SIERRA COLLEGE
PREREQUISITE GUIDE FOR NURSING

Admission to Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing is competitive. The goal of the admission selection 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. Meeting the minimum requirements below do not guarantee admission. They are the minimum to be considered for admission.

Prerequisite course completion requirements:

- 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.

Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements:

- Minimum 3.000 GPA in all prerequisite courses.
- 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.
- All GPA requirements are calculated on prerequisite courses complete at the time of application and 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, P/NP, or S/U, does not meet prerequisite requirements and will not transfer to Linfield.

Total credits:

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.

Linfield Curriculum (General Education):

Students seeking their first bachelor’s degree must also complete Linfield Curriculum (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 below 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.

Sierra College students intending to transfer to Linfield’s nursing program must complete the following coursework:

**Writing.** Complete one of the following:

- ENGL 0001B, 0001C

**Biology and/or chemistry with lab.** Complete one of the following sequences:

- BIOL 0001 and one of the following: CHEM 0001A, 0001B, 0002A, 0002B
- BIOL 0001 and both CHEM 0003A, 0003B
- BIOL 0011 and one of the following: CHEM 0001A, 0001B, 0002A, 0002B
- BIOL 0011 and both CHEM 0003A, 0003B
- CHEM 0001A, 0001B
- CHEM 0002A, 0002B
- CHEM 0003A, 0003B, 0001B

**Anatomy and physiology with lab.** Complete one of the following sequences:

- BIOL 0005, 0006
- BIOL 0007A, 0007B, 0006

**Microbiology with lab.** Complete one of the following:

- BIOL 0004
- BIOL 0008A and 0008B

**Nutrition.** Complete one of the following:

- HDEV 0061
- NUTF 0010, 0013

**Lifespan developmental psychology.** Complete one of the following:

- HDEV 0001
- PSYC 0104
Statistics. Complete one of the following:
   MATH 0013
   PSYC 0142
   SOC 0015

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