

Health Professions: Pre-Nursing

For students entering Summer or Fall 2009

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Majors:

Any is acceptable as long as admission requirements are met. Students should plan to transfer after sophomore year if they want to stay on a 4-year plan for BSN degree. Many creative options are now available with an articulation agreement with Johns Hopkins and accelerated programs to earn BSN and MSN with nurse practitioner. VCU has a 3 years post degree program leading to an advanced practice nurse role (clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner). Will need to take GRE for this program. UVA also has second degree program.

Articulation agreement with John Hopkins School of Nursing: students major in BIOL, BCHM, or HNFE and then go through an accelerated nursing program at Johns Hopkins.

Biochemistry articulation agreement information: <http://www.biochem.vt.edu/options.php>

Specific Course Requirements:

*** Requirements vary greatly among Virginia schools. Below are listed the most usual. Students should target particular schools of interest and check requirements for those schools. ***

English 1105 and 1106	HNFE 1004
Chemistry 1015/1016 plus labs or	Psychology 2034 (developmental)-across lifespan
Chemistry 1035/1036 plus labs	Statistics 2004
Chemistry 2535/2536 plus labs (organic)	BMSP 2135-2136 plus labs (anatomy & physiology)
Biology 1005/1006 or 1105/1106 plus labs	Electives - philosophy or religion common
Math 1015/1016	

VCU requires research methods course for post degree program

Student Organization: None

Resources for Students: Web Site: <http://www.aacn.nche.edu> (American Assoc. of Colleges of Nursing)

Other Resources:

Course: **UH 2984: Careers in Medicine** 1 credit, Fall only, sophomores or higher.

Pre-Medical Studies at Virginia Tech <http://www.univhonors.vt.edu/premed/>

**Pre-medical Studies open meeting: each Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am
Hillcrest 132.** No appointment needed.

Check the Pre-Med and Pre-Dental Program for a list of events and sessions.

Contact Pre-Medical Studies office for information about Graduate & Professional School Information Day (fall) as nursing schools are usually present.

Admissions Test: Varies. Some schools do not have an admissions test while others do.

- GPA:** 3.0 or better, depending on current applicant pool, is generally competitive.
- Interview:** Some schools do interview, and some schools do on-campus interviews.
- Info Tidbits:** People experience a plus, i.e., volunteer work, free clinic, rescue squad, nursing assistant.

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