REGISTERED NURSE TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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 care taker, 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.

Registered Nurses with a Diploma or Associate’s Degree

The RN to 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.

The College of Nursing offers a master’s degree to nurses who hold an associate degree or diploma and wish to earn a master of science degree with an emphasis in nursing. Admission is competitive. Prerequisite courses are the same for the RN to MS Program and the RN to BS Program. For further admission requirements refer to the Graduate Catalog (http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/nursing).

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/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/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 to BS/MS Nursing Program

Students previously enrolled in another nursing program must meet the same prerequisite and admission requirements as other RN to BS/MS 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 and sent to the Director of Nursing Admissions.
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 to BS/MS Program

Applications for the RN to 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

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

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Students in the RN to BS Program may have the opportunity to earn credit for some of the upper-division nursing courses by successfully passing challenge exams. Please contact the RN to BS Coordinator for more information.

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 cardiopulmonary resuscitation Health Care Provider certification from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
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. Health insurance as required.

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

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