

## **Introduction**

Admission into a nursing program requires completion of prerequisite courses. This guide is designed to assist students who wish to pursue a nursing degree to guide them into appropriate prerequisite courses at any of the institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE). These institutions include the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, Southern Utah University, Snow College, Dixie State University, Utah Valley University and Salt Lake Community College.

This document contains a core set of prerequisites required at USHE institutions. Some institutions may have additional prerequisites than those listed in this document. Students should meet with a nursing academic advisor prior to taking prerequisite coursework.

Admission to each nursing program at USHE institutions is competitive. There are almost always more applicants than available openings. Because of this, students admitted to nursing programs at USHE institutions almost always meet more than the minimum standards required for admission. Admission decisions are typically made within two months following receipt of application. Students desiring to enter a nursing program should apply for admission to the nursing program at each institution they wish to attend.

## **Nursing Prerequisites**

The following prerequisites apply to associate and baccalaureate degree nursing programs at the institutions referenced above.

### **LIFE SCIENCE**

Biology 2320 Human Anatomy

Biology 2325 Human Anatomy Lab

Biology 2420 Human Physiology

Biology 2425 Human Physiology Lab

*Note: Equivalent courses at UVU have Zoology as a prefix.*

*Equivalent courses at Weber State University are Zoology 2100 and 2200.*

*Alternatively, the Weber State University Health Sciences Bio Medical Core 1110 and 1111 meet the anatomy and physiology requirement at Weber State University.*

## PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Chemistry 1110

Chemistry 1115

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

Psychology 1100 Human Growth and Development

*Note: At Snow College, Psychology 1100 meets a general education requirement but is not a program prerequisite.*

*Psychology 1010 is required at Southern Utah University, but students may petition department to substitute Psychology 1100 for Psychology 1010.*

*At Weber State University Psychology 1010 is a required nursing support course and should be taken instead of Psychology 1100.*

*An equivalent Human Growth and Development course offered through a USHE institution's family and consumer studies department meets the Psychology 1100 prerequisite requirement at all institutions except Weber State University.*

## ENGLISH

English 1010 Introduction to Writing

## MATH

Math 1040 Introduction to Statistics

*Note: At some USHE institutions, completion of Math 1030, Math 1040, or Math 1050 will meet the math prerequisite.*

*Math 1050 College Algebra is required at Utah Valley University and Utah State University.*

### **Pathways for Admittance to Baccalaureate Nursing Degree Programs**

Students wishing to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing have two pathways for program admittance:

1. Earn an associate degree in nursing and become licensed as a Registered Nurse.
2. Apply for admission directly to a full four-year bachelor of nursing program.

Students who opt for the first bachelor's pathway must have graduated with an associate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution whose nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). All associate degree nursing programs within USHE meet this accreditation requirement.

Students who opt for the second pathway should meet with a nursing academic advisor immediately upon admission to the institution to review program requirements.