

# Lawson State—Pre-Nursing Course Sequencing Guide (Student Self-Advising Tool)

This guide is ONLY a recommendation. It outlines the required pre-requisite courses that Pre-Nursing students need to take prior to applying for admittance in the Nursing Program. Courses that have an \* identifier (below) indicate the course can be taken after being accepted into the Nursing Program. Before using this guide, always check Degree Works first to measure your progress towards degree completion and mark all classes completed. *\*See Developmental Tracking Guide on last page.*

## Quick Guide: Pre-Nursing Pre-requisite courses check off.

ENG101	BIO202	ORI101
MTH100	*BIO220	*SPH107
BIO103	*PSY200	*HUM101 or ART100 or THR120 or MUS101
BIO201	*PSY210	**HPS103 and MTH186—**Recommended for Extra Points (not required courses)

**\*NOTE:** Can be enrolled in this course at the time of application

## FIRST SEMESTER RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Course Name/Type	Credit Hours	Course Description and Guidance	STARS Cross-Reference (by Area)	Track your progress
ORI 101 or ORI 101T	1 credit	<b>ORI101</b> --Freshman Orientation or <b>ORI101T</b> (for Transfer students with 12 or more credits)	LSCC Req'd (Catalog)	
ENG101	3 credits	<b>ENG101</b> —English Composition (Part I) <i>*This class is connected to points on the Nursing application: A=3 pts. B=2pts. C=1 pt.</i>	STARS-Area I	
Humanities Elective	3 credits	Select one introductory Fine Arts course from the listing below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HUM101</b>—Introduction to Humanities <b>or</b> <b>ART100</b>—Art Appreciation <b>or</b></li> <li><b>MUS101</b>—Music Appreciation <b>or</b> <b>THR120</b>—Theatre Appreciation</li> </ul>	STARS Area II	
MTH100	3 credits	<b>MTH100</b> —Intermediate Algebra <i>*This class is connected to points on the Nursing application: A=3 pts. B=2pts. C=1 pt.</i>	STARS Area III	
BIO103	4 credits	Pre-Nursing majors have to take a series of Biology classes to include (BIO103, BIO201, BIO202 and BIO220). Complete the first Biology class in the series, <b>BIO103</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BIO103</b>—Principles of Biology I (<b>NOTE: Extra points awarded for this course</b>)</li> </ul>	STARS Area III	
PSY200	3 credits	<b>PSY200</b> --General Psychology	STARS Area IV	

**TERM 1 Total Credit Hours** /17

## SECOND SEMESTER RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Course Name/Type	Credit Hours	Course Description and Guidance	STARS Cross-Reference (by Area)	Track your progress
SPH107	3 credits	<b>SPH107</b> —Public Speaking or <b>SPH106</b> —Fundamentals of Oral Communication	STARS Area II	
Science and Health Professions Elective	8 credits	<b>Directions:</b> Decide on what <b>Pre-Nursing Track</b> you intend to follow ( <b>regular track or fast track</b> ) and make your course selections below based on that track. <b>Only Select ONE Option.</b>  <b>OPTION 1: REGULAR TRACK:</b> Pre-Nursing majors have to take a series of Biology classes to include (BIO103, BIO201, BIO202 and BIO220). For the regular tracked student, Complete the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Biology class in the series ( <b>BIO201</b> ), and take <b>MTH186</b> —Medical Dosage Calculations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BIO201</b>—Anatomy &amp; Physiology I and</li> </ul> <i>*This class is connected to points on the Nursing application: A=3 pts. B=2pts. C=1 pt.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MTH186</b>—Medical Dosage Calculations (<b>NOTE: MTH186 is not a required course, but Pre-Nursing students gain extra points when applying to the nursing program if they do take it. Thus, all Pre-Nursing majors are strongly encouraged to take this class.</b>)</li> </ul> <b>OPTION 2: FAST TRACK:</b> Pre-Nursing majors have to take a series of Biology classes to include (BIO103, BIO201, BIO202 and BIO220) in order to apply for the Nursing Program. For Fast Tracked students (those wishing to apply to the Nursing Program as fast as possible), complete TWO science classes in ONE Term. Complete <b>BIO201</b> and <b>BIO202</b> in the same term by taking Mini-term classes. Take BIO201 in Mini-term 1 and take BIO202 in Mini-term 2. <i>**Only select this option if you excel in Science and find the subject easy to understand. If not, select Option 1.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BIO201</b>—Anatomy &amp; Physiology I and</li> <li><b>BIO202</b>—Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</li> </ul>	STARS Area III	
PSY210	3 credits	<b>PSY210</b> —Abnormal Psychology	STARS Area IV	
Area I-V Electives <b>STARS Alert!</b>	3 Credits <b>OPTIONAL</b>	<b>OPTIONAL:</b> Work towards building your transfer credit. Run a <b>Nursing STARS Report</b> , and select 1 class listed under <b>Areas I-IV</b> and take. These classes, while not pre-requisites, to enter the Nursing Program, are classes that can transfer to and will apply towards a 4-year degree in Nursing. If you have plans to eventually secure a 4-year nursing degree, you are being advised to enroll in an Area I-V class. See STARS.	STARS Area I-IV	



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**For Accelerated Tracked Students ONLY:** Once you completed your 2<sup>nd</sup> Term of classes and grades have been distributed, you are eligible to apply to the Nursing Program. Please note that you must enroll in **BIO220** in the upcoming term (and pass this class), if you are accepted. Also, applying this early does have one disadvantage, you have not taken any electives (e.g., HPS103 or MTH186) that would garner additional points towards being accepted into the program, so consider this before applying. If you do not get accepted the first time you apply, just continue to follow this guide and work towards gaining additional points via targeted electives. **NOTE: Meeting minimal qualifications does not guarantee acceptance into the Lawson State Nursing Program.**


**TERM 2 Total Credit Hours**

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**THIRD SEMESTER RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE**

Course Name/Type	Credit Hours	Course Description and Guidance	STARS Cross-Reference (by Area)	Track your progress
Biology Options (per Track)	4 credits	<p><b>Select Your Biology Class Based on Your Current Track (Accelerated or Regular (Non-Accelerated) Track:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1: REGULAR TRACK:</b> Since you have already completed BIO103 and BIO201, complete <b>BIO202</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BIO202</b>—Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</li> </ul> <p><i>*This class is connected to points on the Nursing application: A=3 pts. B=2pts. C=1 pt.</i></p> <p><b>OPTION 2: FAST TRACK:</b> Even if you have been accepted into Nursing Program, you <b>MUST</b> enroll in BIO220 and pass it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BIO220</b>—Microbiology</li> </ul> <p><i>*Failing BIO220 can void your Nursing Program acceptance. You must pass this class.</i></p>	STARS Area III	
Pre-Nursing Electives (Recommended)	6 credits	<p><b>Select Your Elective Classes Based on Your Current Track (Accelerated or Regular (Non-Accelerated) Track:</b></p> <p><b>OPTION 1: REGULAR TRACK:</b> Since you have already completed BIO103 and BIO201, complete <b>BIO202</b> and enroll in <b>MTH186</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HPS103</b>—Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences <b>NOTE:</b> <i>HPS103 is not a required course, but Pre-Nursing students gain extra points when applying to the nursing program if they do take it. Thus, all Pre-Nursing majors are strongly encouraged to take this class.</i></li> <li><b>BIO120</b>—Medical Terminology <b>NOTE:</b> <i>BIO120 is not required, but is a strongly recommended elective to take as a Pre-Nursing student.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>OPTION 2: FAST TRACK:</b> If you were <b>not</b> accepted into the Nursing Program (after your Term 2 course completions), enroll in the following two elective classes to garner more points that can be applied when you apply again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HPS103</b>—Foundation Competencies for Health Sciences</li> <li><b>MTH186</b>—Medical Dosage Calculations <b>NOTE:</b> <i>HPS103 and MTH186 are not required courses. However, additional points are given (towards your application) when applying to the Nursing Program. Thus, all Pre-Nursing majors are strongly encouraged to take these classes and secure the extra points.</i></li> </ul>	Electives	
Area I-V Electives <b>STARS Alert!</b>	3-6 Credits <b>OPTIONAL</b>	<p><b>OPTIONAL (FOR ALL TRACKS):</b> If you are waiting to apply to the Nursing Program, or you were not accepted (<i>but you are planning to re-apply</i>), run a <b>Nursing STARS Report</b>, and select any classes listed under <b>Areas I-V</b> and complete them (up to 6 credits). These classes, while not pre-requisites, to enter the Nursing Program, are classes that can transfer to and will apply towards a 4-year degree in Nursing. <b>Do NOT</b> use this option if you are low on financial funds or if you never intend to secure a 4-year Nursing degree. <b>*Note: Students must enroll in 12 credits to be considered full-time.</b></p>	STARS Area I-IV	
 <b>ADVISING NOTE</b>		<p><b>For Regular Tracked Students ONLY:</b> Once you completed your 3<sup>rd</sup> Term of classes and grades have been distributed, you are eligible to apply to the Nursing Program. Please note that you must enroll in <b>BIO220</b> in the upcoming term (and pass this class), if you are accepted. Also, applying this early does have one disadvantage, you have not taken any electives (e.g., HPS103 or MTH186) that would garner additional points towards being accepted into the program, so consider this before applying. If you do not get accepted the first time you apply, just continue to follow this guide and work towards gaining additional points via targeted electives. <b>NOTE: Meeting minimal qualifications does not guarantee acceptance into the Lawson State Nursing Program.</b></p>		
			<b>TERM 3 Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>/10-16</b>
<i>*Note: Students must enroll in 12 credits to be considered full-time.</i>				

## FOURTH SEMESTER RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Course Name/Type	Credit Hours	Course Description and Guidance	STARS Cross-Reference (by Area)	Track your progress
BIO220	4 credits	<p><b>FOR REGULAR NURSING TRACKED STUDENTS:</b> Even if you have already been accepted into Nursing Program, you <b>MUST</b> enroll in BIO220 and pass it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BIO220</b>—Microbiology <i>*Failing BIO220 can void your Nursing Program acceptance. You must pass this class.</i></li> </ul>		
Area I-V Electives  <b>STARS Alert!</b>	8-11 Credits <b>OPTIONAL</b>	<p><b>OPTIONAL (FOR ALL TRACKS):</b> If you are waiting to apply to the Nursing Program, or you were not accepted (<i>but you are planning to re-apply</i>), run a <b>Nursing STARS Report</b>, and select any classes listed under <b>Areas I-V</b> and complete them. These classes, while not pre-requisites, to enter the Nursing Program, are classes that can transfer to and will apply towards a 4-year degree in Nursing. <b>Do NOT</b> use this option if you are low on financial funds or if you never intend to secure a 4-year Nursing degree. <i>*Note: Students must enroll in 12 credits to be considered full-time</i></p>	STARS Area I-IV	
 <b>ADVISING TIPS</b>	<p>If you have <u>NOT</u> been accepted into the Nursing Program at this stage, you do have other options.  <u>Consider the following:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider applying to the DMS Program (Diagnostic Medical Sonography) <b>or</b></li> <li>2. Consider applying to the Radiology Technology Program <b>or</b></li> <li>3. Consider applying to the Dental Program <b>or</b></li> <li>4. Reapply to the Nursing Program <b>or</b></li> <li>5. Change your major to Biology and complete that 2-year degree and transfer to a 4-year college.</li> <li>6. Finish the Pre-Nursing (<i>Nursing degree</i>) outlined under STARS; secure your 2-year transferable degree and transfer to a 4-year college and complete your BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing).</li> <li>7. If none of these six options are appealing to you, consider applying to another Nursing Program within the Alabama Community College System or beyond the state.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If you are intending to apply to another Health Professions Program, be sure to view the pre-requisites and use this semester to complete any remaining courses. See a Health Professions advisor (within that specific discipline/area) if you need more information. You can also email us at: <a href="mailto:NursingQuestions@lawsonstate.edu">NursingQuestions@lawsonstate.edu</a></p>			

**TERM 4 Total Credit Hours**

*\*Note: Students must enroll in 12 credits to be considered full-time*

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# Placement Guide and Tracking Sheet for English & Math

## IMPORTANT NOTE: Understanding English and Math Placement:

If you graduated high school (within the last 5 years) or you have taken the ACT, you do not have to take a Placement Test in order to be placed in your English or math track at Lawson. Placement will be determined by how you performed in English IV and Algebra II in high school or your ACT score in English and math. If neither apply to you, you must take a Placement Exam at the College and be placed based on those results. Once placed, you MUST complete all required developmental and/or pre-requisite courses in order to register for MTH110 or MTH112 and ENG101. See your Advisor if you have additional questions about English and math tracks.

<b>Developmental &amp; Pre-Requisite Tracks for English &amp; Math</b> (Starting Points Vary Per Student)	<b>Math TRACKS: (varies per student)</b> MTH098 <input type="checkbox"/> MTH100 with MTH099 (lab) <input type="checkbox"/> *MTH110 (does not require MTH100) *MTH112 (requires MTH100 unless placed into MTH112 directly).	<b>English TRACKS: (varies per student)</b> ENR098 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>College Level:</b> ENG101 with ENG099 (lab) <input type="checkbox"/> ENG101	<b>Check off each Dev. Track as completed. Starting points vary per student. See your Advisor if you need help.</b>
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