

*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.*

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*The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is generic and 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 (or MATH 1387 Honors)
- 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 or Applied Communication and Literacies, 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 (60 advanced)**

### **1 – Generics Concentrations – 78 hours (60 advanced)**

#### **a – Generics Core – 57 hours (57 advanced)**

- NURS 3303 Fundamentals of Nursing
- NURS 3304 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical/Lab
- NURS 3305 Client Assessment
- NURS 3105 Client Assessment Lab/Skills
- NURS 3202 Wellness and Health Promotion
- NURS 3101 Essentials of Nursing Profession
- NURS 3411 Adult Health I
- NURS 3311 Adult Health I Clinical
- NURS 3203 Pharmacology I
- NURS 3312 Mental Health
- NURS 3212 Mental Health Clinical
- NURS 4401 Adult Health II
- NURS 4301 Adult Health II Clinical
- NURS 4203 Pharmacology II
- NURS 4304 Family Health
- NURS 4305 Family Health Clinical
- NURS 4101 Integration of Core Nursing Concepts I
- NURS 4302 Research
- NURS 4201 Community Health
- NURS 4202 Community Health Clinical
- NURS 4306 Leadership in Nursing

NURS 4307 Leadership in Nursing Clinical  
NURS 4102 Integration of Core Nursing Concepts II

**b – Restricted Electives – 21 hours (3 advanced)**

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I  
NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition  
CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care

*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 – 60 HOURS**

**ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:**

*Students are eligible to apply to the program when they have completed 45 semester credit hours towards the degree and achieve a 75% or higher on the required components of HESI Admission Assessment Exam (English Language, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Math, Anatomy and Physiology, and Critical Thinking). The 45 semester credit hours must include the following courses and must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.*

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (or MATH 1387 Honors) or MATH 1343 Introduction to Biostatistics (or MATH 1388 Honors)
- ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
- CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care
- CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
- CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

**Admission requirements**

1. Meet UTRGV's admission requirements.
2. *Students must complete 63 hours towards the degree to be officially admitted to the program. The 63 semester credit hours must include the courses needed to apply plus the following courses.*

- ENGL 1301 Rhetoric and Composition I (or ENGL 1387 Honors)
- ENGL 1302 Rhetoric and Composition II (or ENGL 1388 Honors) or ENGL 1305 Writing Cultural Studies
- HIST 1301 U.S. History I (or HIST 1387 Honors) or HIST/MASC 2327 Mexican American History I
- HIST 1302 U.S. History II (or HIST 1388 Honors) or HIST/MASC 2328 Mexican American History II
- POLS 2305 U.S. Federal Government & Politics (or POLS 2385 Honors)
- POLS 2306 Texas Government & Politics (or POLS 2386 Honors)
- Core Category 040-Language, Philosophy and Culture (core) – 3 SCHS
- Core Category 050-Creative Arts – 3 SCHS
- Core Category 090-Integrative/Experiential Learning Option – 3 SCHS
- HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology or SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I
- KINE activity course – 2 SCHS
- NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

*The cumulative GPA for the 63 hours completed towards the degree must be 3.0. The GPA will be calculated using all institutional and transfer coursework applicable to the degree including repeated courses.*

3. Pass math quiz [grade of 100].
4. Provide proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers.

5. Provide documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
6. 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.).
7. Submit evidence of being cleared by the Texas Board of Nursing's criminal background check.
8. Be admitted by the BSN Student Development Committee after being rank-ordered using the admission criteria based on space availability.

### **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. Seek academic advisement each semester regarding program progression.
9. Abide by and adhere to the BSN Student Guide.

### **Graduation requirements**

Achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in each required course for the BSN degree.

### **8-6-19 Revisions:**

- Added MATH 1387 Honors option to MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods in section A - General Education Core
- Removed BIOL 1487 and 1488 Honors version from BIOL 2401 and 2402 Anatomy and Physiology I and II respectively as courses are not equivalent to honors version in the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Requirements section