

NURSING ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BSN (120 CREDIT HOURS)

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The BSN Program is a limited access major with specific entrance requirements prior to the junior year. The overall GPA through the December prior to application to upper division nursing is the GPA reviewed for entrance in to upper division nursing courses. Each applicant must take the pre-entrance nursing examination through the TSU Testing Center and earn the minimum scores in each section/composite. The minimum overall GPA through the prior December is 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. Entering applicant pool for BSN Nursing Program does not guarantee admission to BSN Program. The BSN Admissions Committee generally selects applicants for the program by mid-May. The offer of admission to upper division BSN **courses** is contingent on applicant meeting July 1st 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.*

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 on Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (General Education 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 (615) 963-7001.

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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 HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 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 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 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
NURS 1000 Introduction to Nursing I	2	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total hours	15	

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 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

** Courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2013 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
NURS 2000 Introduction to Nursing II	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total hours	16	

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*Students must take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1000 or RELS2010.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program
NURS 3040/3041/3044	6	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100/3101/3104, NURS 3340/3344, NURS 3080 NURS 4540/4544; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3250/3251, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 3260	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100/3101/3104 NURS 3340/3344, NURS 3080, NURS 4220, NURS 4380/4384, NURS 4540/4544; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040/3041/3044; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 3320	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100/3101/3104, NURS 3340/3344, NURS 3080, NURS 4140/4144, NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4360/4364; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040/3041/3044, NURS 3250/3251; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 3250/3251	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 3100/3101/3104, NURS 3340/3344, NURS 3080, NURS 4540/4544; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3040/3041/3044, NURS 3320; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
		Courses only open to students admitted to the BSN upper division program.
NURS 3100/3101/3104	6	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4220, NURS 4140/4144, NURS 4380/4384, NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4360/4364; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3340/3344 and NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 3340/3344	3/2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4220, NURS 4140/4144, NURS 4380/4384, NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4360/4364; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100/3101/3104, NURS 3080; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 3080	3	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 3100/3101/3104, NURS 3340/3344, NURS 4540/4544; 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 4540/4544, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4140/4144, NURS 4380/4384; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 4140/4144	4/2	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540/4544; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4380, NURS 4220
NURS 4380/4384	6	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4330, NURS 4400; Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4220, NURS 4140/4144; 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
		Take required University senior exit examination
		Apply for university graduation by deadline
NURS 4540/4544	2/2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4400, NURS 4360/4364, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 4360/4364	6	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4400, NURS 4330; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 4330	3	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4400, NURS 4360/4364; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NURS 4400	2	Co-Requisite Courses: Must be taken with NURS 4540/4544, NURS 4330, NURS 4360/4364; 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 *Begin application for post-graduation registered nurse licensure examination approximately 30 days prior to graduation
Total hours	15	

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 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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