

**NURSING-ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING ACADEMIC MAP:  
 DEGREE AAS (60 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students enrolled in the **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program**. The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in two years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progression to complete a major. Missing milestones will result in interruption in progression to the degree. For example, if a student misses a milestone in a pre-requisite and/or co-requisite category, matriculation could be delayed. Students are also expected to repeat all failed pre-requisite or co-requisite course(s) during the semester immediately following that in which the grades were earned, except pre-requisite science courses, which cannot be repeated. If the student earns a “D” or “F” in one or more required science courses, the student is not eligible for admission to the AASN program or progression within the AASN program.

The AAS in Nursing degree is a limited access program. Students interested in applying to the nursing program must apply by March 16th. There is only one start time per year-the Fall semester. The minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) requirement to apply for admission is 3.0 overall. Each applicant must take the pre-entrance nursing examination prior to submitting the application and earn the minimum scores in each section/composite. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all pre and co-requisite general education courses before admission to the program. All science courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Students must pass all nursing course pre-requisites and major courses with a grade of “C” or better. For a complete list of requirements, please see the School of Nursing website [http://www.tnstate.edu/nursing/traditional\\_aasn.aspx](http://www.tnstate.edu/nursing/traditional_aasn.aspx).

Students must be admitted to the AASN Program before being allowed to take nursing course(s). All nursing students take the same courses in sequence. Earning a “D” or “F” in **one** nursing major course or earning a low GPA will result in dismissal from the program. To appeal disciplinary action, the student must follow the Academic Grievance policy outlined in the School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook. Students may be referred to an advisor to assist with a change of major.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advanced Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTEs Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, and Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners at (615) 963-7001 or [adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu](mailto:adultstudentsupport@tnstate.edu).

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		Milestones
<b>Pre-Admission Requirements</b>		
		Complete pre-admission courses: (1) one year of high school chemistry or one semester of college chemistry (CHEM 1030/1031 or CHEM 1110/1111) with grade of “C” or better and (2) verification of math competency at the college algebra level by University testing or completion of required courses ( <b>college level algebra upon admission, or ACT Math <math>\geq 19</math> or SAT Math <math>\geq 510</math></b> )
		Minimum High School GPA of 3.0 or Minimum 3.0 on all college-level courses.
		Completion of the pre-admission nursing entrance examination (ATI TEAS Assessment) with an Academic Preparedness Level of Proficient or above.
		Apply for admission by March 16 <sup>th</sup> .

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
<b>Admission to AASN Program</b>		
NURS 1010 Fundamentals of Nursing	4	Pre-requisites: Admission to the program Co-requisites: NURS 1014, NURS 1200, and NURS 1201 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 1014 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	2	Pre-requisites: Admission to the program Co-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1200, and NURS 1201 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
NURS 1200 Fundamentals of Health Assessment	1	Pre-requisites: Admission to the program Co-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, and NURS 1201 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 1201 Fundamentals of Health Assessment Lab	1	Pre-requisites: Admission to the program Co-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, and NURS 1200 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
BIOL 2210/2211- Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ENGL 1010- Freshman English I	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	All Semester 1 courses must be complete before enrolling in Semester 2.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
NURS 1020 Adult Health Nursing I	6	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, and NURS 1201 Co-requisites: NURS 1024 and NURS 1300 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 1024 Adult Health Nursing Clinical	2	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, and NURS 1201 Co-requisites: NURS 1020 and NURS 1300 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
NURS 1300 Pharmacology of Drug Therapy	2	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, and NURS 1201 Co-requisites: NURS 1020 and NURS 1024 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
BIOL 2220/2221 – Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC 2010 General Psychology	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>17</b>	All Semester 2 courses must be complete before enrolling in Semester 3.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
NURS 2030 Pediatric Nursing	2	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 2034 Pediatric Nursing Clinical	1	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2030, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
NURS 2040 Women, Infants, and the Childbearing Family	2	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2044, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 2044 Women, Infants, and the Childbearing Family Clinical	1	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
NURS 2053 Mental Health Nursing	2	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, and NURS 2054 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 2054 Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, and NURS 1300 Co-requisites: NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, and NURS 2050 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
BIOL 2400/2401- Microbiology with Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC 3510 Developmental Psychology	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	All Semester 3 courses must be complete before enrolling in Semester 4.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>
NURS 2220 Adult Health I and Management Concepts	5	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, NURS 1300, NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Co-requisites: NURS 2224 Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 2224 Adult Health I and Management Concepts Clinical	4	Pre-requisites: NURS 1010, NURS 1014, NURS 1200, NURS 1201, NURS 1020, NURS 1024, NURS 1300, NURS 2030, NURS 2034, NURS 2040, NURS 2044, NURS 2050, and NURS 2054 Co-requisites: NURS 2220 Minimum Grade of "S" Required
Humanities Elective*	3	Minimal Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

\*Must take (3) credit hours from the following list: AREN 2310, ART 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, HIST 1000, PHIL 1030

**Employment Information:**

Students with this degree will have the necessary education requirements for the NCLEX-RN exam and will have earned at least 60 hours toward the BSN Degree. Students may continue their educational pursuits and apply to the RN-BSN Program at Tennessee State University. Student should consult with their advisor regarding admission requirements to the RN-BSN Program.

**Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:**

Staff Nurse, Team leader, Charge Nurse, School Nurse, Office Nurse Private Duty Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Clinic Nurse, Emergency Room Nurse, Occupational Health Nurse, Community Health Nurse, Case Manager, Nurse Manager.

**Representative Employers:**

Medical Centers; Health Care Agency; Long Term Care Facilities; Rehabilitation Facilities; Nonprofit Organizations; State Agencies, Community Hospitals, Specialty Hospitals, Armed Services, VISTA/Peace Corps, Visiting Nurse Associations, Public School Systems, Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation

**International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors.** International study may have an impact on the academic map; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

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