

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 or BIOL 3470	Introduction to Applied Microbiology General Microbiology	4
CHEM 1406 or CHEM 1411	Inorganic & Environmental Chemistry ⁷ General Chemistry I	4
FSCN 2362	Nutrition ⁸	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 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}

Total Hours	121
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Nursing Prerequisites and Texas Core		59
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Nursing Credit Hours		62
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- 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.
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- 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.

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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
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

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
NURS 3310		3 NURS 3360
NURS 3321		3 NURS 3540
NURS 3631		6 NURS 3620
POLS 2306 ⁹		3
15		14
Fourth Year		
First Semester	Hours	Second Semester
NURS 4030		5 NURS 3340
NURS 4520		5 NURS 4060
NURS 4540		5 NURS 4250
		NURS 4620
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).
- ¹⁰ PHIL 1301 is recommended and satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture).

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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.