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Pre-Nursing (Drake ABSN)

For students entering Fall 2026 or later

As a pre-nursing student, you will complete three years in the pre-nursing track of the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree, followed by 12 months in Drake's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program. Both degrees are awarded upon successful completion of the ABSN program. This pre-nursing track includes several benefits such as full consideration for admission to Drake's ABSN program, college resources and support during your undergraduate coursework, membership in student organizations, and enrollment in Health Sciences courses, allowing you to gain job shadowing experiences, career exploration opportunities, innovation and practice management skills, and an understanding of the health care system.

This form is a planning tool only - Consult your degree evaluation in Self Service to view how coursework meets degree requirements.

Name _____

Student ID _____

I. Basic Graduation Requirements

120 - Total Credit Hours	
2.0 or Above - Cumulative GPA	
Graduation Application - in Self Service	

II. Drake Curriculum - Areas of Inquiry (AOI's)

Drake ABSN pre-requisites are bolded			Course	Credit
Fulfilled by required coursework (16 credits)				
Global & Cultural Understanding			HSCI 106	3
Information Literacy			HSCI 172	3
Scientific Literacy*			BIO 012/L	4
Quantitative Literacy			MATH 050	3
Values & Ethics			HSCI 105	3
Choose a course (12 credits)				
Artistic Literacy				
Engaged Citizen				
Historical Foundations				
Written Communication				
*Science course must include a lab.				

III. All University Required Courses (3 credits)

			Course	Credit
Equity & Inclusion**			HSCI 106	-
First Year Seminar (1st semester)*			FYS ---	3
*This course may be waived for transfer students				
**May be used to fill an AOI; HSCI 106 will satisfy if not already fulfilled- additional credit hours will not be awarded for this requirement				

IV. Health Sciences Core Requirements (33 credits)

Drake ABSN pre-requisites are bolded		Credit
HSCI 020 - Introduction to Health Sciences		3
HSCI 025 - Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System		3
HSCI 055 - Innovation & Leadership in Health Sciences (60 credits)		3
HSCI 060 - Statistics in Health Sciences		3
HSCI 105 - Values & Ethics in Health Sciences (60 credits) spring only		3
HSCI 106 - Culture Care & Health Literacy (30 credits) spring only*		3
HSCI 125/L - Medical Physiology & Lab (BIO 012, HSCI 141) spring only or		4
BIO 129/L - Mammalian Physiology & Lab (BIO 012 or 013) or		
PHAR 125 - Physiology (HSCI 141, grade of D or higher) fall only		
HSCI 141/L - Human Anatomy & Lab fall only		4
HSCI 172 - Evaluating Research (pre-/co-req HSCI 060) fall only		3
PSY 001 - Introduction to Psychology		4
*Course may also be offered in a J-term or summer semester		

V. Clinical & Medical Sciences Courses (28 credits)

Drake ABSN pre-requisites are bolded		Credit
BIO 012/L - Pre-Professional Biology I & Lab fall only*		4
BIO 013/L - Pre-Professional Biology II & Lab spring only*		4
CHEM 001/003 - General Chemistry I & Lab fall only*		4
CHEM 002/004 - General Chemistry II & Lab (CHEM 001/003) spring only*		4
BIO 103/L - Microbiology & Lab spring only		5
HSCI 095 - Medical Terminology		1
ECON 002 - Principles of Microeconomics or		3
HSCI 102 - Health Economics fall only		
MATH 050 - Calculus I (MATH 020 or high school equivalent)		3
*Course may also be offered in a J-term or summer semester		

VI. Other ABSN Pre-Requisites (Elective Courses, minimum 5 credits)

Drake ABSN pre-requisites are bolded		Credit
PSY 041 - Lifespan Development (PSY 001, 30 credits) spring only or		3
PSY 042 - Child & Adolescent Psychology (PSY 001) AND		6
PSY 044 - Adult Development & Aging (PSY 001)		
PHAR 126 - Principles of Nutrition (60 credits) spring only*		2
*Course may also be offered in a J-term or summer semester		
See more elective policy information below		

VII. Remaining Elective Courses (minimum 42 credits)

Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Elective credits include Drake Curriculum requirements not fulfilled by required coursework as well as non-required coursework that permits exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest within the student's primary degree. Students should review the student handbook for the complete elective policy. Remaining electives will be fulfilled by ABSN coursework (21 credits). A maximum of 30 credits from the ABSN can be equated to this undergraduate Health Sciences degree. If not admitted to the ABSN program at Drake, all credit minimums for Electives and senior research/internship must be fulfilled to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.					

Health Sciences – Pre-Nursing

4-Year Guide

First Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
FYS ---	First Year Seminar	3 CR	HSCI 020	Introduction to Health Sciences	3 CR
PSY 001	Introduction to Psychology	4 CR	BIO 013/L	Pre-Professional Biology II & Lab	4 CR
BIO 012/L	Pre-Professional Biology I & Lab (<i>SCI AOI</i>)	4 CR	MATH 050	Calculus I (<i>QUAN AOI</i>)	3 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	3 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		14			16
Second Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
CHEM 001/3	General Chemistry I & Lab	4 CR	CHEM 002/4	General Chemistry II & Lab	4 CR
HSCI 141/L	Human Anatomy/Lab	4 CR	HSCI 125/L	Physiology/Lab ¹	4 CR
HSCI 025*	Introduction to the US Health Care System	3 CR	HSCI 060*	Statistics in Health Sciences ³	3 CR
HSCI 102	Health Economics ²	3 CR	HSCI 106*	Culture Care & Health Literacy (<i>GLOB AOI</i>)	3 CR
			ELEC ---	Elective (PSY 041: Lifespan Development)	3 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		14	Total Semester Credit Hours		17
Third Year (Apply to Drake ABSN Program)					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HSCI 172	Evaluating Research Literature (<i>INFO AOI</i>)	3 CR	HSCI 105	Values & Ethics in Health Sciences (<i>VE AOI</i>)	3 CR
HSCI 055*	Innovation & Leadership in Health Sciences	3 CR	BIO 103/L	Microbiology/Lab	5 CR
HSCI 095*	Medical Terminology	1 CR	ELEC ---	Elective (PHAR 126*: Nutrition)	2 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		13	Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Total Program Hours: 90					

Click [here](#) to view the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

Bolded courses must be taken in the designated semester unless prior approval by the College is provided.

***Asterisked HSCI courses** have multiple offerings each year; they should be taken within the designated year, but can be taken during an alternative semester.

1 = BIO 129/L – Mammalian Physiology or PHAR 125 can be substituted for requirement (courses offered only in fall semester)

2 = ECON 002 – Microeconomics can be substituted for requirement (HSCI 102 offered only in fall semester)

3 = STAT 071: Statistics I – an exception to program policy request may be submitted to fulfill this requirement

Electives (minimum 47 credits): Elective credits include [Drake Curriculum](#) requirements not fulfilled by required coursework (outlined below) as well as non-required coursework that permits exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest within the student's primary degree. Students should review the [student handbook](#) for the complete elective policy. A maximum of 30 credits can be equated from the ABSN to this Health Sciences degree.

Drake Curriculum Areas of Inquiry not fulfilled by required coursework (12 credits): Artistic Literacy, Engaged Citizen, Historical Foundations, and Written Communication.

ABSN Course Equates (30 credits)**

Electives – 21 credits

HSCI 155 – Guided Research – 3 cr.

HSCI 196 & 197 – Health Sciences Internship I & II – 6 cr.

****For students who complete the 3+1 program, the ABSN coursework will fulfill remaining undergraduate requirements, resulting in earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree. If not admitted to the ABSN program at Drake, all credit minimums for **Electives** must be fulfilled. The senior research and internship courses (**HSCI 155, 196, & 197**) must also be completed at Drake to earn a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree.**