

DEGREE PLAN TEMPLATE – BASIC VERSION

Major	Degree Type	Department	Catalog Year
Nursing (2 nd Degree)	BS	Nursing	2020-2021

A. Core Curriculum – hours will vary by student
The 42-hour Core Curriculum is part of each student’s degree plan and includes courses that meet requirements common to all UTRGV undergraduates. <i>The Core Curriculum serves as a broad foundation for the undergraduate degree. All candidates for a bachelor’s degree must achieve core student learning outcomes, including communication, critical thinking, empirical and quantitative skills, teamwork, personal responsibility and social responsibility, by completing courses within each category or component area of the Core Curriculum</i> as outlined below. The University has approved specific courses that satisfy Core Curriculum Requirements. Approved courses can be found in this link .
Using Courses in the Core and Major or Minor: Students seeking the most efficient way to complete the core curriculum and major or minor requirements are advised to take approved courses that can fulfill both requirements.
Category/Component Area and Credit Hours Required
010 Communication (6 hours) N/A
020 Mathematics (3 hours) <i>Choose one:</i> MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (or MATH 1387 Honors) MATH 1343 Introduction to Biostatistics (or MATH 1388 Honors) <i>May be fulfilled through first bachelor’s degree if on the student’s academic record.</i>
030 Life and Physical Sciences (6 hours) BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I three-hour lecture BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II three-hour lecture <i>May be fulfilled through initial bachelor’s degree</i>
040 Language, Philosophy & Culture (3 hours) N/A
050 Creative Arts (3 hours) N/A
060 American History (6 hours) N/A
070 Government/Political Science (6 hours) <i>Fulfilled through initial bachelor’s degree. Out-of-state candidates must complete:</i> POLS 2305 U.S. Federal Government POLS 2306 Texas Government
080 Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 hours) <i>Choose one:</i> ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology SOC 1301 Introduction to Sociology <i>May be fulfilled through initial bachelor’s degree</i>
090 Integrative & Experiential Learning (3 hours) BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I one-hour lab BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II one-hour lab

CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I Lab
May be fulfilled through initial bachelor's degree

B. MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 78 Hours

Major requirements include required courses, restricted electives, concentrations, and support courses as applicable. Required courses typically draw largely from one academic department; however, interdisciplinary programs may include courses from more than one department.

1. Required Courses - 57 hours

Required courses provide a foundation for in-depth understanding of the discipline. Required courses are taken by all students in the major.

Nursing Core:

NURS 3303 Fundamentals of Nursing
 NURS 3304 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical/Lab
 NURS 3305 Client Assessment
 NURS 3105 Client Assessment Lab/Skills
 NURS 3202 Wellness and Health Promotion
 NURS 3101 Essentials of Nursing Profession
 NURS 3411 Adult Health I
 NURS 3311 Adult Health I Clinical
 NURS 3203 Pharmacology I
 NURS 3312 Mental Health
 NURS 3212 Mental Health Clinical
 NURS 4401 Adult Health II
 NURS 4301 Adult Health II Clinical
 NURS 4203 Pharmacology II
 NURS 4304 Family Health
 NURS 4305 Family Health Clinical
 NURS 4101 Integration of Core Nursing Concepts I
 NURS 4302 Research
 NURS 4201 Community Health
 NURS 4202 Community Health Clinical
 NURS 4306 Leadership in Nursing
 NURS 4307 Leadership in Nursing Clinical
 NURS 4102 Integration of Core Nursing Concepts II

2. Support Courses – hours will vary by student

Support courses consist of a brief list from one or multiple fields, often outside, but complementary to the discipline, that provide pre- or co-requisite knowledge, skills and experiences for success in the major.

If not completed as part of the first bachelor's degree:

CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
 NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care
HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology or SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I PSYC 2301 General Psychology PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
Any 2-hour Kinesiology activity course

Total Hours for Graduation

The total minimum and maximum number of hours in a degree program should not be less or more than 120 unless approved by THECB.

57 credit hours

Eligibility to Apply for Admission to the Program:

Students are eligible to submit an application to the BSN Accelerated program if they:

1. Possess a bachelor's degree in a discipline other than nursing.
2. Complete 6 semester credit hours of United States history and government or political science, including the Constitutions of the United States and Texas.
3. If not completed through the first bachelor's degree, complete all BSN prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" in each course. BSN prerequisites include:
 - BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
 - MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods or MATH 1343 Introduction to Biostatistics
 - ANTH 2351 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology or SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
 - CLSC 2429 Clinical Microbiology in Health Care
 - CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I
 - CHEM 1111 General Chemistry Lab I
 - PSYC 2301 General Psychology
 - PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan
4. Achieve a 75% or higher on the required components of the HESI A² Exam (English Language, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Math, Anatomy and Physiology, and Critical Thinking)

Major Admissions Requirements

Major admission requirements are any requirements beyond the institutional requirements to be met to be admitted to the major.

1. Admission requirements required for this program beyond university admission requirements.

1. Be admitted to UTRGV as a Second Degree Student.
2. Students must complete the BSN prerequisites and the courses below to be officially admitted to the program.
HRPT 2303 Medical Terminology or SPAN 2317 Spanish for Healthcare Professionals I PSYC 2301 General Kinesiology activity course – 2 SCHs
NUTR 2351 Introduction to Clinical Nutrition

The cumulative GPA for the prerequisites and the courses above must be 3.0. The GPA will be calculated using all institutional and transfer work including applicable coursework from the first bachelor's degree.

3. Pass math quiz [grade of 100].
4. Provide proof of current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for health care providers.
5. Provide documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease.
6. Provide documentation verifying current immunization or immunity status for specified diseases (hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, varicella, flu/influenza, meningitis if <age 22, etc).
7. Submit evidence of being cleared by the Texas Board of Nursing's criminal background check.
8. Be admitted by the BSN Student Development Committee after being rank-ordered using the admission criteria based on space availability.

1. Application process, timeline for admission and office/department responsible.
Students will apply to the BSN 2 nd Degree program through Tk20.
Major Progression Requirements <i>Major progression requirements are included when programs are sequenced and structured in a manner that requires completion of certain courses with specific grades before advancing to the next sequence of courses. Can also include other benchmark requirements that prohibit progression in the program if not met.</i>
1. Progression requirements required for this program.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain at least \$1 million in professional liability insurance. 2. Provide annual documentation verifying absence of active (infectious) pulmonary disease. 3. Provide documentation verifying current immunization or immunity status for specified diseases (hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus/diphtheria or tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, varicella, flu/influenza, and, if <22, meningitis, etc.). 4. Provide annual proof of current certification in CPR (health care provider). 5. Maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. 6. Achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in each required BSN course. 7. Satisfactorily complete BSN courses in approved sequence. 8. Seek academic advisement each semester regarding program progression. 9. Abide by and adhere to the BSN Student Guide.
2. Progression monitoring process and office/department responsible.
The School of Nursing will monitor all progression criteria.
Major Graduation Requirements <i>Major graduation requirements are included when graduation requirements differ from institutional requirements (e.g., GPA in the major greater than 2.5).</i>
1. Specific graduation requirements required for this program beyond university bachelor's degree requirements.
Achieve a minimum grade of 'C' in each course required for the BSN 2 nd degree.