RIDGEWATER COLLEGE

Nursing AS
Hutchinson & Willmar | Fall or Spring Start | Full Time | 64 Credits

Semester 1 – Start Your Warrior Mission

☑	COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
☐	PSYC 1310	Introduction to Psychology*	4
☐	CHEM 1010	Survey of Chemistry*	4
☐	BIOL 2100	Human Anatomy*	4
		TOTAL CREDITS	12

Semester 2 – Keep It Going

☑	COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
☐	ENGL 1209/1210	College Composition I (See Advisor)*	3
☐	PSYC 2630	Developmental Psychology*	3
☐	BIOL 2110	Human Physiology*	4
☐	BIOL 2150	Microbiology*	4
		TOTAL CREDITS	14

Semester 3 – Getting Closer

☑	COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
☐	NURS 2710	Foundations & Health Promotion…	6
☐	NURS 2730	Foundations Nursing Lab	3
☐	NURS 2740**	Nutrition & the Role of the Prof. Nurse	3**
☐	Gen. Ed.	MnTC Elective: Any goal area (See Advisor)	4
		TOTAL CREDITS	13-16

Semester 4 – Almost There

☑	COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
☐	NURS 2811	Chronic Care for the Professional Nurse	6
☐	NURS 2820	Pharmacology & the Role of the Prof. Nurse	3
☐	NURS 2830	Chronic Care Nursing Lab	1
☐	NURS 2850	Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing I	2
		TOTAL CREDITS	12

Semester 5 – The Final Stretch

☑	COURSE #	COURSE NAME	CREDITS
☐	NURS 2910	Acute & Complex Care for the Prof. Nurse	7
☐	NURS 2920	Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing II	2
☐	NURS 2930	Acute Care Nursing Lab	1
☐	NURS 2950	Nursing Leadership	3
		TOTAL CREDITS	13

NOTES

*Pre-Nursing Courses

**Elective course: recommended, but not required for award completion

Semesters 3, 4, and 5 are offered on a full-time basis only. Students must be admitted to the Nursing AS program to take these courses.

Warrior Mission Accomplished!

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Ridgewater's Nursing AS program is a competitive program that requires a 2-application process. Students initially apply to Ridgewater as pre-nursing students, work on completing their prerequisite courses (semesters 1 & 2 in the recommended course sequence), and then complete a separate application to the Nursing AS program (semesters 3-5 in the recommended course sequence).

The Nursing AS program is competitive and Ridgewater will accept up to 24 students on each campus (Hutchinson & Willmar) each fall and each spring. Students must apply for the program months in advance:

- Fall Program Start: Complete second application during the previous December 1 – February 1 application cycle
- Spring Program Start: Complete second application during the previous July 1 – September 1 application cycle

Steps to Nursing AS Program:

- Apply to Ridgewater as a Pre-Nursing student at https://ridgewater.edu/apply
  - If you have earned credits from other institutions, please request that an official transcript be sent from those institutions to Ridgewater.
- Follow instructions you receive from the Admissions office.
- Meet with an advisor to review degree progress and register for prerequisite courses (semesters 1 & 2 in the recommended course sequence)
- Apply to Nursing AS program via the online application. Before students can apply:
  - PSYC 1310, CHEM 1010, and BIOL 2100 must be **complete** with minimum "C" grades AND a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 among the three courses.
  - Students must attend a virtual Nursing Information Session. Students can RSVP for a session at https://ridgewater.edu/events/
  - Students must score a minimum of 58.7 on the ATI TEAS Version 7 test.
- Once accepted to the Nursing AS program, the following must be completed before a student can start the nursing courses (semesters 3, 4, & 5 in the recommended course sequence):
  - Return the signed Nursing AS program contract that is received upon acceptance to the program.
  - Attend Nursing AS Orientation.
  - Complete all required paperwork provided at orientation.
  - Submit required documentation for clinicals:
    - Proof of vaccinations: MMR, Varicella, Hep B, TDaP, Annual Flu
    - COVID Vaccine Status (Record of vaccination or documentation of no current vaccination)
    - Proof of freedom of Tuberculosis
    - Copy of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) Program card/certificate.
  - PSYC 1310, CHEM 1010, BIOL 2100, ENGL 1210, PSYC 2630, BIOL 2110, and BIOL 2150 MUST be complete with minimum "C" grades AND a cumulative GPA of 2.5 among the seven courses.

Please contact your advisor or nursingadmissions@ridgewater.edu if you have any questions about the program requirements.