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.

This program is approved for delivery via asynchronous distance education technology. It is delivered asynchronously online to accommodate family and professional responsibilities of the working nurse while advancing their education. The upper division program is designed for working nurses and can be completed in 3 or 4 semesters of study.

ASCEND

The Aggie Student-Centered Express Nursing Degree track (ASCEND) is an RN-to-BSN option exclusively for Blinn College nursing students. The ASCEND program is offered to qualified students who have completed at least one semester of the associate degree nursing (ADN) program. Successful ASCEND students will earn a BSN within 1 or 2 semesters after earning their ADN.

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

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

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

Admission decisions are based on multiple elements in the student's academic and professional background.

Minimum requirements include:

- Must graduate from a nationally accredited associate degree in nursing (ADN) program
- The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- The Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)
- The State Board of Nursing (for select states)
- 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; ASCEND students must have earned a minimum of 3.0 GPA in Texas A&M College of Nursing prerequisite, nursing science, and Blinn College ADN coursework by the start of classes.
- One professional reference from either a professor or the student's current supervisor
- Professional resume
- Limited number of course repeats, withdraws, or failures in academic history
- The Undergraduate Admissions, Progression, and Graduation Committee may require select applicants to complete timed verbal and written assessments of the student's experiences and attributes, to include community service, leadership, honors and awards and work experience.
- 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 to apply.

Minimum enrollment requirements for RN-BSN students:

- 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 an attestation of ongoing program eligibility from the ADN program director prior to enrollment each semester.

Articulation Agreements

Blinn College, South Texas College, and Angelina College

Program Requirements

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Second Year

Fall

BIOL 319 Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology 4
or VIBS 305 Biomedical Anatomy

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) 3

Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) 1,2

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring

BIOL 320 Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
or VTPB 405 Biomedical Microbiology

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

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

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.