

# NURSING - BSN, TRADITIONAL BSN

This is for students who have at least two years of prerequisite coursework and are interested in a traditional 2-year nursing program.

The traditional BSN track requires the successful completion of prerequisite coursework prior to beginning upper-division courses. Academic advisors will be able to advise students regarding equivalencies to common course numbers. Information is also available regarding courses at [www.tccns.org](http://www.tccns.org) and through the Texas A&M Transfer Course Equivalency.

Applicants with a previous bachelor's degree may apply to either the traditional BSN track or the second-degree BSN track (offered in Round Rock, Texas) and must follow the same requirements as noted above.

This program is approved to be offered at the Texas A&M Higher Education Center in McAllen, Texas.

## Entry to the Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission to the College of Nursing professional program is competitive.

Admission decisions are based on:

- The strength of multiple elements in the student's academic background
- Minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course and required 3.3 pre-requisite and 3.3 Nursing science GPA
- One Nursing CAS application completed by the published deadline for the desired admission term. All academic information included on the application must be posted to and appear in a student's official record at Texas A&M.
- HESI A2 score – minimum score of 75% in each required section
- Timed verbal and written assessments of the student's attributes and experiences, to include community service, leadership, work experience, and activities in health care
- Limited number of course repeats, withdrawals, or failures in academic history

## Internal Applicants

An Internal Applicant is a current Texas A&M University undergraduate in a non-nursing major who meets specific requirements to apply to the upper division course sequence in nursing. Meeting requirements does not guarantee admission but allows a student the opportunity to apply for entry to the nursing program.

Students must submit the application no later than the published deadline in the term in which they are applying. Note: All academic information included on the application must be posted to and appear in a student's official record at Texas A&M.

## External Transfer Applicants

External Transfer Applicants from colleges and universities outside of Texas A&M University may be considered for admission through the competitive application process.

Current Texas A&M University students who will earn a bachelor's degree prior to the start date should also follow this process when applying for either the traditional or second-degree program.

Students participating in the Program for Transfer Admission (PTA) must follow the external transfer process found here.

## Program Requirements

### First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
BIOL 107 or BIOL 111	Zoology or Introductory Biology I	4
PBSI 107	Introduction to Psychology	3
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

### Spring

PBSI 225	Lifespan Development <sup>2,3</sup>	3
Select one of the following: <sup>2</sup>		4
CHEM 106 & CHEM 116	Molecular Science for Citizens and Molecular Science for Citizens Laboratory	
CHEM 107 & CHEM 117	General Chemistry for Engineering Students and General Chemistry for Engineering Students Laboratory	
CHEM 119	Fundamentals of Chemistry I	
CHEM 120	Fundamentals of Chemistry II	
American history ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Communication ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Mathematics ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics</a> ) <sup>1,2</sup>		3
<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Year

Fall		
BIOL 319 or VIBS 305	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology <sup>1,2,3,4</sup> or Biomedical Anatomy	4
NUTR 222	Nutrition for Health and Health Care <sup>2</sup>	3
Creative arts ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Government/Political science ( <a href="https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science">https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		3

Mathematics (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics>)<sup>1,2</sup> 3

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Spring

BIOL 320 Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology 4  
or VTPP 423 II<sup>2,3,4</sup>  
or Applied Biomedical Physiology I

PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues 3  
or PHIL 251 or Introduction to Philosophy

Select one of the following:<sup>2</sup> 4

BIOL 206 Introductory Microbiology

BIOL 351 Fundamentals of Microbiology

VTPB 405 Biomedical Microbiology

Government/Political science (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science>)<sup>1</sup> 3

**Semester Credit Hours 14**

### Third Year

#### Fall

NURS 318 Professional Identity I - The Role of the Professional Nurse 3

NURS 330 Management of Care I - The Fundamentals of Nursing Care Across the Lifespan 5

NURS 340 Patho-Pharm I - Connecting Pathophysiology and Pharmacology to Common Patient Conditions 4

NURS 343 Building Healthy Communities I - Wellness and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

#### Spring

NURS 319 Professional Identity II - Interprofessional Practice and Evidence-Based Decision-Making 3

NURS 332 Management of Care II - Nursing Care of Adults with Common and Chronic Conditions 5

NURS 341 Patho-Pharm II - Connecting Pathophysiology and Pharmacology to Complex Patient Conditions 3

NURS 342 Mental Health Nursing Care Across the Lifespan 3

NURS 344 Building Healthy Communities II - Fostering Health Infrastructure 3

**Semester Credit Hours 17**

### Fourth Year

#### Fall

NURS 418 Professional Identity III - Development in the Professional Nurse Role 3

NURS 433 Management of Care III - Nursing Care of Adults with Complex, High-Acuity Conditions 5

NURS 436 Maternal and Child Health 5

NURS 442 Application of Pharmacology Principles Across the Lifespan 3

**Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Spring

NURS 419 Professional Identity IV - The Professional Nurse Leader 3

NURS 435 Management of Care IV - Synthesis of Knowledge, Skills and Attitudes for Professional Success 6

NURS 445 Writing for Nursing Professionals - The Nurse's Role in Health Advocacy and Healthcare Quality 3

**Semester Credit Hours 12**

**Total Semester Credit Hours 120**

<sup>1</sup> See the University Core Curriculum (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#university-core-curriculum>) course list. STAT 201 is recommended to fulfill 3 hours of Mathematics, but is not required.

<sup>2</sup> Indicates Nursing Science course.

<sup>3</sup> These courses may be taken at a community college, but must be completed by the first day at the School of Nursing. Students may elect to place these courses anywhere in their schedule, though it is encouraged that these be completed over the summer.

<sup>4</sup> Texas common courses BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 taken at any Texas accredited public institution will meet the requirement for BIOL 319 and BIOL 320.

BSN students must make a minimum grade of C in all courses.

## Foreign Language

Proficiency in a foreign language is required. This requirement can be met by taking two years of the same language in high school or college credit.

## Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisites may be planned or in progress during the application cycle, but must be completed with a grade of C or better before the program start date. The courses may be completed at any regionally accredited college or university.