

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program is 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.

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 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 (57 advanced)

1 – RN to BSN Concentration – 78 hours (57 advanced)

a – RN Core – 27 hours (27 advanced)

- NURS 3301 Professional Mobility
- NURS 3302 Pharmacology
- NURS 3403 Client Assessment
- NURS 3306 Research
- NURS 4303 Issues in Nursing
- NURS 4504 Community Health Nursing
- NURS 4605 Leadership in Nursing

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

May be awarded upon satisfactory completion of RN core with a minimum grade of C:

- 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

c – 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. Meet UTRGV's admission requirements.
2. Have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses.
3. Provide proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers.
4. Provide documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
5. 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.).
6. Submit evidence of current active nursing license in state of residence.
7. Maintain at least \$1 million in professional liability insurance.

Progression Requirements:

1. Provide annual proof of current certification in CPR (health care provider).
2. Provide annual documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
3. Maintain a minimum grade of 'C' in each required BSN course.
4. Seek academic advisement each semester regarding program progression.
5. Abide by and adhere to the BSN Student Guide.

Graduation requirements:

1. Complete all BSN prerequisites with a minimum grade of 'C' in each course.
2. Complete all Accelerated RN to BSN core courses.
3. Have transcript evaluated for all prerequisites by UTRGV Registrars.

8-6-19 Revisions:

- Added minimum grade requirement to the statement included in section B1b – RN Advanced Electives.