

REGISTERED NURSE TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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

TWU's RN-BSN bridge 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-BSN program is 100% online, allowing you to continue to work full time. Courses that require clinical components are completed with a focus on building on your prior knowledge.

TWU's concurrent ADN/BSN (blended) program is for students enrolled at specific partnering community colleges who are in pursuit of an associate's degree in Nursing. Blended students start their ADN coursework and BSN coursework in the same semester and simultaneously earn their ADN through their community college and their BSN through TWU.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

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. Apply basic organizational and systems leadership for quality health care and patient safety.
5. Identify, evaluate, and apply scientific evidence, clinical judgment, interprofessional perspective, and patient preference to the practice of nursing
6. Knowledge of healthcare policies, both financial and regulatory, and how they impact nursing practice and the healthcare system
7. Clinical reasoning within the context of patient-centered care across the lifespan, to diverse patients, that reflects ethical values

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Application Deadlines

The RN-BSN bridge program admits students on a rolling basis. Applications received on or before the priority deadline will be processed first. Applications received after the priority deadline will be considered if space is available.

Priority Deadlines:

- Spring - November 1
- Summer - March 15
- Fall - July 1

Blended (concurrent ADN/BSN) students may apply to the program once they have been accepted into their ADN program. Deadlines are:

- Spring - December 15
- Fall - August 15

The blended program does not offer a summer start. Blended students attend Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters in an online format.

Registered Nurses with a Diploma or Associate's Degree

The RN-BSN Bridge Program is designed to facilitate educational mobility for those registered nurses who wish to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. The curriculum offers courses that are 100% online on all campuses. Courses that require clinical components are focused on building on prior clinical knowledge.

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 (<https://catalog.twu.edu/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 BSN Program, through NursingCAS (<http://www.nursingcas.org/>), to the College of Nursing by the application deadline;
4. successfully completed the lower-division prerequisite courses (<https://catalog.twu.edu/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 I and II, chemistry, and microbiology including all labs;
6. a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on the required lower-division prerequisite courses. If a course is taken more than once, the most recent grade received will be counted in calculating the GPA. Other courses that an applicant may have taken are not calculated in the GPA for admission.

(Note: The nursing prerequisite courses are as follows: Any college-level Chemistry with lab, Microbiology (BACT 1003) with lab (BACT 1001), Human Anatomy and Physiology I (ZOOL 2013 and ZOOL 2011), Human Anatomy and Physiology II (ZOOL 2023) with lab (ZOOL 2021),

Introduction to Nutrition (NFS 2323), Developmental Psychology (PSY 1603), and Elementary Statistics I (MATH 1703).

Application to concurrent ADN/BSN (blended) program

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

1. completed the admissions (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>) process and been accepted by the University;
2. acceptance at one of the partnering community colleges' ADN program;
3. submitted an application for entry into the RN to BSN Program, through NursingCAS (<http://www.nursingcas.org/>), to the College of Nursing by the application deadline;
4. successfully completed the lower-division prerequisite courses (<https://catalog.twu.edu/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 I and II, chemistry, and microbiology including all labs;
6. a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on the required lower-division prerequisite courses. If a course is taken more than once, the most recent grade received will be counted in calculating the GPA. Other courses that an applicant may have taken are not calculated in the GPA for admission.

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Transfer from Another RN-BSN bridge Nursing Program

Students previously enrolled in another nursing program must meet the same prerequisite and admission requirements as other RN-BSN bridge 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.)

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 60 SCH

Program Code: NURSRN.BSN **CIP Code:** 51.3801.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Awarded Credit for Unencumbered License

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 (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/nursing/#admissionsrntext>). Credit is awarded for:

Code	Title	SCHs
NURS 3241	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family Clinical	1
NURS 3243	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	3
NURS 4001	Nursing Practice Integration Lab I	1
NURS 3232	Collaborative Nursing Care of the Adult Population Clinical	2
NURS 3233	Collaborative Nursing Care of the Adult Population	3
NURS 4043	Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Health Needs	3
NURS 4042	Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Health Needs Clinical	2
NURS 4053	Concepts of Pediatric Nursing	3
NURS 4091	Concepts of Pediatric Nursing Clinical	1
NURS 4022	Nursing Practice Integration Lab II	2
NURS 4063	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 4041	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1

NURS 3813	Pharmacology	3
Total SCHs		28

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

Awarded Credit for ADN coursework (blended program)

Twenty-eight semester credit hours of credit will be awarded to those individuals who are in their final semester of courses at a partnering community college's ADN program. Credit is awarded for the same courses as the RN-BSN bridge program.

These upper-division course requirements for bridge and blended students are taken at TWU

Code	Title	SCHs
BIOL 4344	Pathophysiology	4
NURS 3612	Introduction to Nursing Research	2
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 4012	Community Health Nursing in Population Health	2
NURS 4111	Community Health Nursing in Population Health Clinical	1
NURS 4121	Community Health Nursing in Population Health Clinical II	1
NURS 4612	Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family	2
NURS 4803	The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience	3
NURS 4823	Competencies in RN Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
Select the appropriate program coursework		4
NURS 3153 & NURS 3161	Health Assessment and Health Assessment Clinical (Bridge Program)	
NURS 3122 & NURS 4502	Advanced Nursing Assessment and Clinical Ethics in Professional Nursing (Blended Program)	
Total SCHs		32

Additional Requirements

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

1. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in the United States (bridge program) OR enrollment in a partnering community college's ADN program (blended program).
2. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association.
3. Current required immunizations as specified by TWU College of Nursing approved vendor (e.g., Castlebranch).
4. Negative drug testing and cleared criminal background screening by a company designated by the College of Nursing (background check must be cleared for admission to program).
5. Proof of personal health insurance (required by clinical facilities).
6. Completion of HIPAA training.
7. Social Security Number.
8. Photo Identification.