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Nursing



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Applications for our **AS in Nursing Program** (2015 fall start) will be accepted Jan. 1-March 2nd, 2015. As of 06/01/14, CHEM 101 or High School Chemistry is no longer a prerequisite to our AS in Nursing Program! Please see the AS in Nursing Information Sheet for step-by-step instructions on how to apply.

[College of Western Idaho Nursing Receives Accreditation!](#) [1]

Description

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The College of Western Idaho AS Nursing Program is accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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Mission

We, the faculty, believe the Associate Degree in Nursing is the basic education necessary for registered nurses. This education prepares nurses to function in a variety of acute and long-term health care settings. The mission of the AS Nursing Program at CWI is to prepare individuals for Registered Nurse practice in structured care settings, including hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics and offices. Furthermore, the AS Nursing Program at CWI builds on the scientific foundations of nursing knowledge, while incorporating knowledge of biological and social sciences, and the humanities, thus providing the basis for graduates to advance their education both longitudinally and laterally. We also believe the AS Nursing Program at CWI has the ability to respond to community needs for the delivery of nursing education, given appropriate resources. The CWI AS nursing curriculum incorporates and reflects current nursing practice. The AS Nursing Program philosophy is consistent with the College of Western Idaho mission statement and seeks to provide quality education in a positive learning environment that supports student success and the meeting of regional workforce needs.

Why This Program

This program will prepare you to become licensed to practice nursing by providing you with a combination of theory and laboratory instruction as well as clinical experience in the area's healthcare facilities. This program is approved by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and upon satisfactory completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN. Upon passing this exam, you will be licensed to practice nursing as a registered nurse.

Clubs



Student Nurses Association

The Student Nurses association aims to help students be active in interdisciplinary activities, and to assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality of health care.

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing

Degree Type:

AS

Length:

24 Months

Delivery Formats:

Traditional

Program Specific Dates

Monday, March 2, 2015— Application Deadline

* General important dates also apply to all credit based programs.

Important Dates for Credit Programs

	Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Registration Open	April 14	November 10	April 13
Financial Aid Priority Date	July 14	December 1	May 11
Admission Deadline	August 8	December 22	May 15
Tuition and Fees Due	August 22	January 9	May 29
Last Day to Register	August 22	January 9	May 29
Classes Begin	August 25	January 12	June 1*

*Some classes begin before this date. See [class schedule](#) [2] for more information.

Please refer to our [Important Dates](#) [3] for more information.

Skills, Traits, and Prep Classes

- Caring and compassionate nature
- Desire to serve others
- Keen observation and decision-making skills
- The ability to function well under stress
- Finely tuned verbal and written communication skills
- Nurses often lift up to 50 lbs, bend, reach, and kneel, and are required to have and use science and math skills in thinking critically

Financial Aid Available

Did you know that as a student in this program you may be eligible for financial aid? Through grants, [scholarships](#) [4], and loans, more than 60 percent of first-time, full-time CWI students receive some form of financial assistance. To learn more about financial aid options and whether you may be eligible, visit [Financial Aid](#) [5].

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for a full-time CWI student averages half the cost of a state university and a third of the cost of a private college. Tuition and fees vary based on program and residence. Visit [Tuition and Fees](#) [6] for more information.

Advising

Navigating your way through college can be confusing, especially if you try to go it alone. CWI One Stop Student Services offers advising assistance, to help in deciding which courses you need to take to complete your educational goals. Visit [Advising](#) [7] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [8] to schedule an appointment.

How do I apply to the CWI Nursing Associate of Science Program?

- Complete the [Admission Requirements](#) [9] to College of Western Idaho.
- Complete the [Associate of Science Nursing Program Application](#) [10]

* *Skip to the Pointers listed below for advice on how to submit a quality application.*

Pointers:

Pointer #1: HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Attend a Healthcare Information Session! They are offered twice a month!! The schedule is conveniently located on the main CWI Nursing Page (under "Resources" on the left-hand side of the page). This is a great venue for getting answers to your questions and finding out what CWI has to offer in regards to our fantastic health programs!

Pointer #2: TRANSFER CREDITS

After transfer credits are evaluated, you will receive by mail, a Transcript Evaluation Report (TRER). It is recommended that you carefully examine your TRER to ensure that CWI has received and evaluated all of your transfer credits. Prior to submitting your AS in Nursing Application, it is strongly suggested that you run a NURS.AS Program Evaluation (MyCWI account) to see exactly which courses are complete and which courses are still needed to submit a competitive application.

If you are transferring to CWI with a Bachelor Degree and/or Master's Degree, you must complete a Bachelor's Degree Evaluation Request Form with any prerequisite and co requisite courses if you expect to receive transfer credit towards the AS Degree. Submit the completed form to the One Stop Student Services Office. Please allow up to two weeks for processing. This form will generate a Transcript Evaluation Report (TRER) to be sent to you via mail. If this step is not completed, and your AS in Nursing application is processed, it will appear as if you do not have any transfer credits in your records.

Pointer #3: PREREQUISITE COURSES

Documentation from official transcripts or TRER must reflect completion of college-level math (MATH 123 or higher) and a Pass on Computer Skills Assessment (CSA) or completion of CISA 101 OR BUSA 215 with a grade of "C" or above. Failure to successfully complete CSA, CISA 101 or BUSA 215 is the most common reason that applicants are disqualified.

What math course should I take if I am planning on obtaining an advanced degree in nursing?

- MATH 143 – An advanced degree in nursing will likely require a statistics course. CWI's statistics course (STAT 253) course has the prerequisites of Math 130 or 143.

Pointer #4: TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

Complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Completion of the TEAS is required. The cost will be determined by the company (ATI) and the CWI testing center. Exam study guides and information can be found online at: www.atitesting.com. The TEAS can be taken as many times as the applicant desires prior to the submission of their application. The **highest score** can be used for ranking purposes on your application. Remember to include a copy of your proctored TEAS assessment with your application so we know which of your TEAS scores to use.

Please call the CWI Assessment Center at 208.562.2542, 208.562.2440, or e-mail cwiproctor@cwidahoccc.edu for more information. TEAS scores are good for five years.

The following is taken from the ATI Web site (www.atitesting.com) under ATI Product Solutions, then Test of Essential Academic Skills: "This is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The objectives assessed on the TEAS exam are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants."

Scores may not reflect which student has the biggest desire for a nursing career, but scores will show who has the biggest potential. Time Limit is 209 minutes with four-option multiple-choice with 170 total questions. Calculators may NOT be used for the test. Test results available 48 hours after completion of the test.

Scoring Example: If you score a 61.4% on the TEAS assessment, then your application will be scored with 6.14 points. Since 99% is possible, one can almost always increase their scores by studying and retaking this assessment. Generally, students are surprised to find out how difficult the TEAS test is so please go in prepared! There are no "good" scores or "bad" scores necessarily. It is your overall application score that we look at - not your individual TEAS score! If you need a refresher on how AS in Nursing Applications are scored, please reference the AS in Nursing Information Sheet located below Resources located on the left-hand side of this page.

Pointer #5: HEALTH PROVIDER CERTIFICATIONS

Include a copy of a current health provider certification with your application. While not required, this is a competitive program and these certificates will count towards your ranking points. The only certifications and/or licenses that will be accepted for application points, due to their direct relationship with nursing, are as follows: CNA, EMT, CMA, RMA, OR PARAMEDIC and/or verification of current and unencumbered LPN license (if applies). Expired or lapsed certifications will not be accepted.

CPR and First Aid Certificates are not awarded points on the application; therefore, we do not need copies enclosed in the application.

Pointer #6: WHAT SCORE IS RECOMMENDED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION?

Before answering this question, the most important thing you should know about submitting a competitive application is how to calculate YOUR own score by using the application matrix listed on the bottom of page 1 of the Nursing Program Information Sheet located on the lower left-hand side of the main CWI Nursing page under Resources. Without understanding how the AS in Nursing applications are scored, how can you evaluate where you stand and how to improve your score?

Each year the candidate pool varies in regards to the minimum score that was accepted into the program. We calculate your scores to the 100th percentile (XXX.XX) so there can be numerous applicants with very similar scores. In 2012 the minimum score accepted was just over 28.50. In 2013 the minimum score accepted was just over 32.00. In 2014 the minimum score accepted was just over 31.00. The two minimally scored applications from 2012 and 2013 were rescored using this current system. They reflect what their scores would have been had they applied this year.

We hope that by knowing what the minimum scores of acceptance were for the past few years in our AS in Nursing program, you will better understand what to shoot for and how to submit a more competitive application in the future.

Transfer

Look beyond your degree at CWI and plan for continuing your education by working closely with CWI advising and representatives of your intended transfer school. Planning before you transfer can save you time and money. Visit [Transfer Information](#) [11] for more information or contact [One Stop Student Services](#) [8].

CWI has an articulation agreement with Boise State University's RN-BS Online/Distance Completion Track which allows our graduates a seamless transition in obtaining their advanced degrees.

"Many registered nurses with an ADN or diploma choose to go back to school to earn a bachelor's degree through an RN-to-BSN program. There are also master's degree programs in nursing, combined bachelor's and master's programs, and programs for those who wish to enter the nursing profession but hold a bachelor's degree in another field. Some employers offer tuition reimbursement." Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-4> [12]

Career Information

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Associate Degree (AD) Nurses (upon passing the NCLEX-RN Exam) are qualified to work as a Registered Nurse in any structured healthcare setting. Those opportunities include: hospitals, rehabilitation centers,

long-term care facilities, physician offices or clinics, home-health and/or any aspect of direct care for patients.

Professions

- Registered Nurse

Locations



Canyon County Center

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