

NURSING - BSN, TRADITIONAL BSN

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.

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 a recommended minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- 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, withdraws, 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		Semester	Credit
Fall			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) ¹			3
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication) ¹			3
Semester Credit Hours			13
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) ¹			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 ^{1,2,3,4} or Biomedical Anatomy		4
NUTR 222	Nutrition for Health and Health Care ²		3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts) ¹			3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science) 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 VTPP 423	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology II ^{2,3,4} or Biomedical Physiology I	4
PHIL 111 or PHIL 251	Contemporary Moral Issues or Introduction to Philosophy	3
Select one of the following: ²		4
BIOL 206	Introductory Microbiology	
BIOL 351	Fundamentals of Microbiology	
VTPB 405	Biomedical Microbiology	
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science) ¹		3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 305	Nursing Dimensions and Informatics	3
NURS 306	Foundations of Nursing Practice Theory	5
NURS 307	Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical	3
NURS 312	Introduction to Pathophysiology	3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Spring		
NURS 316	Pharmacology Principles	3
NURS 320	Adult Nursing I	6
NURS 412	Care of Mental Health Clients	4
Semester Credit Hours		13
Summer		
NURS 323	Nursing Care of Women, Families and Newborns	4
NURS 413	Nursing Care of Children and Families	4
Semester Credit Hours		8
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 315	Nursing and the Aged	3
NURS 411	Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses	3
NURS 420	Adult Nursing II	6
NURS 434	Case Studies in Patient Safety and Quality	2
Semester Credit Hours		14
Spring		
NURS 421	Care of Community Health Clients	5
NURS 424	Professional Issues	2
NURS 430	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	5
Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Semester Credit Hours		120

⁴ 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.

¹ See the University Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/>) course list. 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.