

Nursing, BSN

Degree Program Requirements

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a major in Nursing and a Generic concentration Degree Program Requirements

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Core Curriculum 42 Credit Hours

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| Communication (Select Two) | | 6 |
| Mathematics | | 3 |
| MATH 1314 | College Algebra | |
| Life and Physical Sciences | | 6 |
| BIOL 2401 | Anatomy and Physiology I | |
| BIOL 2402 | Anatomy and Physiology II | |
| Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Select One) | | 3 |
| Creative Arts (Select One) | | 3 |
| American History (Select Two) | | 6 |
| Government/Political Science | | 6 |
| POSC 2305 | American Government | |
| POSC 2306 | Texas Government | |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option One (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option Two (Select One) | | 3 |
| Support Area Requirements (16 SCH) | | |
| HDFM 2355 | Human Development: Life Span | 3 |
| HUSC 1322 | Ecology of Human Nutrition and Food | 3 |
| PSYC 2317 | Statistical Methods in Psychology | 3 |
| CHEM 1306 | Introductory Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 1106 | General Chemistry Lab | 1 |
| BIOL 1307 | General Microbiology | 3 |
| Major Requirements (64 SCH) | | |
| NURS 3300 | Introduction to Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 3301 | Individual Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 3302 | Basic Pathophysiology | 3 |
| NURS 3416 | Basic Concepts of Nursing | 4 |
| NURS 3326 | Basic Concepts of Nursing Practicum | 3 |
| NURS 3417 | Adult Health Nursing I | 4 |
| NURS 3327 | Adult Health Nursing I Practicum | 3 |
| NURS 3518 | Family Health Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 3428 | Family Health Nursing Practicum | 4 |
| NURS 4301 | Introduction to the Research Process | 3 |
| NURS 4316 | Mental Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4226 | Mental Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4317 | Community Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4227 | Community Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4318 | Adult Health Nursing II | 3 |
| NURS 4228 | Adult Health Nursing II Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4319 | Nursing Leadership and Management | 3 |
| NURS 4229 | Nursing Leadership and Management Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4340 | Nursing Process Seminar | 3 |

LVN-BSN Concentration

DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) who seek admission to the LVN-BSN Program must meet the same lower division prerequisites and degree requirements as generic students. Applicants are evaluated on an individual basis and must complete the upper division clinical studies within five years of the initial admission date.

Application Process:

1. Be a graduate of an accredited Texas or out-of-state vocational technical or a community college program with a 3.0 GPA.
2. Current license to practice as a LVN in Texas.
3. Complete 60 prerequisite transferrable college-level hours (45 hours to apply) with less than 2 repeated courses.
4. Meet the required 3.0 Cumulative GPA and Support Area GPA on a 4.0 scale
5. Fulfill Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. Test scores displayed on transcript.
6. Complete State of Texas Common Application and print a copy.
7. Submit non-refundable \$40.00 application fee to the Main Campus Office of Admissions online or by mail, and keep a copy of receipt.
8. Request official transcripts from all institutions attended to be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
9. Satisfactory performance on the pre-nursing entrance examination. Two attempts are permitted.
10. Submit completed application, diploma, license, practice experience and any current transcripts to the College of Nursing by March 1 (fall) and September 1 (spring) admission.

Negative criminal background check and drug screening test by the TXBON and a designated approved agency of the College of Nursing. Students may be subjected to additional criminal background check and drug screening to satisfy continuing enrollment in the nursing program.

Process for Advanced Placement:

1. Upon admission to the LVN-BSN program, students may qualify for ten (10) semester credit hours of advanced placement through credit by examinations.
2. Advanced placement is achieved by obtaining a required performance score on two tests which may not be taken more than twice
 - a. National League for Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exams (ACE): Care of the Adult Client and Clinical Pharmacology
3. Upon successful completion of the above examinations, the student will receive ten (10) semester credit hours for the following nursing courses: NURS 3300, NURS 3417, NURS 3327. After satisfactory completion of the first 11 credit hours of the program, the student is awarded seven (7) semester credit hours in nursing courses congruent with the Texas Articulation Model. A total of 17 semester credit hours are given for articulation credit (advanced placement and credit by examination).

Graduation Requirements

The College of Nursing adheres to all general requirements and procedures of the University for satisfying the criteria of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. In addition, students are eligible to apply for graduation when the following conditions are met:

- Completion of the required semester credit hours.
- Completion of the residency requirement of a minimum 49 semester credit hours (upper division clinical studies) toward the BSN Degree earned at Prairie View A&M University.
- Achievement of a minimum 2.50 GPA.
- Completion of all clinical studies upper division courses within five years of the initial admission date.
- Satisfactory performance on a comprehensive examination selected, designed and score determined by the College of Nursing.

The LVN-BSN Program is offered via distance education at two (2) Prairie View A&M University sites: the Houston Medical Center and The Northwest Houston Center. Scheduling of courses per semester at distance sites are regulated based on enrollment management.

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Mathematics

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| American History (Select Two) | | 6 |
| Government/Political Science | | 6 |
| POSC 2305 | American Government | |
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| Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option One (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option Two (Select One) | | 3 |
| Support Area Requirements (16 SCH) | | |
| HDFM 2355 | Human Development: Life Span | 3 |
| HUSC 1322 | Ecology of Human Nutrition and Food | 3 |
| PSYC 2317 | Statistical Methods in Psychology | 3 |
| CHEM 1306 | Introductory Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 1106 | General Chemistry Lab | 1 |
| BIOL 1307 | General Microbiology | 3 |
| Advanced Placement Articulation | | 10 |
| Credit Examination | | 7 |
| Major Requirements (49 SCH) | | |
| NURS 3500 | Transition to Professional Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 3301 | Individual Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 3302 | Basic Pathophysiology | 3 |
| NURS 3518 | Family Health Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 3428 | Family Health Nursing Practicum | 4 |
| NURS 4301 | Introduction to the Research Process | 3 |
| NURS 4316 | Mental Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4226 | Mental Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
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| NURS 4227 | Community Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4319 | Nursing Leadership and Management | 3 |
| NURS 4229 | Nursing Leadership and Management Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4340 | Nursing Process Seminar | 3 |
| Nursing Electives | | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 124 |

RN-BSN Concentration

DISTANCE EDUCATION ONLINE PROGRAM

Registered nurses who seek admission to the RN-BSN Program must meet the same prerequisites and degree requirements as all baccalaureate nursing students. Applicants are evaluated on an individual basis and must complete RN-BSN Program within five years of the initial enrollment date.

The RN-BSN Program is offered online. Scheduling of courses per semester is based on an adequate class size.

Note: RN students who cannot enroll in online courses will be accommodated.

Admissions requirements:

- Be a graduate of a nursing diploma or associate degree program, which is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for preparing registered nurses.

- Hold current license as a registered nurse in the State of Texas or application for licensure in progress to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- Completion of requisite lower division courses (60 credit hours), including core and support courses with a minimum grade of “C” per course and a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.00.
- Documentation of recent nursing practice experience of at least six months full-time or one year part-time, or a refresher course with a clinical component within the last two years.
- Negative criminal background check by TX Board of Nursing and drug screening test by a designated approved agency of the College of Nursing. Students may be subjected to additional criminal background check and drug screening to satisfy continuing enrollment in the nursing program.

Advanced Placement Eligibility and Articulation

Upon admission to the RN-BSN program, students may qualify for 36 semester credit hours of advanced placement and articulation congruent with the Texas Articulation

Model. NURS 3416, NURS 3326, NURS 3300, NURS 3417, NURS 3327, NURS 3518, NURS 3428, NURS 4316, NURS 4226, NURS 4318, NURS 4228 awarded toward the Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree.

Graduation Requirements

The College of Nursing adheres to all general requirements and procedures of the University for satisfying the criteria for graduation. In addition, students are eligible to apply for graduation when the following conditions are met:

- Completion of the required semester credit hours for the BSN, 124 credits.
- Completion of the residency requirement of a minimum 28 semester hours of credit (upper division clinical studies) toward the BSN Degree earned at Prairie View A&M University.
- Achievement of a minimum 2.50 GPA.
- Completion of all clinical studies upper division courses within five years of the initial admission date.

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| Government/Political Science | | 6 |
| POSC 2305 | American Government | |
| POSC 2306 | Texas Government | |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option One (Select One) | | 3 |
| Component Area Option Two (Select One) | | 3 |
| Support Area Requirements (24 SCH) | | |
| HDFM 2355 | Human Development: Life Span | 3 |
| HUSC 1322 | Ecology of Human Nutrition and Food | 3 |
| PSYC 2317 | Statistical Methods in Psychology | 3 |
| CHEM 1306 | Introductory Chemistry I | 3 |
| CHEM 1106 | General Chemistry Lab | 1 |
| BIOL 1307 | General Microbiology | 3 |
| BIOL 2401 | Anatomy and Physiology I | 1 |
| BIOL 2402 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 1 |
| Advanced Placement Articulation | | 36 |
| Major Requirements (24 SCH) | | |
| NURS 4300 | Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice | 3 |

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|-----------------------|---|------------|
| NURS 3301 | Individual Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 3302 | Basic Pathophysiology | 3 |
| NURS 4301 | Introduction to the Research Process | 3 |
| NURS 4203 | Trends and Issues in Professional Nursing | 2 |
| NURS 4317 | Community Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4319 | Nursing Leadership and Management | 3 |
| NURS 4227 | Community Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NURS 4229 | Nursing Leadership and Management Practicum | 2 |
| Nursing Electives (2) | | 6 |
| Total Hours | | 126 |

Applicants to the RN-BSN program have the option of taking 6 credit hours of graduate courses towards the MSN degree in Nurse Education; Nurse Administration; and Family Nurse Practitioner. The six credit hours of courses must be approved by the dual undergraduate (BSN) and graduate (MSN) program advisors and include NURS 5300, NURS 5304, NURS 5302, NURS 5324, CNSL 5309.

Distance Education Programs

The central purpose of distance education at Prairie View A&M University is the elimination of geographical distance and time as barriers to access to quality courses and programs. Current course offerings include education, agriculture, sociology, engineering, social work, English, Spanish, speech, business, juvenile justice, health, architecture, and nursing.

As a support service for the academic enterprise, the Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) works collaboratively across the university community to:

- Electronically extend the campus of Prairie View A&M University through the NORTHSTAR and TTVN Telecommunications Networks for video delivery and WebCT through eCourses for online course delivery.
- Provide an open learning environment where teaching and learning occur anytime and anyplace.
- Share the practical applications of the university's knowledge and expertise to benefit society and support the economic growth and vitality of the local community.
- Provide training for faculty and staff involvement in Distance Learning.
- Increase Prairie View A&M University's access to the world and the world's access to the University.
- Research Distance Learning environments and emerging academic technologies.

Distance education and eCourses are listed in the schedule of classes accessible through PantherTracks.

Approved Distance Education Programs:

- BSN in Nursing with a RN-BSN concentration Program
- MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Sequence BSN Nursing-Generic

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Freshman

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Communication Core | | 3 Communication Core | 3 |
| Mathematics Core | | 3 Social and Behavioral Sciences Core | 3 |
| MATH 1314 | | Life and Physical Sciences Core | 4 |
| Life and Physical Sciences Core | | 4 BIOL 2402 | |
| BIOL 2401 | | Component Area Option Two Core | 3 |
| Component Area Option One Core | | 3 American History Core | 3 |
| American History Core | | 3 | |
| Total | | 16 Total | 16 |

Total Hours: 32

Sophomore

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Government/Political Science Core | | 3 Government/Political Science Core | 3 |
| HDFM 2355 | | 3 Language, Philosophy & Culture Core | 3 |
| CHEM 1306 | | 3 HUSC 1322 | 3 |
| CHEM 1106 | | 1 PSYC 2317 | 3 |
| Creative Arts Core | | 3 BIOL 1307 | 3 |
| Total | | 13 Total | 15 |

Total Hours: 28**Junior**

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 3416 | | 4 NURS 3300 | 3 |
| NURS 3326 | | 3 NURS 3417 | 4 |
| NURS 3301 | | 3 NURS 3327 | 3 |
| NURS 3302 | | 3 Nursing Elective | 3 |
| Total | | 13 Total | 13 |

Total Hours: 26**Senior**

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 3518 | | 5 NURS 4316 | 3 |
| NURS 3428 | | 4 NURS 4226 | 2 |
| NURS 4301 | | 3 NURS 4318 | 3 |
| | | NURS 4228 | 2 |
| | | Nursing Elective | 3 |
| Total | | 12 Total | 13 |

Total Hours: 25**Fifth Year**

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 4317 | 3 |
| NURS 4227 | 2 |
| NURS 4319 | 3 |
| NURS 4229 | 2 |
| NURS 4340 | 3 |
| Total | 13 |

Total Hours: 13

Total Semester Credit Hours: 124

BSN Nursing-LVN to BSN**First Year**

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 3302 | | 3 NURS 3518 | 5 |
| NURS 3301 | | 3 NURS 3428 | 4 |
| NURS 3500 | | 5 NURS 4301 | 3 |
| Total | | 11 Total | 12 |

Total Hours: 23

Second Year

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 4316 | | 3 NURS 4317 | 3 |
| NURS 4226 | | 2 NURS 4227 | 2 |
| NURS 4318 | | 3 NURS 4319 | 3 |
| NURS 4228 | | 2 NURS 4229 | 2 |
| Nursing Elective | | 3 NURS 4340 | 3 |
| Total | | 13 Total | 13 |

Total Hours: 26

Total Semester Credit Hours: 49

BSN Nursing-RN to BSN**First Year**

| Fall - Semester 1 | Hours | Spring - Semester 2 | Hours | Summer | Hours |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| NURS 4300 | | 3 NURS 4317 | | 3 NURS 4319 | 3 |
| NURS 3301 | | 3 NURS 4227 | | 2 NURS 4229 | 2 |
| NURS 3302 | | 3 NURS 4301 | | 3 NURS 4203 | 2 |
| | | Nursing Elective | | 3 Nursing Elective | 3 |
| Total | | 9 Total | | 11 Total | 10 |

Total Hours: 30**Marketable Skills**

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

BSN Nursing***Degree Skills***

1. Health/Wellness
2. Physiology
3. Interpersonal Relationships

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Problem solving
2. Good judgment
3. Customer Service