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 (RN). Faculty are available at SHSU-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, enhanced career advancement opportunities, and the potential to pursue graduate education.

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.

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

**Code**

**Title**

**RN to BSN**

Core Curriculum ([http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/))

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Component Area I (Communication)

3

Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹

8

Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²

3

Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) ³

Component Area V (Creative Arts)

Component Area VI (U.S. History)

Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)

Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ⁴

Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ⁵

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**Degree Specific Requirements**

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MATH 1342

PHIL 1301

PSYC 3374

Track Specific Requirements

NURS 3340 Older Adult Health Management

NURS 3360 Introduction to Research

NURS 3370 RN-to-BSN Role Transition

NURS 4030 Community Nursing

NURS 4060 Leadership and Management

NURS 4372 RN-to-BSN Capstone

NURS 4381 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nurs

NURS 4382 Informatics

NURS 4383 Rural Health Nursing

NURS 4384 Nursing Genetics and Genomics

Articulation Credit

ADN/Diploma Nursing courses applied to the RN-BSN degree

Minor: Not Required

Total Hours

Code | Title | Hours
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Pre-nursing Prerequisites and Texas Core

Nursing Credit Hours

Total Hours: 121

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Fourth Year  
First Semester Hours  
ADN/Diploma Nursing courses applied to RN-BSN Degree\(^9\)

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1. Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).
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3. Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).
5. Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
7. PHIL 1301 is recommended and satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).
8. SOCI 2319 is recommended and satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
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- Lead in the provision of safe quality care using evidence-based practice.
- Collaborate with patients and members of the healthcare team to promote health and provide preventive care.
- Incorporate ethical principles and professional standards to provide quality care to diverse populations.
- Advocate for patients and the nursing profession while incorporating dynamic system practices, health policies, and global healthcare factors.
- Maintain confidentiality and protect patient rights utilizing technology and information management systems.