

**RN TO BSN Degree Completion Program ACADEMIC MAP:
DEGREE BSN (30 CREDIT HOURS with total 120 credit hours for BSN)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [RN to BSN Degree Completion Program](#). 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 30 credit hours of general education/nursing pre-requisite courses. RNs can have two remaining general education/nursing prerequisite courses remaining at time of starting RN-BSN Program. All earned grades must be C or higher.

The RN-BSN Degree Completion Program admits students in Summer I term with a deadline for application to the BSN office by March 1st; the applicant must be admitted or readmitted to TSU in order to be admitted to the RN-BSN program. No entrance examination required. The minimum overall GPA requirement for admission to the program is 2.50. * RNs must hold current unencumbered RN licensure in the State of Tennessee.

The RN-BSN Plan of Study is a mix of face-to-face courses and online learning for a total of 30 credit hours. Health assessment lab is face-to-face and students complete 135 clinical hours in community health nursing. 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 general education 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: Advance Placement Program, American Council of 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 (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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The following list includes the 61 required courses for the degree completion:

Transferred Courses for Degree Completion	Hrs.	Milestones
BIOL 2210/2211 Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" required
BIOL 2220/2221 Anatomy & Physiology II w/Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" required
BIOL 2400/2401 Microbiology w/Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" required
BIOL 4272/4273 Pathophysiology w/Lab	4	Minimum Grade of "C" required; This course must be taken at Tennessee State University
MATH 1110 College Algebra	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
ENGL 1010 English Comp I	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required

ENGL 1020 English Comp II	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
ENGL Literature - See list of sophomore literature choices in catalog	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
COMM 2200 Public speaking	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
PSYC 2010 General Psychology	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
PSYC 3510 Developmental Psychology	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
PSYC 2180 Statistics	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required Statistics must be taken prior to the Nursing Research course
SOCI 2010 Intro to Sociology	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
HIST 2010 American History I	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
HIST 2020 American History II	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
Humanities Elective: See Catalog for Choice	3	Minimum Grade of "C" required
Electives: List each course with credit hours/course#/course title	6	Minimum Grade of "C" required

Note 1: RNs must hold current unencumbered RN licensure in the State of Tennessee.

Note 2: Student is awarded 30 credit hours from previous nursing degree course work.

Summer Schedule	Hrs.	Milestones
Semester 1		Semester 1
NURS 3320 Professionalism	3	Course must be taken in order to progress to subsequent semesters
NURS 3080 Pharmacology	3	
Total hours	6	

Summer II term	Hrs.	Summer II term
NURS 3250/3251-Health Assessment course & lab	3	
NURS XXXX Guided Elective	3	See class schedule for course selection – can defer course to fall or spring term
Total hours	6	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
NURS 4220 Nursing Research	3	*Statistics must be taken prior to the Nursing Research course
NURS 4360/4364 Community Health Nursing course/lab	6	135 community health nursing clinical hours
Total hours	9	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
		Must complete any remaining general education/nursing pre-requisite courses by the end of the spring term in order to

		graduate in spring semester.
NURS 4330	3	
NURS 3260 Gerontological Nursing Concepts	3	
NURS 4500 Issues in Nursing & Healthcare	3	
Total hours	9	

Employment Information:

Registered Nurses with the BSN degree are able to seek nursing management positions.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Registered Nurse with earned BSN degree

Representative Employers:

Hospitals, long term care agencies, home health 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.

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.
