



PRE-NURSING INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
GENERAL ACADEMIC BUILDING, ROOM 220

The completion of the Pre-Nursing Program at the University of North Texas enables the student to apply to any of the nursing programs in the state. Each university offering a bachelor's degree in nursing requires that a minimum number of hours of prerequisite and core courses be completed before applying to the nursing school. Check with each school for individual requirements. ****UNT DOES NOT OFFER A BACHELOR DEGREE IN NURSING****

Upon *completion* of the core course requirements and the prerequisite nursing courses, the pre-nursing student may be admitted to a nursing program at another university. All prerequisite courses and core classes must be completed before enrollment in a nursing school. Usually a minimum grade of "C" is required in all science courses. Since it is becoming increasingly competitive to be accepted into a nursing program, good grades are desirable.

There are four ways of becoming a registered nurse in the State of Texas: (1) by completing a three-year non-degree diploma program associated with a hospital or school of nursing¹, (2) by completing a two-year associate degree program offered by a junior or community college, (3) by completing a four-year baccalaureate degree program offered by a college or university, or (4) by completing a (three-year) master's in nursing degree program for individuals with baccalaureate and higher degrees in disciplines other than nursing. Since the first does not usually require any college or university preparation, only the last three programs will be discussed.

All nursing programs that prepare graduates for initial licensure must be accredited by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners and combine academic study with clinical practice. A graduate of these nursing programs is eligible to apply to take the examination for licensure as a registered nurse. "No person shall be certified as a graduate of any school of nursing or educational program unless such person has completed the requirements of the prescribed course of study, including clinical practice, of an accredited school of nursing or educational program."² Upon successful completion of review the graduate may be licensed as a registered nurse. "Every applicant for registration as a registered nurse shall present to the Board evidence of good professional character, successful completion of an accredited program of professional nursing education, and a sworn application and shall, upon payment of required fees, be entitled to take the examination prescribed by the Board."³

1- Methodist Hospital (2002 Miami Ave., Lubbock, TX 79410, 806/797-0955) and Baptist Memorial School of Nursing (111 Dallas St., San Antonio, TX 78205-1230, 210/554-2039).

2 - From Article 4518, Section 2 of the Texas Statutes Regulating the Practice of Professional Nursing as amended 1995.

3 - From Article 4518, Section 3 (added/amended by HB 883) of the Texas Statutes Regulating the Practice of Professional Nursing as amended 1995.

Helpful websites:

Information on nursing schools: www.nurseweek.com

Information on Texas Nurses Organization: www.texasnurses.org

National League of Nursing: www.nln.org

American Nurses Association: www.nursingworld.org

American Association of Colleges of Nursing: www.aacn.nche.edu

Occupational Outlook Handbook website: www.bls.gov/oco

The following is from Article 4518, Section 5 of the Texas Statutes Regulating the Practice of Professional Nursing. 1195
"Professional Nursing" shall be defined as the performance for compensation of any nursing act (a) in the observation, assessment, intervention, evaluation, rehabilitation, care and counsel and health teaching of persons who are ill, injured or infirm or experiencing changes in normal health processes; (b) in the maintenance of health or prevention of illness; (c) in the administration of medications or treatments as ordered by a licensed physician, including a podiatric physician licensed by the Texas State Board of Podiatry Examiners, or dentist; (d) in the supervision or teaching of nursing; (e) in the administration, supervision, and evaluation of nursing practices, policies, and procedures; (f) in the requesting, receiving, signing for, and distributing of prescription drug samples to patients at sites at which a registered nurse is authorized to sign prescription drug orders by Section 3.06 (d) (5 or 6), Medical Practice Act (Article 4495b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); or (g) in the performing of acts delegated by a physician under Section 3.06 (d) 5 or 6), Medical Practice Act (Article 4495b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes). The foregoing shall not be deemed to include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures."

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BACCALAUREATE NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS IN TEXAS

Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing
<http://www.phssn.edu/index.htm>

UT at Arlington
www.uta.edu/nursing

Lamar University
<http://dept.lamar.edu/nursing>

UT at Austin
www.utexas.edu/nursing

Texas A&M International University
www.tamui.edu

UT Health Science Center Houston
<http://son.uhf.tmc.edu>

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
<http://www.ttuhscc.edu/son>

Texas Christian University
www.hsn.tcu.edu/

East Texas Baptist University
www.etbu.edu

Prairie View A&M University
<http://acad.pvamu.edu/>

Tarleton State University
www.tarleton.edu/~nursing/

Texas A&M Health Science Center
<http://nursing.tamhsc.edu/>

Houston Baptist University
www.hbu.edu

UT at Brownsville
www.utb.edu

Texas Women's University
www.twu.edu/nursing



If you would like to apply to TWU's nursing program it is strongly encouraged that you transfer as early as possible. For courses that will transfer contact TWU at 940.898.2401

West Texas A&M University
www.wtamu.edu/nursing

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
www.conhs.tamucc.edu

Baylor University
www.baylor.edu/nursing/

Angelo State University
<http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/index.html>

UT Pan American
www.panam.edu/dept/nursing/

UT El Paso
<http://chs.utep.edu>

Midwestern State University
<http://hs2.mwsu.edu/nursing/>

UT Medical Branch
www.son.utmb.edu/

University of the Incarnate Word
www.uiw.edu

UT at Tyler
www.uttyler.edu/nursing

UT Health Science Center San Antonio
<http://nursing.uthscsa.edu>

Texas A&M University - Texarkana
<http://www.tamut.edu>

Lubbock Christian University
www.lcu.edu

Stephen F. Austin University
www.sfasu.edu

For a comprehensive list of accredited nurse training programs go to the National League for Nursing web site:
http://nlac.org/forms/directory_search.htm

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS OF NURSING TO OBTAIN THE MOST CURRENT DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Must have completed the following courses prior to beginning nursing program: (May apply to program while enrolled in prerequisite courses).

English: 6 semester hours

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3 hours)

ENGL 1320 College Writing II (3 hours)

Psychology: 6 semester hours

PSYC 1630 General psychology (3 hours)

PSYC 3620 Developmental psychology (3 hours)

Math: 3 semester hours

MATH 1100 College Algebra (3hrs)

Sociology: 3 semester hours

SOCI 1510 Individuals in Society (3 hours)

~Must have a grade of "C" or higher on all science courses~

Biology: 12 semester hours

BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 hours)

BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 hours)

BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4 hrs) (Pre-requisite is BIOL 1710/1730 & CHEM 1410/1430)

Chemistry: 4 semester hours

CHEM 1410/1430 General Chemistry I (4 hours)

****The following courses are core courses (NOT required before admission into nursing program) required for the BSN degree before graduation:**

Statistics

Humanities (6 hrs)

Intro to computers

American Gov't (TX)

American Government

General or Macro Economics

American History to 1865

American History since 1865

Speech

Fine Arts

Two (2) physical education activity courses

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

English: 9 semester hours

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3 hours)

ENGL 1320 College Writing II (3 hours)

2000 level Literature (English department) (3 hours)

Psychology: 6 semester hours

PSYC 1630 general psychology (3 hours)

PSYC 3620 developmental psych (3 hours)

History: 3 semester hours

HIST 2610 US to 1865 or HIST 2620 US from 1865 (3 hours)

American Government: 3 semester hours

PSCI 1050 American Government (3 hours)

American Government: 3 semester hours

PSCI 1050 American Government (3 hours)

Sociology: 3 semester hours

SOCI 1510 Individuals in society (3 hours)

Religion: (6 hours) call Baylor for equivalencies

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Nutrition: 3 semester hours

SMHM 1450 Principles of Nutrition (3 hours)

Math: 3 semester hours

MATH 1680 Elementary Probability and Statistics (3 hours)

Foreign Language: 8 semester hours

Electives: 6 semester hours

Biology: 12 semester hours

BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 hours)

BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 hours)

BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4 hrs) (Pre-requisite for BIOL 2041 is BIOL 1710/1730 & CHEM 1410/1430)

Chemistry: 4 semester hours

CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry (4 hours)

Must maintain a "C" average to be admitted to Baylor's nursing program.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

English: 12 semester hours

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3 hours) *
ENGL 1320 College Writing II (3 hours) *
2000-level literature (3 hour)
ENGL 2700 Technical Writing (3 hours)*

Psychology: 6 semester hours

PSYC 1630 general psychology (3 hours) *
PSYC 3620 Developmental Psychology (3 hours)*

Visual & performing arts: 3 semester hours

Biology: 16 semester hours

BIOL 1710/1730 Principles of Biology I (4 hours)*
BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 hours)*
BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy & Physiology II (4 hours)*
BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4 hrs)*
(Pre-requisite is BIOL 1710/1730 & CHEM 1410/1430)

American History: 6 semester hours

HIST 2610 US to 1865 (3 hours)
HIST 2620 US from 1865 (3 hours)

Political Science: 6 semester hours

PSCI 1040 American Government (3 hours)
PSCI 1050 American Government (3 hours)

Sociology: 3 semester hours

SOCI 1510 Individuals in society (3 hours)

Math: 6 semester hours

MATH 1100 College Algebra (3 hours) *
MATH 1680 Statistics (3 hours)*

Chemistry: 4 semester hours

CHEM 1410/1430 General chemistry I (4 hour)*

* The following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher

**There are three prerequisite Nursing courses (Concepts of Professional Nursing, Pharmacology, and Pathophysiology) that must be taken at UTA. Contact UTA for detailed information.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Nursing Prerequisites – The following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher

English: 9 semester hours

ENGL 1310 College Writing I (3 hours)
ENGL 1320 College Writing II (3 hours)

Psychology: 6 semester hours

PSYC 1630 General Psychology I (3 hours)
PSYC 3620 Developmental Psychology (3 hours)

Visual & Performing Arts: (3 hours)

Math: 3 semester hours

MATH 1680 Elementary Probability and Statistics (3 hours)

Biology: 12 semester hours

BIOL 2301/2311 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 hours)
BIOL 2302/2312 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 hours)
BIOL 2041/2042 Microbiology (4 hours)

(Pre-requisite for BIOL 2041 is BIOL 1710/1730 & CHEM 1410/1430)

American History: 3 semester hours

HIST 2610 or HIST 2620 (3 hours)

Math: 3 semester hours

MATH 1680 Statistics (3 hours)

Nutrition: 3 semester hours

SMHM 1450 Principles of nutrition (3 hours)

Sociology: 3 semester hours

SOCI 1510 Individuals in society (3 hours)

Humanities: 9 semester hours

2000 level-literature or philosophy

Electives: 6 semester hours

Foreign Language is recommended (6 hours)

***Additional courses are TCU requirements that must be completed prior to graduation