Nursing-Interest Checklist (for those applying in Spring 2022)

**Nursing-Interest designation policy:** If after **two** semesters of course work (including summer) the student’s cumulative GPA is **below 3.00**, the Nursing-Interest designation will automatically change to Open (or be removed if the student has a second major declared).

### Natural Science
- CHEM:1070 General Chemistry I (3sh) or CHEM:1110 Principles of Chemistry I (4sh)
- CHEM:1080 General Chemistry II (3sh) or CHEM:1120 Principles of Chemistry II (4sh)
- BIOL:1141 Human Biology: Health Professions (4sh) or BIOL:1411 Foundations of Biology and BIOL:1412 Diversity of Form and Function (8sh total)
- ACB:3110 Principles of Human Anatomy **Fall only** (3sh) or HHP:1100 Human Anatomy (3sh) or HHP:1150 Human Anatomy Lecture w/ Lab (4sh) (Bio is a recommended pre-req)
- MICR:3164 Microbiology & Human Health (4sh) **Summer only** (Bio is a pre-req)
- HHP:2310 Nutrition and Health (3sh)
- HHP:1300 Fundamentals of Human Physiology (3sh) or HHP:1350 Fundamentals of Human Phys with Lab (4sh) or HHP:3500 Human Physiology (3sh)
- Physics: one year of high-school physics or KCC online or PHYS:1200 Physics of Everyday Experience (3sh) or PHYS:1400 Basic Physics (3-4sh) ***more information on reverse side

### Social Science
- PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology (3sh)
- SOC:1010 Introduction to Sociology Principles (3-4sh) or SOC:1020 Social Problems (3sh)
- NURS:1030 Human Development and Behavior (3sh) **Spring only**

### General Education Requirements
- International and Global Issues
- Values and Culture or Diversity and Inclusion or ANTH:1101, 1401, or 2100 (3sh)
- Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts or ENGL:1200 Interpretation of Literature (3sh)

### Other Coursework
- RHET:1030 Rhetoric (4sh)
- MATH:1440 Mathematics for the Biological Sciences (4sh) or combination of a different pre-calculus/calculus course and a statistics course (see advisor/degree audit)
- World Language (fourth-level proficiency in one language or second-level proficiency in two different languages or second-level proficiency in one language and one additional IGI, VC, or DI gen ed course)
- NURS:3110 Healthcare Finance (3sh) **Spring only**
- Electives (as needed to reach the total semester hours required at time of application and of matriculation)

### Application Requirements
- Apply by April 1 to begin the following Spring semester.
- After June 1 following the April 1 deadline: A min. of 48 sh of graded coursework must be complete, with no more than 2 natural sciences and no more than 2 social sciences remaining over the summer and fall terms.
- At time of matriculation into the program: A minimum of 64 sh of coursework must be completed.
- A minimum grade of a “C” is required in all required courses.
- Six semester hours of pass/non-pass or satisfactory/unsatisfactory will count toward the 64 s.h. required to begin the program and toward the 128 sh required for the BSN.
- 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA (GPA to apply does not guarantee admission; admission is competitive. Average GPA of admitted students is ~3.5-3.6).
- TOEFL score of 81 (or 550 on the paper-based exam) or completion of ESL coursework for students for whom English is not a first language.
- Completion of application, including responses to supplemental questions. Please review the College of Nursing website for more information about the application: https://nursing.uiowa.edu/academic-programs/bsn/competitive-admission

*This form is a planning tool only. To confirm specific requirements, consult your degree audit.*
**Additional notes:**

- Only 6sh of S/U will count, including courses:
  
  - CSI:1600 Success at Iowa (2sh)
  - CSI:1100 The College Transition (1sh) and CSI:1150 The College Transition Workshop (1sh)
  - some HPAS: Health & Physical Activity Skills courses (1sh)
  - LLS: Lifetime Leisure Skills courses (1sh)

- Career/Technical credit from community college is ungraded and will not count toward the hours required for admission or fulfillment of the BSN.

- If using the Kirkwood Community College high-school level physics course to satisfy the physics requirement, it will not count against the “two natural sciences in progress” rule, and the grade does not factor into the GPAs. If using a college-level physics course, that course will count in that rule; the grade also factors into the GPAs.

- The following courses are offered spring-only:
  
  - MICR:3164 Nursing Microbiology
  - NURS:1030 Human Development and Behavior
  - NURS:3110 Healthcare Finance

**General Terms/Degrees:**

**RN:**  
Registered Nurse. Certification that follows successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX) at the conclusion of a program, such as an ADN, BSN, MSN.

**ADN:**  
Associate Degree in Nursing. Usually a two-year program at a community college.

**BSN:**  
A four or five-year program taken at a university or college. In some cases, students must be admitted to the university or college as an undergraduate and subsequently apply for admission to the nursing program. (UI program)

**RN to BSN:**  
A program for licensed nurses to earn their BSN through mostly online courses. (UI program)

**Accelerated/Second Degree BSN:**  
Typically designed for students pursuing nursing as a second career, these programs usually require that a student has already completed BA or BS in a discipline other than nursing. Students must also complete all nursing prerequisite coursework. Some programs may admit a student without a BA or BS if all nursing prerequisites are completed.

**Entry into Practice Masters:**  
Like an Accelerated/Second Degree BSN program, students admitted to an Entry into Practice Masters program already hold a Bachelors degree in non-nursing and have completed specific pre-requisites for nursing. These programs offer the content of an accelerated BSN combined with advanced nursing curriculum. Additional coursework beyond this degree is usually required to pursue advanced-practice nursing careers, such as nurse practitioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, and certified nurse midwife.

**Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN):**  
Students holding a BSN and nursing experience can proceed to an MSN to become advanced practice nurses or clinical specialists in particular areas.