

Applying as a Change of Major Student to the Nursing Science Major

Applying to the Nursing Science major as a Change of Major applicant is competitive; we are only able to offer a handful of spaces each year and the majority of applicants are not admitted. As such, applicants should plan their UCI coursework early.

Note: Students admitted as Transfers to UC Irvine in a non-nursing major are not eligible to apply to change their major to Nursing Science.

We recommend that students interested in applying to the Nursing Science major follow the plan outlined on page 2 of this document during their first year at UCI. Students applying to the program that are not admitted after their first year may apply during the summer after their second year at UCI. In these cases, students should continue to plan for and make progress towards an alternative back-up major option during their second year at UCI.

Students following the recommended sequence (on page 2 of this document), who also meet the requirements listed below, may apply as early as the Summer after their first year at UCI. The application will be available online on the Nursing Science “Change of Major” portion of our website: <https://nursing.uci.edu/admissions/bs-admissions/>

Applying as a Change of Major Student: Important Notes and Requirements

In order to apply, students must meet **all** of the following requirements at the time of application:

- Completion of CHEM 1A-1B-1C OR Chem H2A-H2B-H2C with a C or better in all three courses.
- Completion of Bio Sci 93 with a C or better.
- Completion of the Nursing Science Psychology Requirement (Psych 7A or Psci 9 or AP Psychology score of 4 or 5) with a C or better.
 - It is strongly recommended (not required) that the Nursing Science Statistics Requirement is completed with a C or better before the end of the Summer before admission to the major. This will count towards the “two additional courses” requirement listed below.
- Completion of **at least two** additional courses from the “Lower Division: Non-Science Nursing Requirements” listed below with a C or better:
 - Sociology/Anthropology Requirement:** One course from:
 - Sociology 1, 2, 3, 31, 44, 62
 - Social Sciences 1A
 - Anthropology 2A, 2D, 41A
 - Public Health Requirement:**
 - Public Health 1
 - Philosophy Requirement:** One course from:
 - Philosophy 4 OR Philosophy 5
 - Statistics Requirement:** One course from:
 - Statistics 7, 8
 - Psychology 10A
 - Sociology 10A
 - Social Sciences 10A
 - AP Statistics: Score of 3 or better
- Completion or current enrollment in Bio Sci 97.
 - Planned Fall enrollment in Bio Sci 97 and is acceptable if students cannot enroll by the application deadline due to major restrictions on the Schedule of Classes, however, offers of admission will be contingent upon completed enrollment.
- A 2.75 average in **all** courses completed that fulfill requirements for the Nursing Science major.

All Biological Sciences, Chemistry, and Pharmaceutical Sciences (if applicable) prerequisite courses must be taken at UC Irvine. Lower Division Non-Science Nursing Requirements can be taken at another institution; if they are not taken at UC Irvine, they must be completed with a B or better.

Change of Major Sample Plan

First Year at UC Irvine

Fall Quarter	CHEM 1A	4
	BIO SCI 93	4
	Nursing Non-Science Lower Division Requirement*	4
	General Education	4
Winter Quarter	CHEM 1B	4
	<u>BIO SCI 94</u>	4
	Nursing Non-Science Lower Division Requirement*	4
	General Education	4
Spring Quarter	CHEM 1C	4
	<u>CHEM 1LC</u>	3
	Nursing Non-Science Lower Division Requirement*	4
	General Education	4

* Students applying as Change of Major applicants must complete at least two non-science lower division Nursing requirements (listed on page 1) in addition to the Psychology Nursing Requirement at the time of application. It is strongly recommended that one of these two course requirements is the Nursing Science Statistics Requirement.

NOTE: Courses listed in red above are not required for the Nursing Science major; **however**, UCI students interested in applying as Change of Major applicants must take these courses as they are corequisites or prerequisites for other required courses.

Chem 1LD is a prerequisite/corequisite for Chemistry 51A. Applicants whose current non-nursing major requires Chem 51A will need to plan to take it either concurrently with Chem 51A or before Chem 51A (for example, in the Summer Session).

Applying as a Change of Major Student: Application and Deadlines

The Nursing Science Change of Major application opens online in the summer session and closes on July 31st. Students are notified about their admission to the program via email over the summer in September.

Students admitted to the Nursing Science major will be authorized to enroll in NUR SCI 116 in the Fall Quarter following admission, but should have already enrolled in (for Fall) or completed Bio Sci 97. If a student has not enrolled in Bio Sci 97 due to major restrictions, Nursing Science Student Affairs will work with the student to assist with enrollment.

Nursing Science undergraduate students at UC Irvine must complete all of the University, UC Irvine, and Lower Division Major requirements (with the exception of Upper Division Writing in GE Category I) prior to entering the upper division Nursing Science courses in the fall quarter in “Year 3”/Junior Year of the Nursing Science, B.S. major. Applicants can find sample degree plans on the Nursing Science website.

We strongly encourage students to carefully review the “Change of Major” portion of our website for updated, accurate information: <https://nursing.uci.edu/admissions/bs-admissions/>

Students who still have questions should contact nssao@uci.edu for assistance.