NURSING - BSN, RN TO BSN TRACK

The RN to BSN track enables applicants who have earned an associate degree in nursing from an accredited college and hold a current, unencumbered Registered Nurse license to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The upper division program is designed for working nurses and can be completed in 3 or 4 semesters of study. The program is delivered asynchronously online to accommodate other responsibilities of the RN while advancing their education.

Students may complete the upper division course of study as either full-time or part-time students. The course instruction is delivered online allowing students to balance career, family, and other responsibilities along with advancing their education. Students may choose to complete the curriculum in 3 semesters (1-year option) or in 4 semesters (1 1/2-year option). Applicants who complete their Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) through an LVN to RN or Paramedic to RN bridge program must have earned a minimum of 35 transferable credits in their program in order to apply. This program is approved for delivery via asynchronous distance education technology.

A second path to the BSN is offered via the ASCEND co-enrollment program. The ASCEND program is offered to qualified students who have completed at least one semester of the associate degree nursing program. Successful ASCEND students will earn a BSN within 1 or 2 semesters after earning their ADN. Note: ASCEND students must hold a current, unencumbered Registered Nurse license before the BSN is conferred.

Entry to the RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) Program

Admission to the School of Nursing RN to BSN Program is competitive.

Admission decisions are based on the entirety of the student's academic and professional background.

Minimum requirements include:

- Grade of C in each prerequisite course
- Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale); GPA associate degree in nursing course work grade point average of 2.5
- One professional reference from either a professor or the student's current supervisor
- Professional resume
- The student's experiences and attributes, to include community service, leadership, honors and awards and work experience
- Academic history of repeats, withdraws or failures
- Select applicants will be required to complete timed verbal and written assessments at the discretion of the Undergraduate Admissions, Progression, and Graduation Committee

Minimum enrollment requirements for RN-BSN applicants:

- Must graduate from a nationally accredited associate degree in nursing (ADN) program
- Must hold a current, unencumbered RN license
- New ADN graduates may be admitted to the RN-BSN program but must pass the NCLEX by the end of the first term in the program. Students who do not hold a valid RN license by the end of the first semester of enrollment will be dropped from the program
- ASCEND Program students must submit each semester attestation of ongoing program eligibility from the ADN program direction prior to enrollment

Articulation Agreements

Blinn College, South Texas College, and Angelina College

Application for the ASCEND program must include a written attestation of program eligibility signed by the ADN program director.

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 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) [1]		3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		1
	Semester Credit Hours	**14**
Spring		
PBSI 225	Lifespan Development [2,3]	3
Select one of the following: [2]		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 (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)		3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) [1]		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) [1,2]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
BIOL 319 or VIBS 305	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology I [2,3,4] or Biomedical Anatomy	4

POLS 206	American National Government	3
Select one of the following:		3
NUTR 202	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	
NUTR 203	Scientific Principles of Human Nutrition	
NUTR 222	Nutrition for Health and Health Care	
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) [1]		3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) [1,2]		3
	Semester Credit Hours	**16**
Spring		
BIOL 320 or VTPB 405	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology II [2,3,4] or Biomedical Microbiology	4
PHIL 111 or PHIL 251	Contemporary Moral Issues or Introduction to Philosophy	3
POLS 207	State and Local Government	3
Select one of the following: [2]		4
BIOL 206	Introductory Microbiology	
BIOL 351	Fundamentals of Microbiology	
VTPB 405	Biomedical Microbiology	
	Semester Credit Hours	**14**
Third Year		
Fall		
Directed electives [5]		15
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Spring		
Directed electives [5]		15
	Semester Credit Hours	**15**
Summer		
NURS 460	Nursing Dimensions and Informatics for the RN	3
NURS 461	Application of Evidence Based Practice for the RN	3
	Semester Credit Hours	**6**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 462	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for the RN	4
NURS 464	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan for the RN	3
NURS 467	Leadership and Management for the RN	5
	Semester Credit Hours	**12**
Spring		
NURS 463	Health Assessment for the RN	3
NURS 465	Care of the Older Adult for the RN	2
NURS 466	Community Health for the RN	5
NURS 468	Professional Practice Issues for the RN	2
	Semester Credit Hours	**12**
	Total Semester Credit Hours	**120**

1. Core Curriculum courses are listed on the University Core Curriculum (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/) page. STAT 201 is recommended to fulfill 3 hours of Mathematics, but is not required.
2. Indicates Nursing Science course.
3. 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.
4. Texas common courses BIOL 2401 and 2402 taken at any Texas accredited public institution will meet the requirement for BIOL 319 and BIOL 320.
5. Consult with an academic advisor for acceptable courses.

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