



**ADVISING WORKSHEET**  
 ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE/ASSOCIATE OF ARTS  
 PROGRAM OF STUDY IN PRE-NURSING  
 GENERAL BULLETIN 2023-2024

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Students interested in applying to MSU-Bozeman’s Traditional BSN Program are advised to follow this program of study for a General AA/AS degree. By following this specific program of study, students will complete prerequisite courses needed for MSU’s Traditional BSN Program and also complete a General AA/AS degree from MSU-Billings.

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**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES**

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| General Education Category   | Course #           | Credits | Grade | Semester | Equivalent |
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| <b>Category I: Global Academic Skills</b> (9 credits)<br>A. Mathematics (3 credits)<br>B. English (3 credits)<br>C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits) | *M 121             | 3       |       |          |            |
|  | *WRIT 101          | 3       |       |          |            |
|  | *COMX 111          | 3       |       |          |            |
| <b>Category II: Natural Sciences</b> (7 credits)<br>2 lectures (6 credits) & 1 lab (1 credit)<br>(1 life science & 1 physical science & 1 lab)                       | BIOB<br>101 or 121 | 3       |       |          |            |
|  | *CHMY 121          | 3       |       |          |            |
|  | *CHMY 122          | 1       |       |          |            |
| <b>Category III: Social Sciences and History</b> (6 credits)<br>Courses must be from separate prefixes<br>A. Social Sciences (3 credits)<br>B. History (3 credits)   | *PSYX 100          | 3       |       |          |            |
|  |                    | 3       |       |          |            |
| <b>Category IV: Cultural Diversity</b> (3 credits)<br>A. Cultural Diversity (3 credits)  |                    | 3       |       |          |            |
|  |                    |         |       |          |            |
| <b>Category V: Arts and Humanities</b> (6 credits)<br>A. Arts (3 credits)<br>B. Humanities (3 credits)   |                    | 3       |       |          |            |
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A minimum grade of “C-” is required in all General Education courses.

*Note: Certain degrees may require a minimum grade of “C” in General Education courses.*

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## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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| <b>CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS</b>  |     |   | <b>9 credits</b>                     |
| <b>Subcategory A - Mathematics</b>   |     |   | <b>3 credits</b>                     |
| M  | 121 | College Algebra                             | 3                                    |
| <b>Subcategory B - English</b>   |     |   | <b>3 credits</b>                     |
| WRIT   | 101 | College Writing I                           | 3                                    |
| <b>Subcategory C- Communication &amp; Information Literacy</b>   |     |   | <b>3 credits</b>                     |
| COMX   | 111 | Introduction to Public Speaking             | 3                                    |
| COMX   | 115 | Introduction to Interpersonal Communication | 3                                    |
| <b>CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES</b>   |     |   | <b>6 cr. lecture &amp; 1 cr. lab</b> |
| <i>Students are required to take one course from each subcategory and at least one corresponding lab</i> |     |   |                                      |
| <b>Subcategory A – Life Sciences</b>   |     |   |                                      |
| BIOB   | 101 | Discover Biology                            | 3                                    |
| BIOB   | 121 | Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health   | 3                                    |
| <b>Subcategory B – Physical Sciences</b>   |     |   |                                      |
| CHMY   | 121 | Introduction to General Chemistry           | 3                                    |
| CHMY   | 122 | Introduction to General Chemistry Lab       | 1                                    |
| <b>CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY</b>   |     |   | <b>6 credits</b>                     |
| <i>Students are required to take one course from each subcategory.</i>                                   |     |   |                                      |
| <b>Subcategory A – Social Sciences</b>   |     |   | <b>3 credits</b>                     |
| PSYX   | 100 | Introduction to Psychology                  | 3                                    |
| <b>Subcategory B - History</b>   |     |   | <b>3 credits</b>                     |
| HSTA   | 101 | American History I                          | 3                                    |
| HSTA   | 102 | American History II                         | 3                                    |
| HSTR   | 159 | World History to 1500 CE                    | 3                                    |
| HSTR   | 160 | Modern World History                        | 3                                    |
| PSCI   | 230 | Introduction to International Relations     | 3                                    |

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| <b>CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY</b> |     |   | <b>3 credits</b> |
| ANTY                                   | 220 | Culture and Society                         | 3                |
| ARTH                                   | 160 | Global Visual Culture                       | 3                |
| COMX                                   | 212 | Introduction to Intercultural Communication | 3                |
| GPHY                                   | 121 | Human Geography                             | 3                |
| HTH                                    | 270 | Global Health Issues                        | 3                |
| LIT                                    | 230 | World Literature                            | 3                |
| NASX                                   | 105 | Introduction to Native American Studies     | 3                |
| NASX                                   | 205 | Native Americans in Contemporary Society    | 3                |
| REHA                                   | 201 | Introduction to Diversity                   | 3                |
| RLST                                   | 170 | The Religious Quest                         | 3                |
| SPNS                                   | 150 | The Hispanic Tradition                      | 3                |
| WGSS                                   | 274 | Women, Culture, and Society                 | 3                |

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| <b>CATEGORY V: ARTS &amp; HUMANITIES</b> |     |                                    | <b>6 credits</b> |
| <b>Subcategory A – Fine Arts</b>         |     |                                    | <b>3 credits</b> |
| ARTZ                                     | 105 | Visual Language-Drawing            | 3                |
| ARTZ                                     | 106 | Visual Language-2-D Foundations    | 3                |
| ARTZ                                     | 108 | Visual Language-3-D Foundations    | 3                |
| ARTZ                                     | 131 | Ceramics for Non-majors            | 3                |
| CRWR                                     | 240 | Intro Creative Writing Workshop    | 3                |
| FILM                                     | 160 | Introduction to World Cinema       | 3                |
| LIT                                      | 270 | Film & Literature                  | 3                |
| MUSI                                     | 101 | Enjoyment of Music                 | 3                |
| MUSI                                     | 114 | Band: MSUB Symphonic               | 1                |
| MUSI                                     | 131 | Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB              | 1                |
| MUSI                                     | 147 | Choral Ensemble: University Chorus | 1                |
| PHOT                                     | 154 | Exploring Digital Photography      | 3                |
| THTR                                     | 101 | Introduction to Theatre            | 3                |
| <b>Subcategory B - Humanities</b>        |     |                                    | <b>3 credits</b> |
| ARTH                                     | 150 | Introduction to Art History        | 3                |
| HONR                                     | 111 | Perspectives and Understanding     | 3                |
| LIT                                      | 110 | Introduction to Literature         | 3                |
| LIT                                      | 213 | Montana Literature                 | 3                |
| PHL                                      | 110 | Introduction to Ethics             | 3                |
| PHL                                      | 111 | Philosophies of Life               | 3                |
| PHL                                      | 254 | People and Politics                | 3                |

**Please note Pre-Nursing requires specific courses for General Education requirements, as listed above. This list does not reflect all approved General Education courses.**

| Course                                    |  | Credits | Grade | Semester | Equivalent |
|---|--|---------|-------|----------|------------|
| <i>BIOH 301</i>                           | <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (Fall)</i>                 | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>BIOH 302</i>                           | <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I Lab (Fall)</i>             | 1       |       |          |            |
| <i>BIOH 311</i>                           | <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (Spring)</i>              | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>BIOH 312</i>                           | <i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II Lab (Spring)</i>          | 1       |       |          |            |
| <i>BIOM 250</i>                           | <i>Microbiology for Health Sciences</i>                        | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>BIOM 251</i>                           | <i>Microbiology for Health Sciences Lab</i>                    | 1       |       |          |            |
| <i>CHMY 123</i>                           | <i>Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry (Spring)</i>       | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>NUTR 221</i>                           | <i>Basic Human Nutrition</i>                                   | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>PSYX 230</i>                           | <i>Developmental Psychology: Development Over the Lifespan</i> | 3       |       |          |            |
| <i>STAT 216</i>                           | <i>Introduction to Statistics</i>                              | 4       |       |          |            |
| <i>WRIT 201</i>                           | <i>College Writing II</i>                                      | 3       |       |          |            |
| <b>Electives (minimum of 1-3 credits)</b> |  |         |       |          |            |
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**Also required for MSU's Traditional BSN Program:**

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| NRS116 | Nursing as a Profession (MSU online / summer) | 2 |  |  |  |
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**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE/ASSOCIATE OF ARTS**

**Academic Requirements:**

- Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better.
- Satisfy the General Education requirements of Montana State University-Billings.
- A minimum of 20 semester credits with 40 grade points must be earned at Montana State University-Billings.

| Categories                     | Credits | Earned | Remaining |
|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|
| General Education Requirements | 31      | _____  | _____     |
| Pre-Nursing Courses            | 28      | _____  | _____     |
| Electives (may vary)           | 1-3     | _____  | _____     |
| Total                          | 60-62   | _____  | _____     |

## Important notes for those planning to apply to MSU-Bozeman's BSN Program:

Montana State University-Billings offers approved prerequisite courses to pre-nursing students through an arrangement with MSU-Bozeman's College of Nursing. MSU-Billings advisors are available to students in the Pre-Nursing Program. However, students are solely responsible for meeting requirements and determining the classes that they will need for graduation and application to the MSU-Bozeman BSN Program. Pre-nursing students should contact the MSU-Bozeman academic advisors for questions specific to the BSN Program and the application process.

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MSU's Traditional BSN Program is divided into lower division and upper division coursework. Upon successful completion of the required lower division coursework, nursing students begin their upper division nursing courses and clinicals. These nursing courses can be completed at one of five BSN placement sites: Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula or Kalispell.

Acceptance into MSU's Traditional BSN Program is competitive and based on a student's prerequisite GPA. Courses included in the prerequisite GPA are *italicized* and **bolded** above. Application for a BSN placement requires a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. However, since placement is competitive, students should strive for the best grades possible.

At least 3 of the 5 required natural science courses, including BIOH 301/302, must be underway or completed with a grade of C- or better at the time of application. The remaining courses must be successfully completed before a BSN placement begins. These courses are: BIOH 301/302, BIOH 311/312, BIOM 250/251, CHMY 121/122, and CHMY 123.

**Repeat Rule:** All prerequisite courses (*italicized* and **bolded**) must be completed with a grade of C- or better. Grades below C- are not acceptable, and W's count as attempts. Applicants are limited to two prerequisite attempts. This means that a student may repeat only two prerequisite courses one time to earn a grade of C- or better, *regardless of the grade earned*. An applicant can appeal this rule if the student repeated a prerequisite course more than once or repeated more than two prerequisite courses.

**Professional Health Care Provider CPR Certification:** Verification of American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR for infants, children, adults, and AED is required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program. Only the American Heart Association certification is approved. Online CPR courses are not acceptable.

**Student Urine Drug Testing:** MSU's College of Nursing requires an annual drug test for all undergraduate nursing students. The drug test must be completed at the time of application through an approved lab and annually thereafter.

**Background Check Information:** A background check is also required for application to MSU's Traditional BSN Program.

**MSU College of Nursing's Application for Placement:** Applications will be available through the College of Nursing's website at <http://www.montana.edu/nursing/undergraduate/placement.html>. Clinical compliance tracking is processed through Complio MSU Compliance. The cost is \$63.95, due at the time of application.

**Notes:**