



**Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing
Office of Enrollment Services**

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BILLINGS PREREQUISITE GUIDE FOR NURSING

A minimum of 11 semester credits (16 quarter credits) in the lab sciences (biology/chemistry, anatomy & physiology, microbiology) and *all other* prerequisite courses must be complete (not in progress) at the time of application for admission consideration. Anatomy & physiology, microbiology, and nutrition must be completed within 7 years of the application due date.

A prerequisite GPA of 3.000 is necessary to apply to the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing. This is calculated on all prerequisite courses complete at the time of application. The minimum 3.000 prerequisite GPA must be maintained through the completion of all prerequisite coursework.

A letter grade of “C” or higher is required. Any coursework graded C- or below does not meet prerequisite requirements and will not transfer to Linfield.

Transfer students applying for entry Spring 2019 or later will be subject to additional minimum requirements:

- Minimum 3.000 GPA in prerequisite science courses (biology or chemistry, anatomy & physiology, microbiology)
- Minimum 2.700 GPA in prerequisite anatomy & physiology courses
- Only one repeated grade for any anatomy or physiology course will be used in the calculation of the minimum GPA requirements. In the case where a student has more than one repeat on a single course, only the grade from the first repeated course will be used. A "W" or withdrawal from either an anatomy or physiology course will be counted as an attempt under this rule.

Admission is highly competitive. The goal of the admission process is to form a community of learners with the potential to succeed in a rigorous academic program and develop essential skills required for nursing practice. The GPA minimum requirements above do not guarantee admission. They are the minimum to be considered for admission.

Students must have 62 semester credits (93 quarter credits) of transferable coursework complete prior to beginning the program. Courses may be completed at any *regionally* accredited community college or university. Official evaluation of all transfer credit will be made *after* admission and confirmation into the program. Please be aware that, generally, professional/technical courses will not transfer. Repeated courses (that is, courses with the same content) will only transfer once. Students who have questions about the transferability of any coursework should contact admission-portland@linfield.edu.

Students seeking their first bachelor's degree must also complete general education requirements prior to graduation. These may be completed during the nursing program, but *it is recommended that the majority of these courses be completed prior to enrollment*. The prerequisite courses above will satisfy many of the general education requirements, but five areas—Creative Studies (CS), Ultimate Questions (UQ), Vital Past (VP), U.S. Pluralisms (US) and Global Pluralisms (GP)—generally require an additional 3 semester credit or 4 quarter-credit course.

Montana State University, Billings, students intending to transfer to Linfield's pre-licensure nursing program must complete the following coursework:

Writing. Complete the following:
WRIT 201

Biology (preferred) and/or chemistry with lab. Complete one of the following sequences:
BIOB 160 & 161, 170 & 171
CHMY 141 & 142, 143 & 144

Anatomy and physiology with lab. Complete one of the following sequences:
BIOH 201 & 202, 211 & 212
BIOH 301 & 302, 311 & 312

Microbiology with lab. Complete one of the following pairs:
BIOM 250 & 251
BIOM 360 & 361

Nutrition. Complete the following:
NUTR 221

Lifespan developmental psychology. Complete the following:
PSYX 230

Statistics. Complete one of the following:
STAT 216, 217

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