

# REGISTERED NURSE TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

**Web Site:** <https://twu.edu/nursing/undergraduate-programs/rn-bsn/>

TWU's RN-BS program is designed for registered nurses with an associate's degree or diploma, ready to earn their bachelor's degrees and advance their nursing career.

As a registered nurse, your experiences in a health care setting have molded you into an exceptional caretaker, and you're ready to take the next step. The RN-BS program is 100% online - allowing you to continue to work full time. Courses that require clinical components are completed through class projects and capstone projects with a preceptor.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Function in multidisciplinary teams
2. Apply ethical principles to provide leadership in promoting advocacy, collaboration and social justice within the health care system and to act in a manner reflective of professional values and value-based behavior
3. Use written, verbal, non-verbal, and emerging technology to communicate effectively and deliver quality patient care in a variety of health care settings
4. Identify, evaluate and apply scientific evidence, clinical judgment, interprofessional perspective and patient preference to the practice of nursing
5. Knowledge of healthcare policies, both financial and regulatory, and how they impact nursing practice and the health care system
6. Clinical reasoning within the context of patient-centered care across the lifespan, to diverse patients, that reflects ethical values

## Admissions

### Registered Nurses with a Diploma or Associate's Degree

The RN-BS Program is designed to facilitate educational mobility for those registered nurses who wish to earn the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing. The curriculum offers courses that are 100% online on all campuses. Courses that require clinical components are completed through class projects and capstone projects with a preceptor.

### Application to Upper-Division Nursing: Licensed RNs with a Diploma or Associate's Degree

To be eligible to be considered for progression into upper-division (3000-4000 level) nursing courses, students must have:

1. completed the admissions (<http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/admission-information/>) process and been accepted by the University;

2. a current unencumbered license as an RN in the United States;
3. submitted an application for entry into the RN to BS Program, through NursingCAS (<http://www.nursingcas.org/>), to the College of Nursing by the application deadline;
4. successfully completed the lower-division prerequisite courses (<http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/nursing/#admitext>), plus 2 semester credit hours of electives (total 60 semester credit hours). Courses successfully completed do not have to be repeated. The multicultural women's studies course may be completed before or after admission to upper-division nursing. Registered nurses who have previously earned a bachelor's degree in another field must complete only those prerequisite courses listed for non-nurses with a bachelor's degree;
5. a minimum grade of C in anatomy and physiology, chemistry, and microbiology including all labs;
6. a minimum GPA of at least 2.0 on the required lower-division courses. If a course is taken more than once, the most recent grade received will be counted in calculating the GPA. Other courses which an applicant may have taken are not calculated in the GPA for admission;

## Transfer from Another RN-BS Nursing Program

Students previously enrolled in another nursing program must meet the same prerequisite and admission requirements as other RN-BS applicants, and be accepted both by Texas Woman's University and the TWU College of Nursing. Additionally, the following requirements must be met.

1. Nursing courses were completed within a nursing program that has national nursing accreditation.
2. A grade of C or better was earned in all nursing courses (including pathophysiology).
3. Nursing courses transferred in for credit must have been completed within the last five years.
4. Eligibility to continue in or return to the previous nursing program must be verified by a letter of good standing from the dean of the previous program.
5. Applicants must submit to the College of Nursing a course syllabus for each completed nursing course for evaluation. If the course(s) is/are determined to be equivalent to TWU nursing courses, credit may be granted.
6. At least 30 of the last 60 hours have to be completed at TWU. (A minimum of 25% of the total hours required for the degree must be taken at TWU.)

## Application Deadlines: RN-BS Program

Applications for the RN-BS Program should be received by the following yearly dates in order to assure timely consideration for admission:

- **February 1** for RNs who will be eligible to begin nursing courses in the Summer semester
- **April 1** for RNs who will be eligible to begin nursing courses in the Fall semester
- **August 1** for RNs who will be eligible to begin nursing courses in the Spring semester

## Degree Requirements

Twenty-eight semester credit hours of credit will be awarded to those individuals who have an unencumbered license to practice in the US

as a registered nurse and who have met the established criteria for admission to upper-division nursing courses (<http://catalog.twu.edu/archives/2020-2021/undergraduate/nursing/#admissionsrntext>). Credit is awarded for:

Code	Title	SCHs
NURS 3025	Women's Health and Family Role Competencies	5
NURS 3035	Adult Health Competencies I	5
NURS 3813	Pharmacology	3
NURS 4045	Adult Health Competencies II	5
NURS 4055	Child Health Competencies	5
NURS 4615	Mental Health Competencies	5
Total SCHs		28

### These upper-division course requirements for RN students are taken at TWU

Code	Title	SCHs
BIOL 4344	Pathophysiology	4
NURS 3612	Introduction to Nursing Research	2
NURS 3614	Nursing Assessment across the Life Span	4
NURS 3643	RN Introduction to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS 3713	Survey of Informatics in Nursing and Health	3
NURS 3804	RN with Families and Groups	4
NURS 4612	Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family	2
NURS 4614	Community Health Competencies	4
NURS 4803	The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience	3
NURS 4823	Competencies in RN Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
Total SCHs		32

### Additional Requirements

At the time of enrollment in nursing courses, the registered nurse must provide proof of:

1. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the United States.
2. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association.
3. Current required immunizations as specified by TWU Student Health Services.
4. Negative drug testing and criminal background screening by a company designated by the College of Nursing.
5. Proof of personal health insurance (required by clinical facilities).
6. Completion of HIPAA training.
7. Social Security Number.
8. Photo Identification.

Professional liability insurance (covered by course fees) is provided for each student through the TWU student professional liability group policy.