



Which courses am I required to take as prerequisites to apply to the GEPN program?

Four prerequisites are required for application to the GEPN program and must be completed in full by June 15th prior to enrollment.

The four required prerequisite courses are:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with lab (4 credits/semester). (May complete one semester of anatomy and one semester of physiology both with labs as separate courses.)
- General Chemistry with lab (4 credits) * *note: a 3-credit Intro to Chemistry course does not qualify*
- Microbiology with lab (4 credits)

Please take note of the following requirements:

- 2 of the required prerequisites must be completed by the application deadline of Nov 1st.
- If admitted, all 4 courses must be completed by June 1st before you begin the program.
- All courses must be taken at an accredited college or university.
- A grade of B- (80) or higher in each course must be earned.
- Courses may be taken either in-person or online.
- Courses must have been completed within the 8 years prior to application submission.

Can I apply without the prerequisites but take them if admitted?

You may apply without having completed all (or any of) the prerequisites, but all four required courses must be completed by June 15th. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they are able to complete the prerequisites within this timeline if admitted. Admitted students who fail to complete all of the prerequisites by June 15th risk losing the opportunity to enroll and may be required to reapply in a future term.

Is there a specific or recommended order the prerequisites should be taken in?

The prerequisites do not need to be taken in a particular order.

Does taking the prerequisites shorten the duration or reduce the number of credits required in the GEPN program?

No. Prerequisite courses do not formally transfer in to the GEPN program and do not reduce the number of credits required in order to complete it. Prerequisite courses do not substitute for any of the coursework required in the GEPN program.

I'm not sure if the courses I took fulfill the requirements. Before applying, will someone from YSN look at the syllabus of the course(s) I took and let me know if they qualify?

Due to the volume of applicants and inquiries received, YSN is unable to review individual syllabi to determine whether they fulfill these requirements. However, these courses are standard prerequisites for undergraduate degrees in nursing and should be readily available at local institutions, including community colleges. Generally, YSN will expect the titles of the courses taken to match or closely resemble the titles given above as examples.

Will I be notified if YSN determines that my application has not met the prerequisite requirements?

The YSN admissions office will notify you if prerequisite courses included in your application do not fulfill the prerequisite requirement. If any course(s) are found not to meet the requirement, you would be required to complete any remaining prerequisite courses by June 15th.

Can I submit an application with prerequisite courses in progress as long as they are completed by June 15th?

Yes. If admitted, you would be required to complete all of the prerequisites and provide final documentation of the courses taken and grades earned to YSN by June 15th.

What evidence do I have to submit to YSN that I've completed required prerequisites?

As part of the application, applicants may supply unofficial transcripts from the institution(s) at which they have undertaken required prerequisite courses (if any). If admitted, applicants will be required to submit final, official transcripts indicating successful completion of all 4 required prerequisite courses no later than June 15th. Please note that official transcripts can only be transmitted directly by the issuing institution.

What if I am admitted but not able to finish the prerequisite courses before June 15th?

Admitted applicants are required to complete all prerequisites by June 15th before they will be permitted to enroll in the program. Incoming students who do not successfully complete the remaining prerequisites by June 15th will not be permitted to enroll in their first term and risk losing their place in the program.

I earned grades below a B- in some or all of the prerequisite courses. May I retake them to meet this requirement?

In cases where applicants have earned grades lower than B- in any of the prerequisite courses, coursework may be retaken to meet the application requirements. For the purpose of evaluating whether the prerequisite requirements have been met, in cases where courses have been taken multiple times the admissions office will note the highest grade achieved. All coursework, including retaken courses, must be completed with B- or higher grades by June 15th.

Are online courses accepted?

Online courses are acceptable if they are offered by an accredited institution.

Can AP or IB credit count toward the prerequisite courses?

No, AP or IB credit cannot be used to meet the prerequisite requirements.

Can courses taken at a foreign institution outside of the U.S. or Canada meet the prerequisite requirements?

Applicants who have completed coursework at institutions outside of the US or Canada are required to submit an evaluation of their coursework by a credentialing service such as [World Education Services](#) (WES) or another agency accredited by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). Evaluations should be submitted directly from the credentialing agency to YSN. For a list of NACES accredited agencies, please see [here](#).

If admitted, will YSN financial aid be applicable to the costs of any remaining prerequisite coursework?

No; as the prerequisite coursework is not part of the GEPN degree program itself, any financial aid awarded to support enrollment in the GEPN program is not applicable to prerequisite coursework taken elsewhere. Applicants are expected to complete the prerequisite coursework prior to enrollment at YSN and are responsible for any tuition costs incurred in doing so.

Is there a process to waive any or all of the prerequisites?

YSN does not issue waivers of the prerequisites under any circumstances. YSN reserves the right to determine whether specific coursework offered by any given institution fulfills the prerequisite requirement; such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

I still have a question about the prerequisites. Can I talk to someone in the admission office?

We encourage you to carefully review the above information, as the most common questions about the prerequisite requirements are answered here. If after careful review you find that you still have a question about this requirement, please email us at ysn.admissions@yale.edu for further assistance.