

Topics in Advising

Navigating Pre-Nursing & Nursing Majors

For Admitted Students

Introduction:

Pre-Nursing and Nursing majors at SSU are popular and competitive, and operate differently than most other majors. SSU admits approximately 50 pre-nursing students each year. Students are only eligible to be a pre-nursing major as a first-time, first-year student. Current and transfer students are not eligible. To earn a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), students must complete two years of pre-nursing prerequisites and general education courses and then apply and be accepted into the pre-licensure program (nursing school) which is also two years. 24 students are accepted into the pre-licensure program each fall. SSU receives over 400 applications each year for those 24 seats.

Students do not have to be in the pre-nursing program (first two years) to apply to the pre-licensure program (last two years). Any student who completes the pre-nursing prerequisites and meets the minimum GPA eligibility can apply. Pre-nursing students are awarded 5 points on their application, but are not guaranteed a spot. They must apply as well. Students are selected based on a point system. Selection is a competitive process.

Overview:

1. Check out the [SSU Nursing Department](#) website for detailed information about the major.
2. The [two-year plan](#) is the recommended plan for which courses to take for pre-nursing majors and for those students not accepted into pre-nursing but would like to work towards nursing.
3. The [requirements](#) for the pre-licensure program are included here as well as the point breakdown for applicants.
4. Any student can get pre-nursing advising from [University Advising](#).



FAQs:

1

If I wasn't accepted into pre-nursing as an incoming first year student, can I still pursue nursing?

YES! Any student can apply for the pre-licensure program, as long as you complete the pre-nursing courses and meet eligibility requirements. We advise that you work with the pre-nursing Advisor for support along the way.

2

What major should I choose if I didn't get into pre-nursing and still want to pursue nursing?

Any major is fine. Being an undeclared major is often the easiest. Some students decide to finish a degree in something else first and then apply to nursing. We encourage you to connect with our pre-nursing Advisor to explore all pathways to nursing.

3

How can I get advising to follow a pre-nursing pathway during Orientation?

Make sure you register for the [recommended courses](#) for fall semester for pre-nursing students. Feel free to contact the pre-nursing advisor in [University Advising](#) for additional help.