
This program leads to a profession which requires an occupational license as defined under Texas Occupations Code 58.001. This requires that all applicants seeking to become licensed must undergo a criminal background check prior to licensure.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is generic in nature with a pathway for registered nurses. The Program is designed to enable students to integrate knowledge from theory and research, high-level skills, and concepts of leadership into the practice of professional nursing care of individuals, families, groups, and communities. The BSN Program provides a foundation for graduate study.

BSN generic graduates are eligible to apply to the Texas Board of Nursing to take the National Council Licensure Examination. After successfully completing this examination, the graduate is issued a license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Texas.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

020 - Mathematics – 3 hours

Choose one:

- MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods
- MATH 1343 Introduction to Biostatistics (or MATH 1388 Honors)

030 - Life and Physical Sciences – 6 hours

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I three-hour lecture
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II three-hour lecture

080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

Choose one:

- ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

090 - Integrative and Experiential Learning – 6 hours

Choose 3 hours from Humanities, and:

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I one-hour lab
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II one-hour lab
- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 78 HOURS (57 advanced)

1 – Concentrations – 78 hours (57 advanced)

Choose one concentration:

a – Generics – 78 hours (57 advanced)

i – Generics Core – 54 hours (54 advanced)

- NURS 3107 Health Promotion
- NURS 3302 Pharmacology
- NURS 3306 Research
- NURS 3403 Client Assessment
- NURS 3505 Mental Health Nursing
- NURS 3604 Nursing Fundamentals
- NURS 3608 Adult Health I
- NURS 4303 Issues in Nursing
- NURS 4504 Community Health Nursing
- NURS 4601 Adult Health II
- NURS 4602 Family Health Care
- NURS 4605 Leadership in Nursing

ii – Restricted Electives – 24 hours (3 advanced)

- CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
- NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

Choose one:

- BIOL 3401 General Microbiology

CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care

Choose one:

HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology

SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I

NURS 2301 Wellness

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

Any 2 hour Kinesiology activity course

b – RNs – 78 hours (57 advanced)

i – RN Core – 27 hours (27 advanced)

NURS 3301 Professional Mobility

NURS 3302 Pharmacology

NURS 3306 Research

NURS 3403 Client Assessment

NURS 4303 Issues in Nursing

NURS 4504 Community Health Nursing

NURS 4605 Leadership in Nursing

ii – RN Advanced Electives – 30 hours (30 advanced)

May be awarded upon satisfactory completion of RN core:

NURS 3107 Health Promotion

NURS 3505 Mental Health Nursing

NURS 3604 Nursing Fundamentals

NURS 3608 Adult Health I

NURS 4601 Adult Health II

NURS 4602 Family Health Care

iii – Restricted Electives – 21 hours (3 advanced)

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I

NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

Choose one:

CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care

BIOL 3401 General Microbiology

Choose one:

HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology

SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

Any 2 hour Kinesiology activity course

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 57 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission requirements

1. Have a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses.
2. Complete all BSN prerequisites with a minimum grade of 'C' in each course.
3. Pass math quiz [grade of 100].
4. Provide standardized admission exam* scores [HESI Admission Assessment (A2) or other program-approved test] before the application deadline [generics only].
5. Provide proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers.
6. Provide documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
7. Provide documentation verifying current immunization or immunity status for specified diseases (hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, varicella, flu/influenza, meningitis if <age 22, etc.).

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8. Submit evidence of being cleared by the Texas Board of Nursing's criminal background check.
 9. RN applicants: Be a registered nurse or have a temporary permit to practice professional nursing in the applicant's state of residence.
 10. Submit application to the BSN Program by March 1st.
 11. Be admitted by the BSN Student Development Committee. After being rank-ordered according to prerequisite-GPA, students will be admitted on a space-available basis.

Progression requirements

1. Maintain at least \$1 million in professional liability insurance.
2. Provide annual documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
3. Provide documentation verifying current immunization or immunity status for specified diseases (hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, varicella, flu/influenza, and, if <22, meningitis, etc.).
4. Provide annual proof of current certification in CPR (health care provider).
5. Maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
6. Achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in each required BSN course.
7. Satisfactorily complete BSN courses in approved sequence.
8. RN students: Provide evidence of current licensure to practice registered nursing in the applicant's state of residence. Students will not be permitted to continue in clinical courses if a temporary permit expires without a license being issued or if a license to practice registered nursing has expired or been suspended, canceled, or revoked.
9. Seek academic advisement each semester regarding program progression.
10. Abide by and adhere to the BSN Student Guide.

Graduation requirements

1. Achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in each required course for the BSN degree.
2. Pass the BSN Readiness Exam [generics].
3. Attend designated NCLEX-RN review course [generics].
4. In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.