

Pre-Nursing Advising Program

Courses required for the first year: None
Courses recommended for the first year: PSYC100, PHIL103 or PHIL105, BIOL130, BIOL 140, CHEM131, CHEM132
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The Augustana nursing program is not a graduation major, so a departmental major must be completed if the student intends to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree. The choice of graduation major is not critical for acceptance by a school of nursing, but the majority of students matriculating in advanced nursing programs have a major in the biological sciences or psychology.

Required Supporting Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Learning Perspective/ Suffix	Prerequisites	Usually offered: F, J, SP, SU*	Credits
PSYC100	Intro to Psychology	PS	--	F, SP	4
BIOL130	Molecules to Cells		--	F, SP	4
BIOL140	Organisms to Ecosystems		--	F, SP	4
CHEM131	General Chemistry I	PN	--	F	4
CHEM132	General Chemistry II		CHEM131	F, SP	4
BIOL250	Genetics		BIOL130 & BIOL140	F, SP	4
PSYC216	Human Development		PSYC100	F, SP	4
PSYC240	Psych Stats	Q		F, SP, SU	4
BIOL343	Microbiology		BIOL250	F, SP	4
BIOL351	Human Anatomy				4
BIOL362	Human Physiology		BIOL130 & Soph status	F, SP	4
One of: PHIL103 PHIL105 RELG355	Social Ethics Life & Death Medical Ethics	PS PH PH	--	F, SP F, SP F, SP	4 4 4

Program Overview

Augustana's pre-nursing program is designed to prepare students for several types of nursing degree programs. Augustana graduates have been accepted into a variety of accelerated BSN programs, second-degree BSN programs, and direct-entry MSN programs, some of which feed into nurse practitioner programs.

Acceptance into any post-baccalaureate nursing program is dependent upon undergraduate performance, clinical shadowing experience, letters of evaluation, interview results and successful completion of any entrance requirements required by a nursing school. While requirements vary among different schools, Augustana's pre-nursing program satisfies the general education and science prerequisites for nearly all nursing schools in the country. Additional supporting courses may include CHEM-345 or 321, SOAN-101, SOAN-324, upper-level communication and composition courses, and additional social science coursework.

Having an academic degree from Augustana before completing a professional nursing degree provides students with enhanced critical thinking and communication skills, advanced understanding of genetics and other topics in biology, as well as a foundation in ethics and the social sciences. These are concepts needed for working with our diverse and changing U.S. population. Research shows that the more education a nurse has, the better the overall patient outcomes are for those under their care. These patient outcomes are a standard measure for performance assessment used across U.S. health-care systems.

Unique options for Augustana students interested in nursing are either the BA/BSN Dual Degree articulation or the BA/MSN Dual Degree articulation between Augustana College and Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Students may apply to either program in fall of their junior year at Augustana and must then maintain a minimum grade-point average and complete all required coursework. Through these articulations, students are granted limited acceptance to Trinity to take their first nursing skills course in early summer following their third year at Augustana. Following this course, students may opt to take their CNA certification exam, but CNA certification is not required to go into a nursing career.

All Dual Degree students return to Augustana for their senior year to complete the BA in biology or psychology and a minor in either anthropology, psychology, public health, sociology or women and gender studies (see program details for options). During senior year, students may work as part-time CNAs or patient care technicians at local facilities, which will provide them with additional clinical experience.

After graduation from Augustana, Dual Degree students are granted complete acceptance to Trinity and finish the remaining year of nursing school (paying tuition and fees to Trinity), graduating with a BSN degree and an RN license pending adequate performance on the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Exam for RNs). The Augustana/Trinity College Dual Degree programs (five or six years total for BA/BSN or BA/MSN respectively) are not restricted to Illinois residents.

Students interested in nursing should confer with the advisor before the end of their first year of study

*Fall, J term, Spring, Summer; see [Academic Calendar](#) for specific dates
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