Nursing

UWRF does not offer an undergraduate program in nursing leading to a BSN/RN degree/license. For students at UWRF interested in nursing, there are a number of options:

1) Transfer as soon as possible to a school with an undergraduate nursing school.

2) Complete some of the requirements for admission to an undergraduate nursing program at UWRF, then transfer to an undergraduate program in nursing at another school. Students should look up the requirements for their particular chosen schools, because the prerequisites vary. These usually include completion of at least 30 semester credits including:
   - English 100
   - Introduction to Psychology (Psychology 101)
   - General Biology (Biology 160)
   - General Chemistry (Chemistry 111 and 116, 112 and 117)
   - Sociology 100 or Anthropology 100
   - College Algebra (Math 146)

3) Some schools want more credit hours (60), which include
   - Biostatistics (Math 231)
   - Human Nutrition (Health 315)
   - Anatomy and Physiology (Biol 341 and 342)
   - More chemistry, including Organic Chemistry (Chem 231, 232, 236, 237) and Biochemistry (Chem 360)
   - Lifespan Development (Psych 245)

   This is a tough route because by the time students are in biochemistry they are here 3 years, and students take a lot of chemistry, and time, you don't have to. A better option might be #4

4) Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Registered Nurse (Some offer an MSN in preparation for RN licensure) – This is a degree for students with a BS in an area other than nursing, such as Biology. These programs typically take between 12-18 months. This is a good route for someone who may be interested in a specialty, such as nurse anesthetist, since it affords you the science background you will need. Many employers value graduates of accelerated programs because they are typically more mature, possess strong science and clinical skills, and are quick studies on the job. There are over 300 accelerated nursing programs in the US, with more in the planning stage

   Additional courses are required to meet requirements for the biology degree and for graduation

   - General Biology (Biology 150 or 160)
   - Microbiology (Biology 324)
   - Evolution (Bio 103)
   - Anatomy and Physiology I and II (Biology 341 and 342)
   - Human Pathology (not offered at UWRF, but many school will substitute Immunology (Biology 345). There is also an online Pathology Course offered by the Univ of Minnesota that many students take (LAMP 4177)
   - Human Nutrition (Health 315)

   Chemistry 111 116, and 112 and 117; more chemistry, including Organic, Biochemistry and Pharmacology, is better. There are a couple of other options available,
   - Algebra and Trigonometry (Math 147) and Biostatistics (Math 231)
   - General Psychology – (Psychology 101)
   - Lifespan Development – (Psychology 245)
   - Abnormal Psychology (Psychology 220)
   - Sociology- (Sociology 100)
   - Bioethics (Philosophy 220)

   Cultural Diversity Classes, including Intercultural Communication (COMS 213)

   Many want CNA certification and experience, volunteering in clinical settings

   “The typical accelerated nursing students are bright (GPA 3.0 min, but typical is higher), inquisitive and sophisticated consumers of higher education who actively pursue learning opportunities.”