

# 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 RNs 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	Prerequisiste GPA	<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>RN to BSN</b>		
<b>Core Curriculum</b> ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum">catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum</a> )		
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) <sup>1</sup>		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) <sup>2</sup>		4
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2403	Human Anatomy <sup>3</sup> Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2404	Human Physiology <sup>3</sup> 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

or CHEM elective or approved elective		
FACS 2362	Nutrition	3
MATH 1314	Pre Calculus Algebra (core) <sup>4</sup>	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) <sup>5</sup>	3
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	3
<b>Track Specific Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Articulation Credit</b>		
<b>ADN/Diploma Nursing courses applied to the RN-BSN degree</b>		32
Includes 12 hours NCLEX exam credit: NURS 3620 and NURS 4620		
Total Hours		121

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

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<b>Prenursing Prerequisites and Texas Core</b>		59
<b>Nursing Credit Hours</b>		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](mailto:prenursing@shsu.edu)

**First Year**

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

**Second Year**

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

**Third Year**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours Third Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Hours Second Semester</b>	<b>Hours</b>
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
<b>Nursing Prerequisites and Texas Core</b>		59
<b>Nursing Credit Hours (32 credits transferred in from ADN and 30 credits in nursing taken at SHSU)</b>		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.	