

PUBLIC HEALTH - PRE-NURSING PROGRAM

The Public Health - Pre-Nursing Program is a dual-degree based on a formal affiliation agreement that admits a limited number of students into an articulated program that begins with 83 credits at WSU in the Public Health/Pre-Nursing program and continues with the accelerated Bachelor of Nursing program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University ("MCPHS University") Worcester or Manchester, NH campus. At the completion of the appropriate 37 credits (of the 63 required) at MCPHS University, the student transfers those credits back to WSU and earns a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. The student then completes the additional number of appropriate credits (26) at MCPHS University to earn the B.S. in Nursing. Students should see the advisor in the Health Sciences department assigned to the program.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health requires the following 83 credits at WSU followed by the 63 credits in Nursing which will be taken at the MCPHS University campus in either Worcester or Manchester, NH.

WSU Dual Degree Entrance Requirements

High School GPA 3.0 and SAT CR and MA total of 1000 (or ACT 21). Students for whom English is not their first language must also submit a TOEFL with a score of 213 or higher or a minimum of 90 on the iBT.

An **Intent to Transfer/Enroll at MCPHS University** form must be submitted by May 1 for fall enrollment and by September 1 for spring enrollment and must include an official WSU transcript.

Admission to the accelerated BSN program is also contingent upon a satisfactory pre-admission interview conducted by MCPHS University at the campus to which a student intends to transfer and is subject to availability of openings in the program.

The MCPHS University Worcester /Manchester Admissions Committee retains the right to make the final decision on each student's transfer application.

The **B.S. in Public Health at WSU** is earned upon the successful completion of 37 credits at MCPHS University. The WSU Registrar requires an official transcript.

WSU Curriculum Requirements

- Complete 83 required credits at WSU with a minimum GPA of 2.5 during either 4 semesters and 2 summer sessions or 5 semesters.
- No grade below a C (2.0) in Public Health major courses or required ancillary courses -

Code	Title	Credits
BI-161	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI-162	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI-206	Medical Microbiology	4
CH-112	Survey of Chemistry	4
PS-210	Developmental Psychology	3
PS-275 or MA-150	Psychological Statistics Statistics I	4

- Courses may not be re-taken.
- Transfer ancillary courses require prior written approval of MCPHS University.
- LASC courses may receive grades lower than C or be taken pass/fail.

Requirements Completed at WSU (83)

Year One		
Semester One		Credits
FYS	First-Year Seminar (FYS)	3
EN-101	College Writing I	3
HC-201	Introduction to Public Health	3
HI-111 or HI-112	US History to 1877 or US History 1865 to the Present	3
PS-101	General Psychology	3
Credits		15
Semester Two		
BI-161	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
CH-112	Survey of Chemistry	4
EN-102	College Writing II	3
HE-100	Personal Health	3
Credits		14
Semester Three		
PS-210	Developmental Psychology	3
SO-100	Introduction to Sociology	3
LASC	LASC Elective (QR)	3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Semester Four		
BI-162	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BI-206	Medical Microbiology	4
HC-202	Introduction to Global Health	3
HC-415	Community Health Planning and Promotion	3
PS-275 or MA-150	Psychological Statistics or Statistics I	4
Credits		18
Semester Five		
HE-120	Health and Nutrition	3
HC-203	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
HC-425	Research Seminar	3
HE-390	Environmental Health	3
LASC	LASC Elective (CA)	6
LASC	LASC Elective (GP)	
Credits		18
Semester Six		
HE-210	Women's Health Issues	3
LASC	LASC Elective (TLC)	6
LASC	LASC Elective (USW)	
Credits		9
Total Credits		83

Students in Track I will complete the above courses with the addition of two summer sessions at WSU.

Students in Track II will complete the above courses during a third Fall semester at WSU.

Requirements Completed at MCPHSU

Fall or Spring		Credits
NUR 205	Nursing History, Knowledge & Narrative	3
NUR 208	Essential Concepts of Nursing	3
NUR215/215L	Nursing Skills & Technologies	4
NUR 226	Pathophysiology & Pharmacology	6
Credits		16
Spring or Summer		Credits
NUR 325/335L	Provider of Care I: Adult & Elder Health	8
NUR350	Scholarly Inquiry	3
Credits		11
Summer or Fall		Credits
NUR 330	Nursing History, Knowledge & Narrative	3
NUR 335	Essential Concepts of Nursing	6
NUR 345	Nursing Skills & Technologies	6
Credits		15
Fall or Spring II		Credits
NUR 425	Provider of Care IV: Community/Home Health	8
NUR 445	Provider of Care V: Coordinator of Care	6
NUR 450	Member of a Profession: Capstone Project	4
Credits		18
Total Credits		60

Please see LASC section of this catalog for information on the Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum (LASC) and for policies governing the use of major courses toward LASC requirements.

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor to review their courses for the upcoming semester. A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation. First-year and transfer students with 45 or fewer credits at the time of admission shall complete two academic programs (a major/major or major/minor) to qualify for graduation. For more information, please view the MajorPlus section of this catalog.