

**TODAY'S NURSE**

Today, more than ever before, nurses must be technically competent and well-informed. Today's nurse is called upon to operate highly sophisticated equipment, manage groups of patients, and be skilled in computer technology. Additionally, the nurse must understand concepts of interpersonal relations in order to collaborate with patients and other health care professionals. Sound critical reasoning competencies based upon a solid foundation in the arts, sciences, and humanities are crucial for today's nurses who, in many cases, practices outside the hospitals—in patients' homes, in hospices, in nursing homes, in industrial sites, and in the community at large.

Educational programs for nursing professionals must provide courses and curriculum experiences which will prepare practitioners to deal with both the present and future demands of patient care. The School of Nursing's progressive curriculum offers courses in nursing that offers courses in the theoretical foundations that underlie sound ethical reasoning and skilled know-how and provides opportunities for practical experience in a variety of clinical settings. At the heart of the curriculum is an excellent faculty with extensive academic and clinical skills.

**PROGRAM TRACKS**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program features two tracks:

Traditional BSN Track –

- Designed for individuals without previous nursing education or experience
- 24-month program (full-time study)
- Enroll fall or spring

Accelerated BSN Track –

- Designed for individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing
- 15-month program (4 semesters)
- Enroll May

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES IN NURSING**

Both the Traditional and Accelerated BSN tracks require individuals to complete 62 semester hours of course requirements prior to beginning either program. The 62 hours of lower division collegiate work may be completed at any regionally accredited college or university. The broad educational background afforded by these courses provides individuals with a solid foundation for the nursing major.

The following courses are required for students who plan to obtain the Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Nursing. All courses are subject to approval by the School of Nursing.

**COURSES**

\*English Composition/Rhetoric (6 Hours)

ENGL 1301 & 1302

\*College Algebra or higher (3 Hours)

MATH 1314

\*Humanities (3 Hours)

Philosophy, Literature, modern or classical language and cultural studies

\*Psychology (3 Hours)

PSY 2301

Growth & Development (3 Hours)

PSY 2314

Sociology (3 Hours)

SOC 1301

\*U.S. History (6 Hours)

HIST 1301 & HIST 1302

\*U.S. Government (6 Hours)

GOVT 2301 & 2302

\*Visual & Performing Arts (3 Hours)

Courses with prefixes ARTS, DANC, MUAP, MUEN, MUSI, DRAM, or equivalent

\*Math Statistics (3 Hours)

MATH 1442

\*Anatomy & Physiology (8 Hours)

BIO 2401 & BIO 2402

\*Microbiology (4 Hours)

BIO 2420 or 2421

General Chemistry (8 Hours)

CHEM 1406 & 1407

Nutrition (3 Hours)

BIO 1322

*\*Core Curriculum Requirements*

Acceptance of courses taken without a letter grade is subject to approval by the Committee on Admissions, Progression, and Graduation. Up to 12 semester hours of credit for work completed by correspondence may be accepted for lower division credit.

Questions regarding the 62 semester hours of prerequisite courses should be addressed to:

The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio  
School of Nursing  
Office of Admissions & Student Services  
7703 Floyd Curl Dr., Mail Code 7945  
San Antonio, Texas 78229  
(210) 567-5805

All course requirements will be accepted without a letter grade if an individual earns credit through advanced place-

ment, pass/fail, credit by exam/challenge exam, or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP).

## APPLICATION

Upon completion of 42 hours of prerequisite course requirements, prospective student may apply online at <https://www.applytexas.org>. Individuals seeking admission to the School of Nursing must submit a completed **Application for Admission** and **official transcript(s) from each institution attended** prior to the following deadlines:

- January 10** Traditional BSN Fall Semester Admission
- July 1** Traditional BSN Spring Semester Admission
- November 1** Accelerated BSN May Admission

Admission criteria for the BSN programs are based on several factors. Applicants must successfully complete the 62 hours of core curriculum and Field of Study Requirements for Nursing (Texas Higher Education Agency Coordinating Board) and achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 to be eligible for admission. Please note, admission to the BSN program is highly competitive. Statistically, a 3.6 or higher GPA is more competitive. Competitive applicants will be invited to complete the Test of Essential Skills (TEAS) Version 5.0. The School of Nursing also requires applicants to provide evidence of written and verbal communication skills as an admission criterion. Applicants must have passed all sections of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) and must meet minimum standards before they may enroll in upper-division coursework. Students may not enroll in upper-division nursing courses until they have successfully completed all 62 semester hours of the above-listed prerequisite courses and have been granted full admission by the School of Nursing.

Applicants admitted to the School of Nursing must meet the following requirements prior to enrollment in a BSN program.

- Certification in Health Care Provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Current health insurance
- Current immunizations (includes completion of Hepatitis A and B immunization series)
- Clear Criminal Background Check

Admission acceptance is only applicable to the semester for which an applicant applied. If the applicant does not enroll in courses for the semester in which they were accepted, they must reapply for future admission. Please note, a \$45 application fee is charged for each application.

## BSN CURRICULUM

Once prospective students are granted full admission to the School of Nursing, they will be required to successfully complete 60 hours of upper-division nursing courses at the School of Nursing. Taken in either the Traditional or Accelerated BSN track, these courses are designed to prepare the baccalaureate nurse for practice in a variety of settings and specialties. Graduates of either BSN track are eligible to take the National Council Licensure examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and are approved by the Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners.

## TRADITIONAL BSN

The Traditional BSN track is designed for individuals entering the School of Nursing without prior nursing knowledge, experience, or skills. Completion of the track generally requires two years (four semesters) of full-time study.

## TRADITIONAL BSN PROGRAM PLAN (FULL-TIME STUDY)

<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>
NURS 3303 Concepts of Professional Nursing	3
NURS 3304 Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 3204 Health Assessment: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3110 Health Assessment: Clinical Application	1
NURS 3201 Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3305 Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice: Clinical Application	3
<b>Total Semester Hours:</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>	
NURS 3370 Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3402 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	4
NURS 3274 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3275 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Application	2
NURS 3207 Care of Childbearing Families: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3208 Care of Childbearing Families Clinical Applications	2
<b>Total Semester Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>	
NURS 3314 Care of the Adult I: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4314 Care of the Adult I: Clinical Application	3
NURS 4315 Care of the Adult II: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4316 Care of the Adult II: Clinical Application	3
NURS 4210 Child and Family Health: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 4211 Child and Family Health: Clinical Application	2
<b>Total Semester Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>	
NURS 4317 Population Focused Health: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4217 Population Focused Health: Clinical Application	2

NURS 4319	Leadership and Management: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4320	Leadership and Management: Clinical Application	3
NURS 4313	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice: Clinical Immersion	3
NURS 4113	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice: Clinical Reflection	1

**Total Semester Hours: 15**

## ACCELERATED BSN

The Accelerated BSN track is designed for individuals who hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing. Completion of the track requires 15 months of full-time study. The program may only be undertaken on a full-time basis.

## ACCELERATED BSN PROGRAM PLAN (FULL-TIME STUDY)

First Semester	Hours
NURS 3279 Professional Socialization	2
NURS 3271 Principles of Pharmacotherapeutics	2
NURS 3370 Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3272 Health Assessment & Promotion: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3273 Health Assessment & Promotion: Clinical Applications	2
NURS 3170 Foundations of Nursing Care: Theoretical Foundations	1
NURS 3371 Foundations of Nursing Care: Clinical Applications	3
Second Semester	
NURS 3171 Pharmacotherapeutics: Family Nursing Care	1
NURS 3372 Family Nursing Care: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 3373 Family Nursing Care: Clinical Applications	3
NURS 3172 Pharmacotherapeutics: Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing	1
NURS 3274 Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing: Theoretical Foundations	2
NURS 3275 Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Applications	2
NURS 3374 Research & Evidence-Based Practice	3
Third Semester	
NURS 4110 Pharmacotherapeutics: Disease Management I	1
NURS 4501 Disease Management I: Theoretical Foundations	5

NURS 4111	Pharmacotherapeutics: Disease Management II	1
NURS 4502	Disease Management II: Theoretical Foundations	5
NURS 4403	Disease Management III: Clinical Applications	4

### Fourth Semester

NURS 4317	Population Focused Health: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4227	Population Focused Health: Clinical Applications	2
NURS 4319	Leadership & Management: Theoretical Foundations	3
NURS 4230	Leadership & Management: Clinical Applications	2
NURS 4423	Clinical Immersion	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>

## FRESH START

An applicant for admission who is a Texas resident may seek to enter this institution pursuant to the state's "academic fresh start" statute. If the applicant informs the admissions office in writing of her or his election under this statute, the institution will not consider academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant 10 or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll. An applicant who makes the election to apply under this statute and is admitted as a student may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken 10 or more years prior to enrollment under this section.

The academic fresh start statute applies only to Texas residents. Nonresidents are not eligible for consideration under this statute.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Due to space limitations and curriculum differences, transfer students are seldom admitted. Individuals currently enrolled at another BSN program who wish to transfer must have completed the 62 hours of required pre-nursing coursework and accumulated a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in required courses and an overall grade point average of 2.5. Applicants must also be in good standing and eligible for readmission at their current/former school of nursing. Official transcripts documenting 62 hours of pre-nursing course requirements, and official transcripts from the school of nursing at which the coursework has been completed, must accompany the transfer application (may be obtained from Nursing Admissions in Student Services). A statement from the school of nursing previously attended verifying the applicant's current academic standing and eligibility for readmission is required. Either copies of two clinical performance evaluations or a description of the applicant's clinical performance skills from two former clinical instructors must accompany the transfer application. At least 30 of the final 33 hours of work in the nursing major must

be completed at the Health Science Center's School of Nursing. Currently enrolled students have priority for courses. The GPA of transfer students must be competitive with the current incoming class. Students transferring from private or out-of-state colleges who have not been required to meet TASP requirements must take and pass the TASP test prior to the accumulation of nine or more semester credit hours at the Health Science Center's School of Nursing.

Transfer application deadlines are January 10 for fall semester admission and July 1 for spring semester admission. A \$45 application fee is charged.

## FOREIGN-EDUCATED STUDENTS ONLY

Transcripts from foreign colleges/universities must be evaluated (course-by-course) by an approved credentialing organization. For a list of acceptable credentialing agencies, go to [http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS\\_International.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS_International.aspx). Official transcripts and credentialing evaluation must be submitted by the application deadline.

## FOREIGN STUDENTS

Foreign students are considered for admission according to general admission requirements. Additional considerations for admission of foreign students include the following stipulations:

Foreign applicants must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) as well as the GRE or MAT. (TOEFL is not required of applicants who are currently licensed as registered nurses in Texas.) Minimum TOEFL score for admission is 550 (68 Internet-based; 250 computer-based). Information about the TOEFL is available in many locations outside the United States—usually at American embassies and consulates, Offices of the United States Information Service (USIS), United States educational commissions, binational centers, foundations, and institutes. If information is unavailable locally, it can be obtained from:

**TOEFL**  
**P.O. Box 6151**  
**Princeton, NJ 08541-6151**

Applicants should present maximal data about their basic nursing program in addition to a transcript (in English) of courses which have been completed.

Because successful applicants from other countries are admitted contingent upon licensure as a registered nurse in Texas, applicants are required to pass the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) Screening Examination, which is administered in a variety of countries outside the United States. Individuals who pass the CGFNS examination receive a certificate indicating their probable ability to pass a state licensing examination. Applications and guidebooks for applicants are available from:

**Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools**  
**3600 Market St., 4th Floor**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651**

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For a description of tuition, fees, and other expenses, visit the Office of Student Services Web site at:

[http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS\\_TuitionFees.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS_TuitionFees.aspx)

Tuition for undergraduate nursing residents is \$177.46 per semester credit hour.

Undergraduate nursing nonresidents pay an amount determined annually by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, based upon the cost of education. Nonresident tuition is \$512.42 per semester credit hour. Military assigned to duty in Texas and their dependents pay tuition at the resident rate.

Details on an estimated cost of attendance may be found on the Financial Aid Web site at:

[http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/FA\\_Cost.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/FA_Cost.aspx)

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice by legislative or Regental action. For a complete listing and explanation of fees, please refer to the Web at [http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS\\_TuitionFees.aspx](http://studentservices.uthscsa.edu/CS_TuitionFees.aspx).

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on the World Wide Web at:  
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