

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN NURSING (BSN)

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| Code | Title | Hours |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Bachelor of Science, Major in Nursing | | |
| 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 ⁷ | 4 |
| or CHEM 1411 | General Chemistry I | |
| FSCN 2362 | Nutrition ⁸ | 3 |
| 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 1370 | Introduction to Biomedical Statistics | 3 |
| or MATH 1342 | Elementary Statistics | |
| or PSYC 3402 | Psychological Statistics | |
| PSYC 1301 | Introduction To Psychology ⁴ | 3 |
| PSYC 3374 | Development Psychology | 3 |
| Major: Foundation | | |
| NURS 3310 | Health Assessment | 3 |
| NURS 3320 | Pathophysiology for Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 3321 | Pharmacology for Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 3340 | Older Adult Health Management | 3 |
| NURS 3351 | Nursing Concepts I | 3 |
| NURS 3360 | Introduction to Research | 3 |
| NURS 3540 | Mental Health and Illness | 5 |
| NURS 3620 | Adult Health I | 6 |
| NURS 3631 | Nursing Fundamentals | 6 |
| NURS 4030 | Community Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 4060 | Leadership and Management | 4 |
| NURS 4250 | Nursing Concepts II | 2 |
| NURS 4520 | Child & Adolescent Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 4540 | Women's Health and Maternal Newborn Nursing | 5 |
| NURS 4620 | Adult Health II | 6 |

Minor: Not Required^{9,10}

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Hours | 121 |
| Code | Title |
| Nursing 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 CHEM 1406 is recommended
- ⁸ FSCN 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see a SAM Center advisor for more details.
- ⁹ 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.
- ¹⁰ 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.

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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 HIST 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

| First Semester | Hours | Second Semester | Hours |
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| Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ⁷ | | 3 Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv) ¹⁰ | 3 |

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| BIOL 2420 or 3470 | 4 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav) | 3 |
| FSCN 2362 ⁸ | 3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ⁷ | 1 |
| HIST 1302 ⁶ | 3 NURS 3320 | 3 |
| POLS 2305 ⁹ | 3 NURS 3351 | 3 |
| 16 | | 13 |

Third Year

| First Semester | Hours | Second Semester | Hours |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| NURS 3310 | | 3 NURS 3360 | 3 |
| NURS 3321 | | 3 NURS 3540 | 5 |
| NURS 3631 | | 6 NURS 3620 | 6 |
| POLS 2306 ⁹ | | 3 | |
| 15 | | 14 | |

Fourth Year

| First Semester | Hours | Second Semester | Hours |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| NURS 4030 | | 5 NURS 3340 | 3 |
| NURS 4520 | | 5 NURS 4060 | 4 |
| NURS 4540 | | 5 NURS 4250 | 2 |
| | | NURS 4620 | 6 |
| 15 | | 15 | |

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¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science). In addition, BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please, see a SAM Center advisor for more details.

² CHEM 1406 is recommended.

³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).

⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

⁶ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).

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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.