

Undergraduate Program
RN-BSN



From here, it's possible.



Be marketable!

Be prepared for the ever-changing health care arena

Our progressive RN-BSN option features:

- Accessible, web-based courses
- Individualized degree plan & clinicals
- Expert faculty & leaders
- Specific courses for RNs
- Advanced placement recognition
- Innovative progression for future study
- Many students, with full-time study and employment, complete their degree in two semesters
- Opportunity to substitute graduate courses for some undergraduate courses

Nurses with a BSN are in high demand because of their broader education, critical information, futuristic experiences, and leadership skills. Additionally, baccalaureate education provides a natural progression to graduate nursing education and advance practice roles such as nursing faculty, nurse practitioners, and nursing administration.

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing (TTUHSCSON) offers an exciting baccalaureate degree (BSN) for you to meet health care challenges. These courses are accessible on the Web allowing you access to academic education by computer, at work, or at home.

Our faculty are ready to help you increase your success with courses examining new trends and theories, exploring critical issues, emphasizing applicable professional nursing practices, and incorporating concepts of holistic care.

General education requirements include the following courses; many of which you probably already have. These courses should be completed before entering.

GENERAL EDUCATION	CREDITS
Principles of Chemistry I with Lab	4
English Composition I and II	6
Food & Nutrition	3
General Psychology	3
Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II with Lab	8
Human Growth and Development	3
Humanities	3
Visual and Performing Arts	3
Introduction to Sociology	3
Microbiology with Lab	4
Political Science	6
Statistical Methods*	3
US History	6
TOTAL 55-58	

* Students must complete 3 credit hours of math to meet core curriculum requirements. If the student does not take math statistics for the statistics credit, then an additional upper level mathematics course must be completed to meet the core requirement.

Courses can be taken at any accredited community college or institution of higher education that provides comparable courses. Other options are TTU College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (806.742.3671) (www.studentaffairs.ttu.edu/clep) or TTU Extended Learning Division (1.800.692.6877 or 742.2351) (www.dce.ttu.edu) or at Austin (1.800.252.3461).

Consult with the RN-BSN staff for an informal review of your transcript. Your degree plan will be individualized.

Following the receipt of your application, fees, and our admission letter, you will be asked to submit a Portfolio to validate your nursing experience. Then, you and the RN-BSN Coordinator will review the information and discuss an individualized degree plan. The portfolio is a collection of your nursing experiences, assisting with perhaps an opportunity to substitute graduate courses for some undergraduate courses.

The following example illustrates a listing of the courses.

RN-BSN COURSE SEQUENCE		
1ST SEMESTER		CREDITS
NURS 4380	Nature of Scientific Inquiry	3
NURS 4381	Issues and Trends in Nursing	3
NURS 4382	Aspects of Nursing Research	3
NURS 4378	Management and Leadership I	3
NURS 4383	Legal and Ethical Issues for RN's	3
2ND SEMESTER		
NURS 4387	Community Health Practice	3
NURS 4389	Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 4379	Management and Leadership II	3
NURS 4390	Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	3
NURS XXXX	Nursing Elective	3
	TOTAL	30

Total 120 credit hours are needed for a BSN Degree at TTUHSC:
 55 credit hours of general education requirements,
 30 credit hours of RN-BSN courses, and
 35 advanced placement credit hours (basic nursing program).

Length of the RN-BSN

The length is two semesters for a full-time student. Part-time enrollment options must be discussed with the RN-BSN advisor.

Enrollment is available Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

Do I need a computer with internet access?

Yes, you will need a computer with internet access for your course work. Contact the Information Technology Services Department for more information regarding PC requirements: 806.743.4248 ext. 287; 800.493.3954; or www.ttunursing.com. When using the web site, select the RN-BSN link and look at the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

How/where do I complete my clinical work?

Your clinical work will be an opportunity to explore many areas in nursing. The Faculty/Site Coordinator and student will discuss applicable clinical projects that correspond with the course assignments. Your experience and clinical interest will be considered when designing clinical experiences. Based on these individualized assignments and clinical needs, area hospitals, health care agencies, and educational institutions in your local or regional area can be selected to accomplish the course objectives.

How will nursing courses be provided?

Nursing courses will be provided by various methods including: Internet, CD-ROMs, chat rooms, e-mail and fax. Required and recommended textbooks and other electronic library resources will also be used. Faculty from the Lubbock, Permian Basin, and Marble Falls campuses collaboratively facilitate these courses.

Is there a specific day for courses?

With web-based courses, you will not have traditional classroom schedules, yet specific course assignments, group interaction, and computer chats still need to be scheduled. Asynchronous (conversation at anytime) and synchronous (discussion at scheduled times) chats provide lively interaction about the course content. We strongly recommend you have off on Tuesday.

Is there a payment plan?

Go to www.ttunursing.com, select the RN-BSN link, then go to FAQ for an estimated cost.

An installment payment plan is available:

Fall/Spring Terms * +:

1st payment: 50% due at time of registration

2nd payment: 25% due 4 weeks after classes start

3rd payment: 25% due 4 weeks after 2nd payment.

* An Installment Option Fee of \$10.00 per Fall/Spring semesters is charged to students who use the installment payment plan.

+ Length of summer semester prohibits installment payment plan.

State and federal financial aid programs are available, including grants, loans, and scholarships. Scholarships specific to the TTUHSC School of Nursing are available to all RN-BSN students. For information regarding financial aid, please refer to the TTUHSC Financial Aid website at: www.ttuhs.edu/financialaid/home.html or call 806.743.3025

Coursework

Web-based technology provides opportunities to many nurses in many areas. We have students from across the state. If you live out-of-state, call for further information so we can provide assistance and a smooth transition.

First: Review the general education requirements required for the BSN: How many do you have? Consult with the RN-BSN Coordinator for an informal review of your transcripts.

Second: Assess your lifestyle and personal commitment to education. We can help you be successful as you pursue your RN-BSN education.



Contact

More information is located at www.ttuhs.edu/son
 Or call: 1.800.493.3954

RN-BSN Coordinator: 806.743.4843
 Fax: 1.806.743.1648

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