



Department of Nursing  
Policy #030

### Pre-Nursing Pathway Placement

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#### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for placing students into the pre-nursing pathway.

#### Rationale

Heritage University Department of Nursing recognizes the importance of close mentoring and preparation of students for application to the BSN program.

#### Plan

A decision algorithm will be used to place students in the pre-nursing pathway, and to determine when students remain in the pathway or are advised to change pathways. Critical dates, procedures, and key Heritage University personnel will be identified for implementation of policy and procedure. Placement of students who are likely to succeed in meeting the requirements for application to the BSN program will be able to take courses in the pre-nursing pathway. Placement into the Pre-nursing Pathway does not guarantee admission to the BSN program.

#### Policies and Procedures

1. Determination of eligibility for placement into the Pre-Nursing Pathway  
Eligibility for placement into the pre-nursing pathway depends on whether the student is a Heritage University freshman who graduated recently from high school, a current Heritage University student, transferring to Heritage from another university; or if the student has graduated from a practical nursing program.
  - A. **Recent high school graduates admitted to Heritage as freshmen** may request placement into pre-nursing if they achieved the following:
    - High school 3.00 GPA on a 4-point scale.
    - Successful completion of these high school courses, each with a grade of 2.00 (C) or better.

English (4 units)  
College-prep mathematics (3 units)  
Social sciences (2 units)  
Biology and Chemistry (2 units).

- Composite ACT score of 23 or better or SAT Critical Reading and Mathematics sum score of 1070 SAT or better.

B. **Current Heritage University students** who were not placed into nursing as beginning incoming freshmen may request placement into pre-nursing if they have achieved the following:

- Overall minimum college GPA of 2.75.
- Overall minimum college science GPA of 2.75.
- A grade of C+ or better in any completed course required for the BSN degree.
- Completion of CHEM 101 lecture and lab or CHEM 110 lecture and lab with grades of C+ or better.
- Current enrollment or completion of MATH 140 and MATH 140L with grades of C+ or better.
- Completion of at least three of the following with grades of C+ or better: BIOL 110, ENG 101, PSY 101, SOC 101, PHIL 210, UNIV 101.

C. **Transfer students to Heritage University** may request placement into pre-nursing if they have achieved the following:

- Overall minimum college GPA of 2.75 on a 4-point scale.
- Overall minimum college science GPA of 2.75 on a 4-point scale.
- Completion of the equivalent of CHEM 101 lecture and lab *or* equivalent CHEM 110 lecture and lab with grades of C+ or better.
- Current enrollment in or completion of MATH 140 and MATH 140L with grades of C+ or better.
- Completion of at the equivalent of least three of the following: BIOL 110, ENG 101, PSY 101, SOC 101, PHIL 210, UNIV 101. C+ or better is required in each of the completed courses.
- Admission to Heritage University.

D. **Students who have completed a Vocational or Practical Certificate Program** are eligible for pre-nursing in the BSN track provided:

- A valid/current Washington LPN license.
- Overall minimum college GPA of 2.75 on a 4-point scale.
- A grade of C+ or better in any completed course required for the BSN degree.
- Overall minimum college science GPA of 2.75 on a 4-point scale.
- Completion of the equivalent of CHEM 101 lecture and lab or equivalent CHEM 110 lecture and lab with grades of C+ or better.
- Current enrollment in or completion of MATH 140 and MATH 140L with grade of C+ or better.
- Admission to Heritage University.

2. Applicants to the pre-nursing pathway should make an appointment with the Administrative Coordinator of the Nursing Program. Placement into the pre-nursing pathway is contingent on meeting the above requirements.

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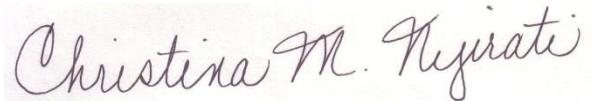
### Forms

There are no forms associated with this policy.

### Reviewers

Proposed revisions of this policy should be reviewed by:

- Admission, Progression, Retention and Graduation Committee
- Program Evaluation Committee
- Policy and Bylaws Committee

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