Pre-Nursing LEAP

Make a successful “leap” from high school to college and find your place at the University!

Advantages

• Prepares pre-nursing students to apply to the baccalaureate nursing program
• Provides opportunities to learn about the nursing profession
• Get acquainted with faculty from the College of Nursing
• Small student group cohort
• Peer advisor & professor accessibility
• Support network of parents, professors, counselors & advisors
• Assistance with financial aid, scholarships, university procedures & housing
• Priority registration for classes
• No additional cost
• Gain experience in community engagement & service learning, clinical nursing research, or global health
• Compatible with the Honors Program and Nursing Early Assurance Program
Pre-Nursing LEAP Eligibility

If you are attending the University of Utah as a Freshman and you are interested in studying for a career in nursing, then make the leap from high school to college with the Pre-Nursing LEAP Program!

Students selected for the program must have a demonstrated interest in a career in nursing and be declared as a Pre-Nursing major. The University of Utah College of Nursing and the LEAP program are committed to the recruitment of diverse students, knowing that diversity adds to the academic, research and civic responsibilities of the institution and the community. We therefore seek out students from varied backgrounds including, but not limited to, racial and ethnic minority students or those considered economically, socially or educationally disadvantaged according to the following criteria:

**Economically disadvantaged:** Student comes from a family whose annual income falls below the thresholds published in the Federal Register, DHHS. Please attach Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report.

**Socially disadvantaged:** Student comes from an environment that has inhibited (but not prevented) her/him from obtaining the knowledge, skills and abilities required to enroll in and successfully complete Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. This includes, but may not necessarily be limited to, students who are in foster care, who will be first generation college students, who are limited by their community setting (rural, inner city or reservation), or who are being reared by a single or a divorced parent.

**Educationally disadvantaged:** Student is not succeeding or is underachieving in school due to a limited proficiency in English; standardized test scores at her/his school are markedly below other institutions in the area; student resides in a financially poor school district; parents or other adults in the household are not high school graduates or have limited English proficiency; or student performance on standardized tests is below national norms.

If you have any questions, please contact Pre-Nursing LEAP Advisors at prenursingleap@nurs.utah.edu or The University of Utah LEAP Program at info@leap.utah.edu or 801-581-8920
So here’s what Pre-Nursing LEAP is...

You will be part of a small cohort of freshmen students taking selected courses together during your first two years at the University of Utah. In the first year you will take LEAP courses with other pre-nursing students with a maximum class size of 35. These courses will fill regular requirements as well as prepare you for and introduce you to careers in nursing and other health professions. You will get to know other students who share similar career and educational goals. In the second year you will take an exploration class with your Pre-Nursing LEAP cohort and have the opportunity to participate in experiences such as undergraduate research or community engaged (service) learning.

Upon acceptance into the Pre-Nursing LEAP program, the Office of Undergraduate Studies will pre-register you for your general education LEAP courses for two semesters. Many of the classes you will be taking fulfill regular University requirements, no matter what major you choose. First-year courses fulfill both of University’s the Humanities (HF) requirements and the Diversity (DV) requirement. LEAP program advisors are always available to answer questions and assist you in tailoring your education to meet your needs.

The Pre-Nursing LEAP, in partnership with the Health Sciences LEAP, sponsors activities each year, such as a reception for students and parents, and participation in the Undergraduate Research Symposium. You will have the chance to meet and get to know faculty from the College of Nursing and other departments in the health sciences. Pre-Nursing LEAP advisors works with the College of Nursing to ensure you know admissions criteria for the nursing program and whom to speak with for questions. You will also have a chance to talk with current nursing students.

The LEAP offices will be available to you for participating in study groups, individual tutoring, and a place to hang out. We are here to make sure you have the support and resources to succeed. Pre-Nursing LEAP students will also be able to participate in general LEAP activities and interact with LEAP students from other colleges such as Health, Business and Engineering.

Pre-Nursing LEAP is a great way to start your college career and make you a more competitive applicant for the nursing program. Plus, it’s a chance to find your place at the U, meet great people, and enjoy your university experience.

Here’s how you apply...

First, apply for admission to the University of Utah and list your major as ‘Pre-Nursing’. For information on how to apply to the U please review information at the University of Utah Office of Admissions (http://www.utah.edu/future_students/).

Then, apply to the Pre-Nursing LEAP Program by submitting:

- completed application form (attached)
- 1-2 page personal statement about your educational and career goals, background, and your interest in pursuing a career in nursing
- copy of your most recent high school transcripts (unofficial transcripts are accepted)
- copy of your ACT/SAT scores
- copy of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report if you are claiming economic disadvantage

Submit your application to:
Pre-Nursing LEAP c/o Student Services
College of Nursing, University of Utah
10 South 2000 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112
or email your entire application to prenursingleap@nurs.utah.edu
Pre-Nursing LEAP Application Form

Last Name________________________ First Name________________________

Mailing Address:____________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip Code: ______

Home Phone: (       ) _______________ Other Phone: (       ) __________

E-mail address: ______________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ________________________ Current High School GPA: ______

Current High School: _________________________________________________

Race/Ethnicity (optional):
(   ) African American (   ) Caucasian (   ) Asian
(   ) Hispanic/Latin American  (   ) Pacific Islander (   ) Native American
(   ) Other (please specify) ____________________________________________

Language most commonly spoken at home: __________________________________

Did both or either of your parents attend college? (   ) Yes (   ) No

Highest degree attained? Mother _____________________ Father ______________________

Are you currently employed? (   ) Yes (   ) No

If yes, how many hours per week do you work? ________________________________

Have you applied for admission to the University of Utah? (   ) Yes (   ) No

Have you been accepted to the University of Utah? (   ) Yes (   ) No

Please list two references (name, email address, and phone):
1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________

Please submit the completed application form with the materials listed on the previous page.