

## FIRST YEAR

ENGL 1301	Rhetoric and Composition I
HIST 1301	U.S. History I
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods
Choose 1	Creative Arts
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I
UNIV 1301	Learning Framework
ENGL 1302	Rhetoric And Composition II
HIST 1302	U.S History II
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I
CHEM 1111	General Chemistry I Lab
Choose 1	SOCI 1301 Intro to Sociology or ANTH 2351 Intro to Cultural Anth.
Choose 1	Integrative & Experiential (Select Humanities course)
Choose 1	Language, Philosophy, Culture
NUR 2351	Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

Courses in red are part of the General Education Core Curriculum (GEC).

## SECOND YEAR

POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt. & Politics
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC 2301	General Psychology
SPAN 2317	Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I
Choose 1	KINE 12xx/22xx- any ACTIVITY course
POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics
PSYC 3337	Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
CLSC 2429	Clinical Microbiology in Health Care
NURS 2301	Wellness

## THIRD YEAR

NURS 3302	Pharmacology
NURS 3403	Client Assessment
NURS 3604	Nursing Fundamentals
NURS 3505	Mental Health Nursing
NURS 3306	Research
NURS 3107	Health Promotion
NURS 3608	Adult Health I

## FOURTH YEAR

NURS 4601	Adult Health II
NURS 4602	Family Health Care
NURS 4303	Issues in Nursing
NURS 4504	Community Health Nursing
NURS 4605	Leadership in Nursing

### 2018-2019 ACADEMIC PLAN

UTRio Grande Valley

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**NURSING (BSN)**  
**Catalog: 2018-19**  
**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AFFAIRS**

### Additional Info

- Admission requirements**
1. Have a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in all prerequisite courses (to apply).
  2. Complete all BSN prerequisites with a minimum grade of 'C' in each course.
  3. Submit application to the BSN Program by March 1st.
  4. 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.

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### Degree Info

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.

"Choose 1" Indicates course options. If options are not listed, please review the 2018-19 General Education Core or the degree plan for this major: [www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans](http://www.utrgv.edu/degreeplans).

# BLUEPRINT EXPERIENCES

## FIRST YEAR

## SECOND YEAR

## THIRD YEAR

## FOURTH YEAR AND BEYOND

## CAREERS

### MILESTONES

- UTRGV has a Writing Center and a Learning Center. Make it a point to visit them!
- Complete your core English classes (section 010) during your first year.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours every year in order to graduate in 4 years.
- Shoot for a prerequisite-GPA of 4.0, but also learn the critical course content, because it will serve as a great foundation for your major. In the BSN Program, it is vital that you learn your anatomy & physiology, microbiology, nutrition, lifespan/growth & development.
- Take MATH 1342 or 1343 in your first year.

### ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Meet with your academic advisor and bring your orientation folder with you to every session!
- Choose a major with confidence- Visit [my.UTRGV.edu](http://my.UTRGV.edu) and check out MyMajors: **Nursing is hard enough when you love it, so make sure you love it!**
- Visit your faculty members during their office hours and ask a question about class.
- Classes fill up fast. When registration opens, be sure to register on the first day for your group.
- Cold or flu getting you down? We have Student Health Services on campus with free office visits.

### APPLY WHAT YOU LEARN

- Look for a service-learning course! For guidance, visit Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Participate in a campus-sponsored community service project, such as a health fair.
- Ask a student in class to study with you.

### GLOBAL, CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Set up your profile on the Engagement Zone through [My.UTRGV.edu](http://My.UTRGV.edu).
- Attend a diversity-based campus or community event (e.g., MLK Day of Service).
- Attend a departmental program, such as a Research or Scholarship presentation or Community health fair.
- Join a student organization! Consider looking into the Student Nurse Organization or visit VLink ([utrgv.edu/vlink](http://utrgv.edu/vlink))!
- Create a résumé and set up your profile on the Handshake icon: ([My.UTRGV.edu](http://My.UTRGV.edu)).

### LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

- Got summer plans? Visit Career Center and ask about places to do some volunteering or job shadowing.
- Research shows that students who work on campus perform better than those who work off campus. Look for a job on Handshake!
- Check your UTRGV email for the daily Messenger- locate and attend one student workshop.

- Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.
- Complete major foundation classes, such as those listed as BSN prerequisites (66 hours). Learn their content well!
- Apply to the BSN Program. The deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> for the next fall start.
- Complete your second language proficiency **before** you are accepted into the BSN Program.

- Want to explore different careers? Check out MyMajors!
- Come ready with course suggestions and questions when you visit your academic advisor or BSN faculty.
- Visit the Communication Hauser Lab for help with your speeches.
- Trouble making your tuition payment? The Financial Aid Office can help. Payment plans and emergency loans are also available.
- Balance your life (mind-body-spirit)!

- To find undergraduate research opportunities, visit the Engaged Scholarship & Learning Office.
- Consider attending the LeaderShape Institute or attend the Engaged Scholar Symposium.

- Look at study abroad opportunities! Consider going to health-abroad trips.
- Check out a cultural campus or community event, such as HESTEC, FESTIBA, or health fair.
- Join another student organization. Visit VLink for options.
- Check out a campus event that offers free lunch, & bring a friend!

- Update your résumé in Handshake and have it reviewed.
- Visit the Career Center site to find a job fair to attend. At the event, approach a recruiter and discuss internships.
- Will a minor expand your career options? We recommend Medical Spanish/Spanish for Health Professionals.
- Explain to someone how your academic program aligns with your strengths and interests. Make sure it fits you and fulfills you! You will be doing it for at least a third of your day!

- Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.
- Complete your BSN prerequisites, & learn them well.
- Have you landed an internship or acquired research experience? This is the year to make it happen.

- Seek out research opportunities within Nursing (or other professional health disciplines) and join a professional organization, such as the Student Nurse Organization.
- Check DegreeWorks to make sure you are on track for graduation next year.
- Apply for internship and/or volunteering/job shadowing opportunities. Discuss these with your academic advisor, BSN faculty advisor, or Career Center.

- Go show off your research, service-learning or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium!
- Sharpen your writing skills! Take an intensive writing course or become the secretary for your organization.

- Consider serving on a campus life/community committee or become a student leader and make a positive difference. Visit VLink or speak with your Student Government Association for more information!
- Travel the world! Look into study abroad opportunities at the Office for International Programs & Partnerships.

- Check out the School of Nursing website for postings on scholarships, graduate school, or professional opportunities.
- Think about three people you can ask for letters of recommendation (professors, mentors, advisors, supervisors, etc.). Give them at least two weeks' advance notice & a résumé/CV of your activities & accomplishments!
- When is the deadline for your graduate school application? Visiting the program admissions webpage. Most do not accept late applicants!

- Shoot for a GPA of 4.0.
- "I have a plan for after graduation." If this describes you, great! If not, visit your Faculty Advisor or Career Center!
- Register for your Capstone/senior/portfolio courses.
- Complete at least 30 credit hours to graduate.
- Submit your application(s) for graduate school, an apprenticeship, or for full-time employment.

- Engage in an independent study project or an academic internship to complement your major, such as health volunteer activities.
- Discuss future plans with your faculty mentor or advisor that include employment, finances, & other life goals.
- Apply for graduation one semester prior to your anticipated date. Visit the Academic Advising Center or BSN faculty to ensure you are on track.

- Continue to present research or creative works at the Engaged Scholar Symposium or at health fairs.
- Set up an informational interview with an individual (especially an alumnus) currently in the field where you aspire to work.

- Identify employers of interest and seek them out at job fairs, on-campus information sessions, staffing agencies, online, etc. The Career Center can help.
- Before a job interview, schedule a mock interview with the Career Center or speech coaching with the Communication Hauser Lab.

- Have you received your acceptance for graduate school or an employment offer? If not, network: talk to faculty, the Career Center, and LinkedIn.
- Formulate and implement a strategy for life after graduation: attend career fairs, graduate fairs, apply to fellowships, etc.
- Update your information with Alumni Relations. Enjoy alumni mixers, events, and continued access to Career Center services!
- Remember to do your exit loan counseling on [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov).

- Specialties by work setting or type of treatment:
  - Perioperative (operating rooms)
  - Emergency/Trauma
  - Critical care
  - Ambulatory care
  - Home health care
  - Hospice and palliative care
  - Occupational health
  - Radiology
  - Psychiatric-mental health
  - Holistic/Complementary care

For additional info, visit the Career Center website and check out "What Can I Do With This Major?" [www.utrgv.edu/careercenter](http://www.utrgv.edu/careercenter)