

Dual Degree Nursing Program with Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College

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Westminster's Dual Degree Nursing Program is designed for students who wish to complete both an undergraduate, liberal arts degree (BA) and a degree in nursing (BSN). Because of their commitment to the liberal arts and lifelong learning, the Goldfarb School of Nursing (GSON) is a strong match for Westminster College. Students may qualify for one of two programs: (1) the 3-2 program, through which they complete three years at Westminster and two years at GSON through the Upper Division BSN Option; (2) the 4-1 program, designed for students who wish to spend four years at Westminster and one year completing the Accelerated BSN Option at the Goldfarb School. Upon completion of the 3-2 option, students will receive both a BA from Westminster College and a BSN from the Goldfarb School. Students pursuing the 4-1 option will receive the Westminster degree at the end of the four years in residence, before going on to the Accelerated program to receive a BSN from GSON.

During their years at Westminster College, students interested in the dual degree program must complete the requirements for general education and a major at Westminster, while also meeting the following course requirements in order to be considered for admission to GSON. Advising during these years is critical, as students must take all nursing program pre-requisites, as well as requirements for general education and a major at Westminster. However, with careful planning, students will be able to complete both degrees in approximately five years.

Upper Division BSN Option (adapted from the Goldfarb Catalog)

The Upper Division BSN Option is a full-time, five-term program (two years) that is comprised of 66 credit hours of nursing course work. Applicants must complete at least 54 credit hours of prerequisite course work at Westminster before attending GSON. GSON admits students for summer, fall, and spring terms, and classes are held during the full calendar year.

Students complete their clinical experiences at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital, as well as at other BJC HealthCare Hospitals and St. Louis metropolitan area health care facilities.

The Upper Division BSN Option prepares students to provide direct care to patients and their families in a variety of health care settings, as well as to pursue higher degrees in nursing.

Eligible graduates will take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), although program completion does not guarantee eligibility to take the exam. Also, passing the exam is required to become an entry-level registered nurse. For more information, please see <http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c300-399/3350000066.htm>.

Admission Requirements for the Upper Division BSN Program (with WC courses noted):

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- Minimum of 54 credit hours in the following prerequisite courses:
 - Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II with lab
(BIO 203 and 370 fulfill these two requirements)
 - Microbiology with lab (BIO 403)
 - Biology, Chemistry, Genetics or Physics (BIO 114/115, BIO 124/125, CHM 114/115 and/or CHM 124/125)
 - Nutrition (PED 251)
 - Ethics (PHL 212, PHL 242, PHL 244, or PHL 246)
 - History or Political Science (any)
 - English Composition I (ENG 103)
 - English Composition II (ENG 270)
 - Introduction to Sociology (SCA 111)
 - General Psychology (PSY 113)
 - Human Growth & Development (PSY 312)
 - College Algebra (MAT 111)
 - Statistics (MAT 114)
 - General Elective
 - Humanities Elective
 - Social Science Elective

Additional Requirements for the 3-2 Westminster-GSON Program:

- Completion of the Westminster requirements for general education: 53-57 hrs
- Completion of a Westminster major (Biology, Exercise Science, or SDM: Health and Wellness recommended): 36-40 hrs
- Transfer of credit from the GSON: approximately 30 hrs

Courses that may transfer from GSON to Westminster College (NURS 3270 Leadership Role Development will transfer as a Tier II Human Behavior and Social Institutions Context; all other courses will transfer as NMS elective credit):

NURS 3140 Pathophysiology (4 hrs)

NURS 3150 Foundations of Professional Practice (3 hrs)

NURS 3160 Nursing Informatics (3 hrs)

NURS 3170 Nursing Pharmacology 4 (3 hrs)

NURS 3180 Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse (3 hrs)

NURS 3250 Practice of Nursing Research (3 hrs)

NURS 3260 Introduction to Adult Health (6 hrs)

NURS 3350 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing: A Biopsychosocial Approach (4 hrs)

NURS 3360 Nursing of the Childbearing Family (4 hrs)
NURS 4150 Adult Health Nursing I (6 hrs)
NURS 3270 Leadership Role Development 3
NURS 4160 Nursing of Children and Families (4 hrs)
NURS 4250 Adult Health Nursing II (4 hrs)
NURS 4260 Community Health Nursing (6 hrs)

Accelerated BSN Option (adapted from the Goldfarb Catalog)

Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College offers the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Accelerated Option, an entry-level nursing program for individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher in a field other than nursing.

The Accelerated BSN Option is a full-time, 12-month program that is comprised of 58 credit hours of nursing course work. Applicants must complete 24 credit hours of prerequisite course work at Westminster. BJC admits students for summer, fall, and spring terms. Due to the fast paced nature of the program, students are strongly encouraged not work while attending school. They must be available a minimum of 40-50 hours per week for course work and simulation labs during the day and for clinical experiences during days, evenings and/or weekends. Students complete their clinical experiences at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital, as well as at other BJC HealthCare Hospitals and St. Louis metropolitan area health care facilities.

The Accelerated BSN Option prepares students to provide direct care to patients and their families in a variety of health care settings, as well as to pursue higher degrees in nursing.

Eligible graduates will take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), although program completion does not guarantee eligibility to take the exam. Also, passing the exam is required to become an entry-level registered nurse. For more information, please see <http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c300-399/3350000066.htm>.

Admission Requirements for the Accelerated BSN Program (with WC courses noted):

- Completion of Westminster general education requirements, and major requirements in a field other than nursing
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative undergraduate GPA
- Minimum of 24 credit hours in the following prerequisite courses:
 - Anatomy & Physiology I with lab
 - Anatomy & Physiology II with lab
(BIO 203 and BIO 370 fulfill these two requirements)
 - Microbiology with lab (BIO 403)
 - Nutrition (PED 251)
 - Statistics (MAT 114)
 - Psychology as a Social Science (PSY 113)
 - Human Growth & Development (PSY 312)

3-Year Westminster Plan for 3-2 Nursing Program with GSON at Barnes-Jewish College – Biology Major

Fall

BIO 124 -125 Biodiversity (4)
ENG 103 Academic Writing (3)
WSM 101 Seminar (3)
Tier I Language 1 (4)
14 hours

Fall

BIO 205 Ecology & Field Biology (4) (or other "field" course)
CHM 114-115: Chem 1 (4)
MAT 114 Statistics (3)
Gen Ed (History) (3)
PSY 113 Psych as Social Science (3)
17 hours

Fall

Bio 203 Anatomy (4)
BIO 301 Genetics (4)
PSY 312 Developmental Psych (3) (ULOD)
Gen Ed (Aesthetic Sensitivity) (3)
Tier III – Social Science Elective (3)
17 hours

Total: 95-96 hours

Gen Ed courses in italics

Courses (9) for Biology major in red

Additional courses (5) required by B-J or for Microbiology & Physiology

Notes:

The third general education requirement for social institutions may be fulfilled by BJC's NURS 3270 Leadership Role Development.

The final elective biology course (3 hours) may be fulfilled by BJC's NURS 3140 Pathophysiology.

Additional hours transferred in as elective credit.

Spring

BIO 114-115 Bio Processes (4)
Gen Ed Language 2 (4) or Culture (3)
MAT 111 College Algebra (3)
SCA 111 Intro to Sociology (3)
PED A Activity (1)
14-15 hours

Spring

Bio 330 Virology (3) (or other BIO elective)
CHM 124-125 Chem II (4)
ENG 270 Expository Writing (3)
Gen Ed (History) (3)
Gen Ed (Aesthetic Sensitivity - Literature) (3)
16 hours

Spring

BIO 370 Physiology (4)
BIO 403 Microbiology (4)
Gen Ed (non-Western) (3)
PHL 212 Ethics (3)
PED 251 Nutrition (3)
17 hours

3-Year Westminster Plan for 3-2 Nursing Program with GSON at Barnes-Jewish College – Exercise Science Major for Nursing Program

Fall

ENG 103 Academic Writing (3)
WSM 101 Seminar (3)
BIO 124/125 Biodiversity (4)
Gen Ed: Language 1 (4)
PED A: Activity (1)
15 hours

Spring

BIO 114/115 Bio Processes (4)
Gen Ed: Language 2 (4)
MAT 111 College Algebra (3)
Gen Ed: (Human Values) (3)
Gen. Ed: (non Western) (3)
17 hours

Fall

MAT 114 Statistics (3)
Gen Ed: (History) (3)
CHM 114/115 Chem 1 (4)
PED 251 Intro to Nutrition (3)
PED 231 Sport Psychology (3)
16 hours

Spring

CHM 124/125 Chemistry II (4)
PSY 113 Psychology as a Social Science (3)
Gen Ed: (Artistic Appreciation - Literature) (3)
Gen Ed: (Art Appreciation) (3)
PED 3xx Comm. Nutrition (3) – Tier III
16 hours

Fall

PED 340 Exercise Physiology (3)
Bio 203 (Anatomy) (4)
SCA 111 Sociology (3)
Gen Ed.: (History) (3)
PSY 312 Developmental Psych (3)
16 hours

Spring

PED 321 Kinesiology (3)
PED 3xx Exercise Prescription (3)
BIO 403 Microbiology (4) - ULOD
ENG 270 Expository Writing (3)
BIO 370 Physiology (4)
17 hours

Total Hours: 97

Note: The third general education requirement for social institutions may be fulfilled by BJC's NURS 3270 Leadership Role Development.

The Final Capstone experience will be linked to one professional Nursing Course.

3-Year Westminster Plan for 3-2 Nursing Program with GSON at Barnes-Jewish College – Health and Wellness Self Designed Major

Fall

ENG 103 Academic Writing (3)
WSM 101 Seminar (3)
BIO 124/125 Biodiversity (4)
Gen Ed Tier I: Language 1 (4)
PED A: Activity (1)
15 hours

Spring

BIO 114/115 Bio Processes (4)
Gen Ed: Language 2 (4) or Culture (3)
MAT 111 College Algebra (3)
Gen Ed: (Human Values) (3)
PSY 113 Psychology as a Social Science (3)
16-17 hours

Fall

MAT 114 Statistics (3)
Gen Ed: (History) (3)
CHM 114/115: Chem 1 (4)
PED 230 Prev/Care Injuries (2)
Gen Ed: (Aesthetic Appreciation) (3)
15 hours

Spring

CHM 124/125 Chemistry II (4)
Gen Ed: (Non-Western) (3)
Gen Ed: (Aesthetic Appreciation - Literature) (3)
PED 204 Wellness and Fitness (2)
PED 355 Women's Health Issues (3) – Tier III
15 hours

Fall

Bio 203 Anatomy (4)
SCA 111 Sociology (3)
Gen Ed.: (History) (3)
PED 3XX Exercise Prescription (3)
PED 340 Exercise Physiology (3) – Tier III
16 hours

Spring

BIO 403 Microbiology (4) (ULOD)
BIO 370 Physiology (4)
PSY 312 Developmental Psych (3)
PED 321 Kinesiology (3)
PED 405 Test and Measurement (2)
16 hours

Total: 93-94 hours

Notes:

The third general education requirement for social institutions may be fulfilled by BJC's NURS 3270 Leadership Role Development.

Elective Credits in the Major may be fulfilled by taking the following courses from BJC: NURS 3260 – Introduction to Adult Health; NURS 3350 - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: A Biopsychosocial Approach; NURS 4260 – Community Health Nursing