

**NURSING RN TO BSN ACADEMIC MAP:
AASN/ADN-BSN Degree Completion Program**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in RN to BSN Degree Completion Program. **Students can complete the program with a Full time, semesters option (Summer and Fall) or with a Part time, 3 semesters option (Summer, Fall and Spring)** The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four 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 progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The RN-BSN Degree Completion Program requires 60 credit hours of general education/nursing prerequisite courses and 30 hours of core nursing courses. Students earn at least 3 credit for clinical courses taken in their AASN or ADN programs. Registered Nurses (RNs) can have two general education/nursing prerequisite courses remaining to complete at the time of starting the RN-BSN Program. All earned grades must be C or higher. The application deadline for admission to the RN-BSN Degree Completion Program is March 1st of each year; the applicant must be admitted or readmitted to Tennessee State University (TSU) in order to be admitted to the RN-BSN program. Students admitted to the program begin classes during the first summer session following admission. No entrance examination is required. The minimum overall **GPA** requirement for admission to the program is **2.50**. RNs must hold current unencumbered RN licensure.

The courses for the RN-BSN Plan of study are administered online. Students must complete 90 clinical hours in community health nursing with an approved preceptor. RNs can choose to take fewer courses per semester as long as NURS 3320 is completed in the first semester of the program. All earned grades must be C or higher.

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, 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.

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Tennessee State University: Degree Map for B. S. in Nursing (BSN) for RN-BSN Completion Program Major

(NOTE: student must have earned AASN or ADN and have an Unencumbered Registered Nurse License prior to Admission)

FRESHMAN

FALL SEMESTER	HR.	SPRING SEMESTER	HR.
ENGL 1010	3	ENGL 1020	3
MATH 1110	3	BIO 2220/2221	4
BIO 2210/2211	4	Humanities Elective	3
PSYC 2010	3	COMM 2200	3
Pre Nursing Elective I	3	SOC 2010	3
	16		16

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FALL SEMESTER	HR.	SPRING SEMESTER	HR.
HIST 2010	3	HIST 2020	3
BIO 2400/2401	3	BIO 4272/4273	4
PHIL 1030	4	PSYC 3510	3
PSYC 2180	3	Pre Nursing Elective II	3
ENGL Literature (see catalog choices)	3		
	16		13
Total: 61 credit hours			

**FULL TIME OPTION
JUNIOR**

SUMMER I SEMESTER	HR.	SUMMER II SEMESTER	HR.
NURS 3260	3	NURS 3250	3
NURS 3320	3	NURS 3251	1
		NURS 3080	3
	6		7

SENIOR

FALL SEMESTER I	HR.	FALL SEMESTER SESSION II	HR.
NURS 4220	3	NURS 4330	3
NURS 4360	3	NURS 4500	3
NURS 4364	2	NURS 3020/3400*	3
	8		9
Total: 30 credit hours			

* Satisfied by a 3000 /4000 level course for cohorts admitted prior to Summer 2020

**PART TIME OPTION
JUNIOR**

SUMMER I SEMESTER	HR.	SUMMER II SEMESTER	HR.
		NURS 3250	3
NURS 3320	3	NURS 3251	1
		NURS 3080	3
	3		7

SENIOR

FALL SEMESTER I	HR.	SPRING SEMESTER I	HR.
NURS 4220	3	NURS 4330	3
NURS 4360	3	NURS 4500	3
NURS 4364	2	SPRING SEMESTER II	
NURS 3020/3400*	3	NURS 3020/3400*	3
		NURS 3260	3
	11		12
Total: 30 credit hours			

* Satisfied by a 3000 /4000 level course for cohorts admitted prior to Summer 2020

RN-BSN PROGRAM COURSE CREDITS

NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4400

Last Semester	Credit hours for RN course work in previously completed AASN/ADN degree
Total: 121 credit hours	

Employment Information:

A Bachelor of Science in **Nursing (BSN)** degree prepares individuals for a job as a registered nurse. Nurses with a **BSN** are typically given more responsibility, supervisory roles and higher salaries.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Registered Nurse

Representative Employers:

Hospitals, long term care agencies, public health departments

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.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.