Emotional/Behavioral	Emotional and mental stability	Emotional stability and appropriate behavior to function effectively under stress and assume responsibility/ accountability for actions	Adaptable, concern for others. Ability to provide safe nursing care in a stressful environment with multiple interruptions, noises, distractions, unexpected patient needs

*Upon acceptance into the Nursing Program, students requiring accommodations will be required to meet with Dr. Melissa Henry to discuss a plan.

Examination for RN Licensure (NCLEX)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE
Upon completion of the nursing program you become eligible to take the NCLEX, a National Board of Nursing licensing exam for the Registered Nurse license. The following questions are asked on the application for licensure. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you may not be eligible for licensure.

- Has any nursing or other health care license held by you ever been denied, revoked, suspended, reprimanded, fined, surrendered, limited, or placed on probation in any state other than Colorado or in any territory of the United States?
- Are you under investigation or is a disciplinary action pending against your nursing license or other health care license in any state or territory of the United States?
- Have you received notification from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, that you have been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid or any federal health care programs based on program related crimes and discipline?
- Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere, or no contest for any felony, misdemeanor or petty offense?
- Have you ever been convicted, pled no contest/nolo contendere, or had a court accept a plea to a criminal motor vehicle offense of DUI/DWI/DWAI/OWI or any traffic offense involving drugs or alcohol?
- Has any final judgment, settlement or arbitration award for malpractice been paid by you or on your behalf?
- In the last five years, have you been diagnosed with or treated for a condition that significantly disturbs your cognition, behavior, or motor function, and that may impair your ability to practice as a professional nurse safely and competently, such as bipolar disorder, severe major depression, schizophrenia or other major psychotic disorder, a neurological illness, or sleep disorder?
- Do you now abuse or excessively use, or have you in the last five years abused or excessively used, any habit forming drug, including alcohol, or any controlled substance that has
     a) resulted in any accusation or discipline for misconduct, unreliability, neglect of work, or failure to meet professional responsibilities; or
     b) affected your ability to practice as a professional nurse safely and competently?
- Have you been terminated or permitted to resign in lieu of termination from a nursing or other health care position because of your use of alcohol or use of any controlled substance, habit-forming drug, prescription medication, or drugs having similar effects?
- Have you been arrested for an alcohol or drug-related offense other than stated in bulleted item No. 5?

You should also be aware that the School of Nursing is required to report knowledge of any of the above behaviors to the Colorado State Board of Nursing. Although an affirmative answer to one of these questions does not automatically mean you will be denied licensure, it may mean the Board will not consider you eligible even if you pass the NCLEX exam. Each case is considered on its individual merit.

A Few Additional Details…

What is YOUR *Back-Up Plan* in the event that you don't get into the program the first time that you apply?
- Retake classes and re-apply the following year?
- Work towards a minor in a discipline that would be complementary to a Nursing degree?
- Change majors to a different discipline and apply under our 2nd Degree option?
- Apply to the dual enrollment program with AIMS & UNC? Fort Morgan & UNC? Northeastern Junior College & UNC? Front Range Community College & UNC?

- Apply to multiple Schools of Nursing?
    - Confirm that the institution holds Higher Learning Commission accreditation
            Example: North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
    - Confirm that the Nursing Program holds accreditation
        CCNE – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
        ACEN – Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (*formerly known as NLNAC – National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.*)

GET INVOLVED!!

Student Nurses' Association is available to all interested students

Check into the Bear-Way Program!
http://www.unco.edu/natural-health-sciences/resources/student-resources.aspx

Provides you with an additional layer of advising and support to help you explore an alternate/parallel academic plan

School of Nursing Application Process

To be eligible to apply to the Nursing Program, all applicants must have applied and have been accepted as a student at the University of Northern Colorado.

The School of Nursing accepts applications every January for admissions into the program. Dates for submission to the 2018 Nursing Program will published in the fall.

Applications will be available on the School of Nursing website during the first week of November and will include further directions and information. In 2018, we will consider GPA, letters of recommendation, an essay, and additional criteria to be published after Spring 2017 semester.

All Nursing prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to be eligible to apply to the program (C- is not acceptable).

All applicants must have a 3.0 or higher within their most recent 45 college credits (excluding technical or remedial courses) to be eligible.

All Nursing prerequisites must be completed by the end of the Spring semester in the year in which you are applying to the program.

School of Nursing
Group Advising Appointment Sign Up

Refer to your "To Do List" that is listed on Slide 2.
Have you gone through the entire presentation? Now it's time to get your materials ready for the Group Advising session!

Print and complete the **Pre-Nursing Course Plan & Advising Worksheet**.

   Please write neatly as I will keep a copy in your student file – *use a pencil.*

   What classes are you planning on taking next semester? Please refer to the School of Nursing brochure or your 4-year plan advising sheet to see what courses should be completed next. Some things to consider:

- The Biology courses are important in terms of sequencing!
   BIO 110 → BIO 245 → BIO 246 → NURS 326
   BIO 110 + CHEM 281 → BIO 251
- Balancing your schedule (credit hours, level of difficulty…)
- It is the responsibility of the student to understand the Nursing prerequisite requirements and successful progression of the requirements.
- It is the responsibility of the student to understand the Liberal Arts Core requirements.
- It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of deadlines through the Registrar's Office that may affect their courses.
- *If there is something that you don't understand, please ask!*

We will not give out **PIN NUMBERS** by phone or by email. You must attend a Group Advising session in order to get your PIN NUMBER. Make sure that you plan accordingly.

Now that you've been through this presentation, you can sign up for group advising by using the link that was emailed to you.
Space is limited to ten students per session and times may fill up fast!

All Group Advising sessions will meet in Gunter 3460 or Gunter 3000.
You will only be allowed into the session if you are on time, and by showing us your transcript, completed LAC checklist and completed Pre-Nursing Student Advising Form.

Although you may have registered for group advising, if you fail to show up with the necessary documents as noted on the To Do List, we will require that you leave & sign up for another session.

Group Advising Times

(Athletes and Sophomores, recommended to sign up for a time below)

Day	Date	Time Available Option 1	Time Available Option 2	Time Available Option 3
Monday	March 6	11:00 am – 12:00 pm Gunter 3000	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Gunter 3000	
Tuesday	March 7	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Gunter 3000	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Gunter 3000	
Wednesday	March 8	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460		
Friday	March 10	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460		
Monday	March 20	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Gunter 3000		
Tuesday	March 21	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460		
Wednesday	March 22	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Gunter 3460	
Thursday	March 23	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3000	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3000	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Gunter 3000
Friday	March 24	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460	
Monday	March 27	10:30 am – 11:30 am Gunter 3000	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Gunter 3000	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Gunter 3000
Tuesday	March 28	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Gunter 3000	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Gunter 3000	
Wednesday	March 29	10:30 am – 11:30 am Gunter 3460		

Group Advising Times
(*Freshmen, recommended to sign up for a time below*)

Day	Date	Time Available Option 1	Time Available Option 2	Time Available Option 3
Thursday	March 30	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3000	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3000	
Friday	March 31	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Gunter 3460
Monday	April 3	10:30 am – 11:30 am Gunter 3000	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Gunter 3000	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Gunter 3000
Tuesday	April 4	9:00 am – 10:00 am Gunter 3000	10:30 am – 11:30 am Gunter 3000	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Gunter 3000
Wednesday	April 5	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Gunter 3460	
Thursday	April 6	8:30 am – 9:30 am Gunter 3000	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Gunter 3000	
Friday	April 7	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Gunter 3460	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Gunter 3460
Monday	April 10	10:30 am - 11:30 am Gunter 3000	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Gunter 3000	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Gunter 3000
Tuesday	April 11	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3000	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3000	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Gunter 3000
Wednesday	April 12	10:00 am – 11:00 am Gunter 3460	11:30 am – 12:30 pm Gunter 3460	
Thursday	April 13	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3000	9:30 am – 10:30 am Gunter 3000	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Gunter 3000
Friday	April 14	8:00 am – 9:00 am Gunter 3460	9:30 am – 10:30 am Gunter 3460	

ASSIGNED DATES BY HOURS <u>COMPLETED</u>

*Registration dates are based on **EARNED** credit hours and **DO NOT** include hours that you are currently enrolled in.*

Earned Credit Hours	Registration Date
105 and above	April 4
90 – 104	April 5
75 – 89	April 6
60 – 74	April 7
45 – 59	April 10
30 – 44	April 11
22 – 29	April 12
15 – 21	April 13
7 – 14	April 14
1 – 6	April 17
0	April 18

Summer Session Registration opens on April 3rd.
A PIN NUMBER is not required to register for Summer courses.

Fall 2017 Registration Dates

Academic Calendar with deadlines can be located at:
http://www.registrar.unco.edu/Semestercalendar.html

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