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 (RN). Faculty are available at SHSU-The Woodlands Center for questions and advising. For more information on the RN-BSN program, contact: prenursing@shsu.edu. (prenursing@shsu.edu)

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 partner 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 [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, before beginning clinical courses	2.5	2.5	X	Within 1 year*
Joint	X	X	Before beginning clinical courses	2.5	2.5	X	Before beginning clinical courses**

*For Conditional Admission, prerequisite 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 of 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		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) [1]		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) [2]		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) [3]		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) [4]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) [5]		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
BIOL 2403	Human Anatomy & Physiology I [2,6]	4
BIOL 2404	Human Anatomy & Physiology II [2,6]	4
BIOL 2420	Introduction to Applied Microbiology	4
or BIOL 3470	General Microbiology	
CHEM 1406	Inorganic & Environmental Chemistry	4
or CHEM 1411	General Chemistry I	
or CHEM elective or approved elective		
FSCN 2362	Nutrition [7]	3
or approved elective		

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 1314	Pre Calculus Algebra [1]	3
or MATH 1324	Mathematics for Managerial Decision Making	
or MATH 1410	Elementary Functions	
or MATH 1420	Calculus I	
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistics	3
or MATH 1370	Introduction to Biomedical Statistics	
or PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology [4]	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 and Ethical Issues in Nursing	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 [8,9]		32
Minor: Not Required [10,11]		
Total Hours		**121**

Code	Title	Hours
Prenursing Prerequisites and Texas Core		**59**
Nursing Credit Hours		**62**
Total Hours:		**121**

[1] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).

[2] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).

[3] PHIL 1301 is recommended and satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

[4] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

[5] SOCI 2319 and KINE 2115 are recommended and satisfy Core Curriculum requirements for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

[6] BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.

[7] FSCN 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.

[8] Includes 12 hours NCLEX exam credit: NURS 3620 and NURS 4620.

[9] Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) is completed at a community college prior to applying to the RN-BSN program (joint admission option allows students to apply to the RN-BSN after completing the 1st semester of ADN).

[10] A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so additional semester credits hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.

[11] All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

Students must earn a minimum 2.5 GPA in nursing prerequisites and Core Curriculum coursework.

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all Nursing coursework.

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum SHSU GPA in all coursework.

Students must meet a 2.0 minimum SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.

Students must apply and be accepted into the SHSU School of Nursing prior to registering for any NURS courses.

Science courses do not require a 7 year renewal.

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

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.

Students must receive a grade of "C" or better in each NURS course.

Students accepted into the SHSU School of Nursing are required to adhere to additional policies indicated in the School of Nursing student handbook.

NURS 4372 is recommended to be taken in the final semester.

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
BIOL 2403[1]	4	BIOL 2404[1]	4
CHEM 1406 or 1411 (or CHEM elective or approved elective)	4	ENGL 1302[2]	3
ENGL 1301[2]	3	HIST 1301[5]	3
MATH 1314, 1324, 1410, or 1420[3]	3	MATH 1342, 1370, or PSYC 3402	3
PSYC 1301[4]	3	PSYC 3374	3
	17		**16**

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Component Area IX[6]	3	Component Area IV[9]	3
BIOL 2420 or 3470	4	Component Area V	3
FSCN 2362[7]	3	Component Area IX	1
HIST 1302[5]	3	POLS 2306[8]	3
POLS 2305[8]	3		
	16		**10**

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours	Third Semester	Hours
NURS 3360	3	NURS 4030	3	NURS 3340	3
NURS 3370	3	NURS 4060	3	NURS 4372	3
NURS 4382	3	NURS 4383	3	NURS 4381	3
		NURS 4384	3		
	9		**12**		**9**

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[7]   FSCN 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.

[8]   Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).

[9]   PHIL 1301 is recommended and satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

[10] Includes 12 hours NCLEX exam credit: NURS 3620 and NURS 4620.

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The RN to BSN is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- 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.