

Partnership Program 1 + 2 + 1 with Nicolet College and UW-Stevens Point
Associate Degree in Nursing and RN to BSN Completion
Memorandum of Understanding

Program Description

The Partnership Program (1 + 2 + 1) is intended to offer an integrated and seamless mechanism for students to complete an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Nicolet College (Nicolet) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) through the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP). Students may begin their coursework at either institution by taking general studies courses and completing Nicolet specified ADN admission requirements.

For students beginning at Nicolet, the Program allows acceptance into UWSP's RN to BSN Completion major as early as the third semester of the Nicolet ADN program, encouraging all Nicolet ADN students to pursue a BSN degree. For students beginning at UWSP, the Program provides a competitive application process for UWSP students to gain entrance into Nicolet's ADN program, providing an efficient and affordable path to becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) in Northern Wisconsin. Following completion of the Partnership Program, students will have earned both an ADN and BSN and successfully achieved licensure as a RN in the State of Wisconsin.

Admissions

For Students Starting at Nicolet

Students will follow the regular admissions processes as specified by Nicolet. Students apply to UWSP to begin UWSP RN to BSN Completion program as early as their 3rd semester of Nursing core courses. This allows students to begin taking RN to BSN Nursing courses at UWSP prior to completing the ADN program and receiving their Wisconsin Registered Nurse License. Students must obtain their Wisconsin Registered Nurse License to complete the RN to BSN Nursing Program.

UWSP commits to accepting a minimum of eight Nicolet Nursing students each semester into the RN to BSN Nursing Program.

For Students Starting at UWSP

Upon admission to Pre-Nursing at UWSP, students will declare their intent to enroll in the Partnership Program (1 + 2 + 1). Students will be advised to complete the following for eligibility to apply to the Program.

1. Nicolet specified ADN Eligibility Requirements.
2. Nursing Assistant course with a grade of C or better.
3. Completion of at least 15 college credits at UWSP with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50, including General Chemistry and General Anatomy and Physiology. Students may be in process of completing these science courses, however, must then successfully complete with a "C" or better or else their name will be withdrawn from consideration.

Nicolet commits to accepting UWSP Pre-Nursing students each fall semester and every other spring semester into the ADN Program. The number of students to be admitted from UWSP to Nicolet will be agreed upon by both schools on a semester-by-semester basis. The number of students will be determined collaboratively by both schools and be dependent on the number of UWSP qualified applicants and availability of openings at Nicolet.

Students meeting all criteria above will apply to be considered for the Partnership Program (1 + 2 + 1) within the first four weeks of the start of each semester. UWSP will be responsible for the application process and selection of students for admission into the Nicolet partnership program. A UWSP Selection Committee will evaluate student applicants based on transcript review, essay, healthcare/community experience and, if needed, an interview process. Selected candidates will start Nicolet Nursing core courses the following semester. Students must attend Nicolet Nursing advising and orientation sessions detailing requirements for clinical placement, including health work, CPR, and criminal background check. In addition, students will complete the HESI A2 exam prior to beginning nursing courses at Nicolet.

Articulation Agreement

A course articulation agreement exists between Nicolet and UWSP. Specified Nicolet courses fill particular requirements for UWSP RN to BSN Completion degree requirements. This articulation agreement applies only to the RN to BSN Completion major and is not applicable to other majors at UWSP.

Authorization to Share Records between Nicolet and UWSP

Student participating in this program will consent to the sharing of all records at Nicolet and UWSP, including academic, clinical, disciplinary, and financial. Students receiving financial aid from UWSP while dually enrolled at Nicolet, must provide Nicolet transcripts to UWSP each semester.

Financial Responsibilities

Students will pay tuition and fees on each campus according to normal Nicolet and UWSP procedures. This includes application and matriculation fees. Students requiring financial aid will receive financial aid from the school of initial enrollment. Students starting at Nicolet will apply for financial aid through Nicolet until completion of the ADN. Students starting at UWSP will apply for financial through UWSP. When a student's acceptance into the partnership program requires that the majority of courses taken per semester changes from one school to the other, the student will seek counseling from the financial aid office of either school to determine how best to support their specific needs relative to financial aid.

Financial Aid Consortium

While enrolled at UWSP, students have the option to take courses simultaneously at Nicolet. Students can only receive financial aid from one institution at a time. A financial aid consortium agreement exists between Nicolet and UWSP such that UWSP can provide financial aid to dually enrolled students to cover expenses of courses at both Nicolet and UWSP. This is the case provided that the coursework being completed at Nicolet fills requirements of UWSP's RN to BSN Completion degree.

For students obtaining financial aid from UWSP and dually enrolled at both institutions, UWSP will pay the student any financial aid award beyond the amount due at UWSP. It is the student's obligation to pay their balance at Nicolet. Furthermore, it is the student's responsibility to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor at UWSP and to accept all the obligations of the financial aid consortium agreement. Students must be enrolled in at least 1 credit at UWSP and a total of 6 credits between the two institutions (Nicolet plus UWSP) to be eligible for Financial Aid from UWSP.

Nicolet provides financial aid for the ADN and is unable to fund courses outside of the ADN. This means students receiving financial aid from Nicolet will not receive additional aid for UWSP General Education Program (GEP) requirements, nor can Nicolet provide financial aid to cover expenses of the UWSP RN to BSN Completion Nursing courses.

Although most students can move financial aid from one institution to another without significant issues, financial aid counseling is recommended. Students with higher amounts of subsidized loans should be aware of the 150% subsidized loan limit rule which limits subsidized loan eligibility to 150% of the length of their academic program. Certain enrollment patterns can cause a student to lose the interest subsidy once they have no remaining eligibility for direct subsidized loans. Students should consult with a financial aid counselor to be fully informed about their particular financial aid circumstances.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy for Financial Aid

In order to be eligible to receive federal financial aid, students must demonstrate Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in all coursework at both institutions by fulfilling requirements in three areas:

1. *Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0* (Note: While a 2.0 GPA is required to remain eligible for financial aid, a student must maintain a 2.50 GPA to remain in the Partnership Program).
2. *Pace of successful completion of at least 67% of attempted credits.*
3. *Maximum Time Frame of 150% of the published credit requirements of the financial aid-eligible program.*

Students agree that personnel at each institution can view transcripts and monitor course enrollment, attendance, GPA, pace, and total credits completed at both UWSP and Nicolet. An appeal process is available should a student not meet SAP standards. Lastly, students agree to notify Tiffany Akins, Tiff.Akins@uwsp.edu, 715-346-2603, if they stop attending and/or withdraw from one or more courses at either institution.

Student Services

Students will be provided services at the institution in which they are enrolled in courses. If no courses are taken at one institution, the student will not pay segregated fees, nor receive services, at that institution.

Scheduling Items

Dually enrolled students will be required to attend orientations and advising sessions at both institutions. Term start and stop dates, advising sessions, and final examination weeks will be at different times at Nicolet and UWSP. The time for Nicolet nursing program clinical and laboratory experiences may vary, and can include day, evening, night, or weekend shifts.

Helpful Contacts

Academic Advisor at UWSP: Tiff Akins, Tiff.Akins@uwsp.edu

Academic Advisor at Nicolet: Nicki Flannery, nflannery@nicoletcollege.edu and Dwight Webb, dwebb@nicoletcollege.edu

UWSP General financial aid and registration matters: Enrollment Services esos@uwsp.edu

Financial Aid Consortium Agreement, UWSP Financial Aid Office: Jana Davidowski
Jana.Davidowski@uwsp.edu

Partnership Program (1 + 2 + 1) Plan of Study

Semester 1, Year 1 at Nicolet or UWSP	Semester 2, Year 1 at Nicolet or UWSP
General Anat & Phys (10806177), 4 cr	Advanced Anat & Phys (10806179), 4 cr
General Chemistry (20806241, CHEM 101 or CHEM 105), 4-5 cr	Speech (20810201 or Comm 101), 3 cr
Intro to Psych (20809251 or PSYC 110), 3 cr	Dev Psych (10809188, 20809252, PSYC 260 or HD 265), 3 cr
English Comp I (20801219 or ENGL 101), 3 cr	Intro to Soc (20809271 or SOC 101), 3 cr
14-15 cr	GEP Humanities (HU)*, 3 cr 16 cr

During Year 1 – Complete Nicolet Nursing Program Requirements
Nursing Assistant course (30543300) with a grade of C or better
CPR certification at the healthcare provider level
HESI A2 Exam with Nicolet College
Requirements for clinical placement, including health work and criminal background check

Semester 1, Year 2 primarily at Nicolet	Semester 2, Year 2 primarily at Nicolet
Microbiology (10806197 or BIOL 233), 4 cr	Nursing Health Alterations (10543105), 3 cr
Nursing Fundamentals (10543101), 2 cr	Nursing Health Promotion (10543106), 3 cr
Nursing Skills (10543102), 3 cr	Nursing Clin Care Across Lifespan (10543107), 2 cr

Nursing Pharmacology (10543103), 2 cr	Nursing Intro Clinical Care Mgt (10543108), 3 cr
Nursing Intro Clinical Practice (10543104), 2 cr	GEP Historical Perspective (HP) + Global Awareness (GA), 3 cr
13 cr	14 cr

Semester 1, Year 3 primarily at Nicolet	Semester 2, Year 3 primarily at Nicolet
Nursing Complex Health Alterat 1 (10543109), 3 cr	Nursing Complex Health Alterat 2 (10543113), 3 cr
Nursing Mental Health Community Concepts (10543110), 2 cr	Nursing Mgt & Profess Concepts (10543114), 2 cr
Nursing Intermed Clin Practice (10543111), 3 cr	Nursing Adv Clin Prac (10543115), 3 cr
Nursing Advanced Skills (10543112), 1 cr	Nursing Clin Transition (10543116), 2 cr
Statistics (20804230 or MATH 355 or HS 301), 3-4 cr	GEP Environmental Responsibility (ER)*, 3 cr
Professional Essentials (NURS 310), 1 cr	Leadership and Mgt (NURS 447), 3 cr
13-14 cr	16 cr

Semester 1, Year 4 at UWSP	Semester 2, Year 4 at UWSP
Chronic Care Mgt (NURS 441), 3 cr	Foundations of Profess Nurs Prac (NURS 407), 3 cr
Research and Evid-Based Prac (NURS 446), 3 cr	Aging and Health (NURS 452), 3 cr
Community Health Nurs (NURS 454), 3 cr	Inform Mgt & Health Technol (NURS 453), 3 cr
Selected Topics in Nursing (NURS 486), 3 cr	Selected Topics in Nursing (NURS 486), 3 cr
English Comp II (ENGL 202 or 20801223), 3 cr	Concepts in Nursing Practice (NURS 455), 3 cr
GEP Art (ART)*, 3 cr	
18 cr	15 cr

*9 credits at 300-400 level, plus 31 credits in UWSP NURS courses for total of 40 credits at 300-400 level.

Minimum of 120 credits needed for a Bachelor's degree from UWSP.

Must obtain a Wisconsin Registered Nurse License.