SCHOOL OF NURSING
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

ABSN PREREQUISITE WORKSHEET: CALCULATING YOUR NATURAL WORLD GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

Applicants to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program must have a minimum college-level cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.8 for *all* post-secondary coursework completed. This includes any course you have completed whether or not it was taken in fulfillment of a degree. If you do NOT have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher, do not submit an application to the ABSN program. **The minimum GPA of 2.8 is a basic requirement for eligibility to apply to the ABSN program.**

ABSN applicants are asked to calculate their cumulative GPA for Natural World courses **only.** You should do this before completing an application. You must have 3 Natural World courses completed at the time you apply, each with a grade of 3.0 or higher. If the **cumulative** GPA for Natural World courses you have completed is not 3.0 or above, <u>you are not eligible to apply to the ABSN program.</u>

- **Did you attend a college that gives narrative evaluations instead of grades (e.g., Evergreen State College)?** Those courses <u>*do*</u> count towards the prerequisites and will be assessed by the admissions committee when you apply to the program. Courses taken *Credit/No Credit* or *Pass/Fail* do NOT count towards the ABSN prerequisites.

You must have a minimum grade of 3.0 ("B") for each Natural World prerequisite listed on the application. If you did not earn a minimum grade of 3.0 for a completed course, do not list it on your application or use it to calculate your Natural World GPA. Any completed courses with grades lower than 3.0 must be retaken and completed with a grade of at least 3.0 in order for it to count towards fulfillment of your prerequisites.

STEP 1: Enter Your Course Information
On page 2 of this worksheet, enter:

1. **Course prefix and number**
2. **Number of quarter hour credits –** Course credits must be calculated as quarter hour credits.
   Are any of your courses in semester credits or another unit of credit?
   - ***Convert semester or other credit units to quarter hour credits.*** Multiply semester credits by 1.5 to convert to quarter credits. To convert from other units, look for a guide on your official transcript or school website or ask an advisor at your school for guidance.
3. **Grade received –** Grades must be in decimal form.
   Do you have letter grades (e.g., A, B-, C+)?
   - ***Convert letter grades to decimal grades.*** If your school awarded letter grades for courses, use the following guide to convert them to decimal grades:

A = 4.0	**A- = 3.7**	**B+ = 3.3**	**B = 3.0**	**B- = 2.7**	**C+ = 2.3**
C = 2.0	**C- = 1.7**	**D+ = 1.3**	**D = 1.0**	**D- = 0.7**	

STEP 2: Calculate Your Grade Point Average

1. **Calculate grade points for each Natural World course completed –** This is done by multiplying the number of quarter hour credits by the decimal grade. For example:

Course	Quarter Credit Hours	Decimal Grade	Grade Points
CHEM 120	5	3.2	16.0 (5 x 3.2)
CHEM 220	5	3.5	17.5 (5 x 3.5)
MICROM 301	5	3.3	16.5 (5 x 3.3)
TOTAL	**15**		**50.0**

2. **Add total grade points together to get one (1) total.** In the example above, the total is 50.0 grade points.
3. **Divide TOTAL GRADE POINTS by the TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS to calculate your GPA.** In the example above, the GPA would be:

   50.0 (total grade points) divided by 15 (total credits) = **3.33 GPA**

The following worksheet is identical to the **Required Pre-Nursing Courses** section of the ABSN application where you will list your Natural World courses and GPA calculation.

You **must** have a minimum GPA of 3.0 ("B") in every Natural World prerequisite course. If you do not, do not use the course to calculate your GPA. Instead, indicate on your application that you must still complete that course and when you plan to take it. **DO NOT ENTER THE NUMBER OF CREDITS FOR COURSES YOU HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED.** Entering credits for courses you haven't received a grade for will adversely affect your overall GPA calculation.

NATURAL WORLD REQUIRED COURSES **26-33 credits**				**For Natural World courses <u>you have completed</u>**		
Subject	**A.** Course prefix and number	**B.** Quarter or semester taken/to be taken	Check box if **NOT** taken	**C.** # of **quarter** hour credits	**D.** Grade: Must be decimal grade*	Grade Points: Multiply # of credits by decimal grade
SAMPLE COURSE	***CHEM 120***	***Autumn 2010***		***5.0***	***3.4***	***17.0***
General Chemistry (5 credits) *UW Students: CHEM 120*			☐			
Organic Chemistry (5 credits) *UW: CHEM 220*			☐			
UW Students Only: CHEM 221 (5 credits) is required. CHEM 120, 220 and 221*** are a series.			☐			
Human Anatomy (5 credits) *UW: BSTR 301*			☐			
Human Physiology (5 credits) *UW: ZOOL or BIOL 118*			☐			
UW Students Only: *Physiology Lab ZOOL or BIOL 119**** (5 credits)			☐			
Nutrition (3 credits) *UW: NUTR 300 or 301*			☐			
General Microbiology (5 credits) *UW: MICROM 301*			☐			
Microbiology Lab/*** **** *UW: MICROM 302*			☐			

*If you completed a prerequisite course at a school that uses narrative evaluations instead of grades (e.g., Evergreen State College), leave columns C and D blank for those courses. The admissions committee will assess your course performance using the evaluations on your transcript.

**<u>All applicants are required to complete a Microbiology Lab</u>. You must take a General Microbiology course that includes a lab or, if necessary, a separate Microbiology Lab course. UW students are required to take MICROM 302 (Micro Lab) concurrently with MICROM 301.

***CHEM 221 (UW students only) and the Physiology/Microbiology labs do *not* count towards the minimum 3 Natural World courses that must be completed when you submit your application. These are still required but considered part of the main lecture course or series.

	Add this column up for TOTAL CREDITS:	**Add this column up for TOTAL GRADE POINTS:**
Divide **Total Grade Points (2)** by **Total Course Credits (1)**	**1.** _____	**2.** _____
Natural World Cumulative Grade Point Average:	☐ ←	

If you do not meet the minimum GPA criteria for 1) all college-level coursework completed (2.8) and 2) the Natural World courses (3.0), do NOT submit an application to the ABSN program.