

RN TO BSN

The RN to BSN program courses are 100% online to accommodate a working nurse's schedule. Full and part-time options are available to provide flexibility for the working registered nurse. Faculty are available at The Woodlands Center for questions and advising.

The RN-BSN Online Track is designed for the student who is enrolled in or graduated from a community college with a degree in nursing and will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN, or who has passed the NCLEX-RN, holds a current, unencumbered Texas license as a registered nurse and wishes to obtain the baccalaureate degree. Earning a baccalaureate degree will open more doors in an RN's nursing career, allowing for positions of leadership and possibly further academic degrees.

There are three types of admission to SHSU's RN to BSN program:

- 1) Unconditional Admission
- 2) Conditional Admission
- 3) Joint Admission while enrolled in a community college nursing program.

The table below illustrates the requirements for each type of admission.

| Admission Type | Application to SHSU | Application to RN BSN | Texas RN License | Cumulative GPA | Prerequisite GPA | ¹ Proof of Clinical Readiness | Completion of all Prerequisite Courses |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--|--|
| Unconditional | X | X | X | 2.5 | 2.5 | X | X |
| Conditional | X | X | WITHIN 1 SEMESTER | 2.5 | 2.5 | X | ALL BUT 4 COURSES* |
| Joint | X | X | Before beginning clinical courses | 2.75 | 2.5 | X | Before beginning clinical courses** |

Notes

Proof of clinical readiness: Completion of all immunizations, CPR, liability and health insurance, background check, and drug screen prior to enrolling in clinical courses.

* For Conditional Admission, pre-requisite courses may be taken following enrollment in RN-BSN program, but must be taken within one year.

** Joint Admission students may apply after completion of 1st semester ADN courses. Students must have unencumbered RN license to practice in Texas prior to enrolling in clinical courses.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--|-------|
| RN to BSN | | |
| Core Curriculum (catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum) | | |
| Component Area I (Communication) | | 6 |
| Component Area II (Mathematics) | | 3 |
| Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) | | 8 |
| Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ¹ | | 3 |
| Component Area V (Creative Arts) | | 3 |
| Component Area VI (U.S. History) | | 6 |
| Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) | | 6 |
| Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) | | 3 |
| Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ² | | 4 |
| Degree Specific Requirements | | |
| BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2403 | Human Anatomy ³ Human Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2404 | Human Physiology ³ Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| BIOL 2420 or BIOL 3470 | Intro Applied Microbiology General Microbiology | 4 |
| CHEM 1406 or CHEM 1411 | Inorganic & Envir Chemistry General Chemistry I | 4 |

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| or CHEM elective or approved elective | | |
| FACS 2362 | Nutrition | 3 |
| MATH 1314 | Pre Calculus Algebra (core) ⁴ | 3 |
| or MATH 1410 | Elementary Functions | |
| or MATH 1420 | Calculus I | |
| MATH 1369 | Elementary Statistics | 3 |
| or STAT 1369 | Elementary Statistics | |
| or MATH 1370 | Intro Biomedical Statistics | |
| or PSYC 3402 | Psychological Statistics | |
| PSYC 1301 | Introduction To Psychology (core) ⁵ | 3 |
| PSYC 3374 | Development Psychology | 3 |
| Track Specific Requirements | | |
| NURS 3340 | Older Adult Health Management | 3 |
| NURS 3360 | Introduction to Research | 3 |
| NURS 3370 | RN-to-BSN Role Transition | 3 |
| NURS 4030 | Community Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4060 | Leadership and Management | 3 |
| NURS 4372 | RN-to-BSN Capstone | 3 |
| NURS 4381 | Legal & Ethical Issues in Nurs | 3 |
| NURS 4382 | Informatics | 3 |
| NURS 4383 | Rural Health Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 4384 | Nursing Genetics and Genomics | 3 |
| Articulation Credit | | |
| ADN/Diploma Nursing courses applied to the RN-BSN degree | | 32 |
| Includes 12 hours NCLEX exam credit: NURS 3620 and NURS 4620 | | |
| Total Hours | | 121 |

- ¹ Recommended PHIL 1301
- ² Recommended SOCI 2319.
- ³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) and major requirement.
- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and the major requirement.
- ⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and major requirement.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|-------|-------|
| Prenursing Prerequisites and Texas Core | | 59 |
| Nursing Credit Hours | | 62 |
| Total Hours | | 121 |

Notes
Students admitted not core complete, must meet the SHSU core curriculum requirements. For students who are taking pre-requisite hours at SHSU, see the pre-licensure BSN requirements.

NURS 4372 is taken in the final semester.

The nursing credit hours include 32 articulation credits and 30 hours taken at SHSU. Course substitutions in the degree specific credit hours may require additional elective credit hours to reach the total 121 credits required for the degree.

For more information on the RN-BSN option, contact: prenursing@shsu.edu

First Year

| First Semester | Hours Second Semester | Hours |
|---|---|--------------|
| Component Area IX (catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareaix) | 1 BIOL 2402 ¹ | 4 |
| BIOL 2401 ¹ | 4 ENGL 1302 ² | 3 |
| CHEM 1406 or 1411 or CHEM elective or approved elective | 4 HIST 1301 ⁴ MATH 1369, STAT 1369, MATH 1370, or PSYC 3402 | 3 |
| ENGL 1301 ² | 3 PSYC 1301 ⁵ | 3 |
| MATH 1314 ³ | 3 | |
| | 15 | 16 |

Second Year

| First Semester | Hours Second Semester | Hours |
|------------------------|---|--------------|
| BIOL 2420 or 3470 | 4 Component Area IV ⁷ | 3 |
| FACS 2362 | 3 Component Area V (catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareav) | 3 |
| HIST 1302 ⁴ | 3 Component Area IX ⁸ | 3 |
| POLS 2305 ⁶ | 3 POLS 2306 ⁶ | 3 |
| PSYC 3374 | 3 | |
| | 16 | 12 |

Third Year

| First Semester | Hours Second Semester | Hours Third Semester | Hours |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| NURS 3360 | 3 NURS 4030 | 3 NURS 3340 | 3 |
| NURS 3370 | 3 NURS 4383 | 3 NURS 4381 | 3 |
| NURS 4382 | 3 NURS 4384 | 3 | |
| | 9 | 9 | 6 |

Fourth Year

| First Semester | Hours Second Semester | Hours |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| NURS 4060 | 3 ADN/Diploma Nursing courses applied to RN- BSN Degree | 32 |
| NURS 4372 | 3 Includes 12 hours NCLEX exam credit: NURS 3620 and NURS 4620 | |
| | 6 | 32 |

Total Hours: 121

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|--|-------|
| Nursing Prerequisites and Texas Core | | 59 |
| Nursing Credit Hours (32 credits transferred in from ADN and 30 credits in nursing taken at SHSU) | | 62 |
| Total Hours | | 121 |
| 1 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science). | |
| 2 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications). | |
| 3 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics). | |
| 4 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History). | |
| 5 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences). | |
| 6 | Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government). | |
| 7 | Recommended PHIL 1301. | |
| 8 | Recommended SOCI 2319. | |