

NURSING ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BSN (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester sample course schedule for students majoring in **Nursing**. 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 BSN Program is a limited access major with specific entrance requirements prior to the junior year. The overall Grade Point Average (GPA) through the December or May prior to application to upper division nursing is the GPA reviewed for entrance into upper division nursing courses. The minimum overall GPA prior to December is 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Entering applicant pool for the BSN Nursing Program does not guarantee admission to BSN Program. Each applicant must take the pre-entrance nursing examination through the TSU Testing Center and earn the academic preparedness level of Proficient or above. BSN Admissions Committee generally selects applicants for the program by mid-May for a Fall admission cohort or mid- November for a Spring admission cohort. The offer of admission to upper division BSN **courses** is contingent upon applicant meeting the July 1st or December 15th deadline for submission of health information documents and the required BSN Program learning contract. Consult TSU Undergraduate Catalog regarding the statement on required criminal background check and urine drug screen reports as well as the additional health and insurance information required by the clinical agencies. For more information concerning policies and practices in the School of Nursing, see the School of Nursing Student Handbook and the University Undergraduate Catalog, http://www.tnstate.edu/academic_programs/documents/Undergraduate_Catalog_2019_2021.pdf.

Nursing majors may not have any “D”s in any course; all earned grades must be C or higher. Science course requirement: Students must earn a Grade of “C” or above on the first attempt at taking any of the required science courses. If the student earns a “D” or “F” in any of the required science courses [regardless of retaking courses] then student is not eligible for BSN admission. All required general education and nursing prerequisite courses [61 credit hours] must be completed by the end of TSU Summer I term for Fall admissions or end of Winter Break for Spring admissions, following the submission of the application. There must be no more than two courses remaining to take in the terms stipulated. Consult with BSN Department in the fall prior to the year of planned application to BSN Program regarding updates to admission guidelines.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit *in the general education requirements toward the BSN 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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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required.
MATH 1110	3	Pre-Requisites – two years high school algebra or equivalent; one year high school algebra and one year geometry or equivalent; acceptable scores on ACT/SAT or Compass Exam.
PSYC 2010	3	Pre-Requisite for all psychology courses.
BIOL 2210/2211	4	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before BIOL 4272/4273.
Total Hours	14	

*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 6 credit hours must take UNIV 100 at TSU.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070, or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required.
SOCI 2010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
COMM 2200	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
BIOL 2220/2221	4	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before BIOL 4272/4273; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Electives- NURS 1000 Introduction to Nursing I***	2	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	15	

***Electives Recommendations -NURS 1000 and NURS 3000 are the preferred electives for this major, however any 1000- 3000 level courses earned with grade of C or above will satisfy this requirement

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		Consult with BSN Office for updates to admission requirements.
		Take BSN pre-entrance examination.
HIST 2010*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
BIOL 2400/2401	4	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
PHIL 1030	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
PSYC 2180	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
ENGL Literature**	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	16	

*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

**Courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2320 will meet this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
		Take BSN entrance examination early in semester 4 if not taken in semester 3.
		The BSN application deadline is March 1 st each year.
		All required general education & nursing prerequisite courses must be completed by TSU Summer I term with no more than two courses.
HIST 2020*	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
PSYC 3510	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
BIOL 4272/4273	4	Contact TSU Biology Department for permission to take course as a BSN major; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Humanities Elective**	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Elective- NURS 3000 Introduction to Nursing II***	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	16	

*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2060, HIST 2070 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

Students must remember **NOT** to duplicate course option from previous semester.

**Students must take credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses:

AREN 2310, ART1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 100 or RELS 2010.

***Electives Recommendations -NURS 100 and NURS 300 are the preferred electives for this major, however any 1000- 3000 level courses earned with grade of C or above will satisfy this requirement

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program.
NURS 3040	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3250, NURS 3251, NURS 3260, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3041	1	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544 NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS, NURS 3040, NURS 3044, NURS 3250, NURS 3251, NURS 3260, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3044	2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3250, NURS 3251, NURS 3260, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3260	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3250, NURS 3251, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.

NURS 3320	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3250, NURS 3251, NURS 3260; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3250	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3251, NURS 3260, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3251	1	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080, NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040, NURS 3041, NURS 3044, NURS 3250, NURS 3260, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	16	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program.
NURS 3100	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3101	1	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3104	2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3340, NURS 3344, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3340	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3344, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 3344	2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.

NURS 3080	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4380, NURS 4384, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4220, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100, NURS 3101, NURS 3104, NURS 3340, NURS 3244; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	14	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4220	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4380, NURS 4384; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4140	4	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4220, NURS 4144, NURS 4380, NURS 4384; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4144	2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4220, NURS 4140, NURS 4380, NURS 4384; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4380	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4220, NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4384; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4384	3	Must be taken before NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4140, NURS 4144, NURS 4220, NURS 4380; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
Total Hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation.
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program.
NURS 4540	2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4544	2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4540, NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4360	3	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4364, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4364	2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4330	3	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4540, NURS 4544, NURS 4360, NURS 4364; Minimum Grade of "C" Required.
NURS 4400	2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4540, NURS 4544,

		NURS 4360, NURS 4364, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required; Nursing Comprehensive Clinical Decision Making Exit Examination linked to this course.
		Graduation requirement: Must earn minimum target score on Nursing Comprehensive Clinical Decision Making Exit Examination and complete all required courses with a Grade of C or above. Begin application for post-graduation registered nurse licensure examination approximately 30 days prior to graduation.
Total Hours	14	

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.

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