

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN NURSING (BSN)

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Nursing		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/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 or BIOL 3470	Introduction to Applied Microbiology ⁷ General Microbiology	4
CHEM 1406 or CHEM 1411	Inorganic & Environmental Chemistry ⁸ General Chemistry I	4
FSCN 2362	Nutrition ^{7,9}	3
MATH 1314 or MATH 1324 or MATH 1410 or MATH 1420	Pre Calculus Algebra ¹ Mathematics for Managerial Decision Making Elementary Functions Calculus I	3
MATH 1370 or MATH 1342 or PSYC 3402	Introduction to Biomedical Statistics Elementary Statistics Psychological Statistics	3
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology ⁴	3
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology	3
Major: Foundation		
NURS 2132	Foundations & Health Assessment Lab	1
NURS 2133	Experiential Learning 1 - Concept Application	1
NURS 2231	Recitation and Wellness for Student Success 1	2
NURS 2321	Applied Pathophysiology/Pharmacology 1	3
NURS 2531	Foundations of Nursing	5
NURS 3134	Experiential Learning 2 - Concept Application	1
NURS 3135	Experiential Learning 3 - Concept Application	1
NURS 3141	Applied Pathophysiology/Pharmacology 3	1
NURS 3231	Applied Pathophysiology/Pharmacology 2	2
NURS 3232	Recitation and Wellness for Student Success 2	2
NURS 3233	Recitation and Wellness for Student Success 3	2
NURS 3263	Population Health Nursing	2
NURS 3342	Behavioral Health Nursing Care	3
NURS 3360	Introduction to Research	3

NURS 3521	Medical - Surgical Nursing ¹	5
NURS 3522	Medical - Surgical Nursing 2	5
NURS 4137	Experiential Learning 5 - Concept Application	1
NURS 4222	Child & Adolescent Nursing	2
NURS 4235	Recitation and Wellness for Student Success 4	2
NURS 4236	Experiential Learning 4 - Concept Application	2
NURS 4237	Recitation and Wellness for Student Success 5	2
NURS 4242	Maternal Newborn Nursing & Women's Health	2
NURS 4264	Applied Population Health Nursing	2
NURS 4331	Leadership & Transition to Practice	3
NURS 4631	Medical - Surgical Nursing 3 (Critical Care)	6
Minor: Not Required ^{10,11}		

Total Hours **120**

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Nursing Prerequisites and Texas Core		59
Nursing Credit Hours		63
Total Hours		122

- 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 BIOL 2420 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=BIOL%202420>) and FSCN 2362 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=FSCN%202362>) are nursing pre-requisites that must be completed before nursing application date.
- ⁸ CHEM 1406 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=CHEM%201406>) is recommended
- ⁹ FSCN 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.
- 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 3.0 minimum GPA in nursing prerequisite and Core Curriculum coursework.

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

BIOL 2404 requires a grade of "C" or higher in BIOL 2403.

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First Year

	First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours	
	BIOL 2403 ¹		4 BIOL 2404 ¹		4
	CHEM 1406 or 1411 ²		4 ENGL 1302 ³		3
	ENGL 1301 ³		3 HSTY 1301 ⁶		3
	MATH 1314, 1324, 1410, or 1420 ⁴		3 MATH 1370, 1342, or PSYC 3402		3
	PSYC 1301 ⁵		3 PSYC 3374		3
			17		16

Second Year

Summer	Hours	First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
BIOL 2420 or 3470 ⁷		4 Component Area IV (https:// catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareaiv) ¹⁰		3 NURS 2132	1
FSCN 2362 ^{7,8}		3 Component Area V (https:// catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareav)		3 NURS 2133	1
POLS 2305 ⁹		3 Component Area IX (https:// catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareaix) ¹¹		1 NURS 2231	2
		Component Area IX (https:// catalog.shsu.edu/ undergraduate/ academic-policies- procedures/degree- requirements- academic-guidelines/ core-curriculum/ #componentareaix) ¹¹		3 NURS 2321	3
		HSTY 1302 ⁶		3 NURS 2531	5
		POLS 2306 ⁹		3	
		10		16	12

Third Year

	First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
	NURS 3134		1 NURS 3135	1
	NURS 3231		2 NURS 3141	1

	NURS 3232		2 NURS 3233		2
	NURS 3342		3 NURS 3263		2
	NURS 3521		5 NURS 3360		3
			NURS 3522		5
			13		14
Fourth Year					
	First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours	
	NURS 4222		2 NURS 4137		1
	NURS 4230		2 NURS 4237		2
	NURS 4235		2 NURS 4331		3
	NURS 4236		2 NURS 4631		6
	NURS 4242		2		
	NURS 4264		2		
			12		12

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- ¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science). In addition, BIOL 2401 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=BIOL%202401>) and BIOL 2402 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=BIOL%202402>) may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please, see a SAM Center advisor for more details.
- ² CHEM 1406 (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=CHEM%201406>) is recommended.
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- ⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
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- ⁷ BIOL 2420 and FSCN 2362 are nursing pre-requisites that must be completed before nursing application date.
- ⁸ FSCN 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.
- ⁹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Nursing (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.