



Major in Nursing, B.S.

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A degree in nursing, particularly a bachelor's degree, opens the door to one of the fastest growing and most in-demand career fields. Flexible work scheduling, excellent salaries, job security, and career advancement opportunities are attractive within the nursing profession. Nurses have a powerful impact on the lives of their patients, with caring and compassion being at the very heart of nursing.

Available Job Market

Nurses are employed in hospitals, outpatient centers, long-term care facilities, clinics, and a variety of community settings. Nurses participate in health promotion, provide care to those coping with illness or experiencing life transitions, and work collaboratively with members of the healthcare team. They assess, diagnose, plan, treat, and evaluate changing patient conditions. Nurses work in many specialty areas, nursing education, or management and leadership in a wide range of settings.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nursing (RN) is listed among the top occupations for job growth. By 2024, RN job availability nationwide is projected to be greater than 1 million (www.bls.gov). The Texas Department of State Health Services predicts a 54% increase in the demand for registered nurses by 2030 (www.DSHS.Texas.gov). Research supports the increase in quality outcomes when nurses have a bachelor's degree (BSN) and many hospitals are hiring with a goal of all BSN nurses. BSN graduates have greater opportunities for career advancement and expanded access to over 100 specialty nursing roles. Excellent opportunities for nurses with master's and doctoral degrees include Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist, and Nurse Administrator.

Earnings

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median salary for hospital-employed Registered Nurses is \$73,650, ranging from \$50,800 to \$106,530 (www.bls.gov).

Educational Qualifications

Certifications in many specialty areas are available to BSNs (such as Critical Care, Emergency, Maternal/Child nursing, etc.). A master's degree in nursing is required (and a doctoral degree is preferred) to teach nursing. Advanced Practice nurses, including Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists, are required to have a master's or doctoral degree.

General Education Requirements:

To view general education requirements for this major please visit:
<https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>.





CORE MAJOR COURSES

NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3	NURS 416	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
NURS 221	Fundamentals of Nursing	6	NURS 417	Mental Health Nursing.....	4
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing	3	NURS 418	Maternal Newborn Nursing.....	4
NURS 313	Pathophysiology.....	3	NURS 420	Medical Surgical Nursing IV	2
NURS 315	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5	NURS 424	Population Health	4
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3	NURS 426	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 318	Child Health Nursing	4	NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	4
NURS 321	Evidence Based Practice	3			
NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5			

TOTAL: 60

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR SCHEDULE

	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
<i>First Year</i>	BIOL 101—Anatomy & Physiology I.....4 History Option.....3 KINA Activity Option	BIOL 102—Anatomy & Physiology II.....4 ENGL 121—Freshman Composition
1 PSYC 212—General Psychology.....3 Religion Option	History Option.....3 PSYC 220—Human Growth & Development.....3 SOCI 111—Intro to Sociology.....3
	UNIV 111—Wellness for Life	SOC 111—Intro to Sociology.....3
2 TOTAL	TOTAL
	16	16
<i>Second Year</i>	BIOL 220—Microbiology and Immunology.....4 CHEM 105—Survey of Chemistry.....4 ENGL 220—Research Writing.....3 Fine Arts Option.....3 MATH 141—Intro to Probability & Statistics	NURS 221—Fundamentals of Nursing.....6 NURS 212—Physical Assessment
3 Religion Option	NURS 227—Gerontological Nursing
3 MATH 141—Intro to Probability & Statistics	Religion Option
3 TOTAL	Religion Option
	173 TOTAL
	173 16
<i>Third Year</i>	NURS 315—Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....5 NURS 313—Pathophysiology.....3 NURS 317—Pharmacology	NURS 318—Child Health Nursing.....4 NURS 321—Evidence Based Practice
3 KINT 216—Nutrition	NURS 335—Medical-Surgical Nursing II
3 ENGL Literature Option.....	Religion Option
3 TOTAL	KINA Activity Option
	171 TOTAL
	17	16
<i>Fourth Year</i>	NURS 416—Medical Surgical Nursing III	NURS 417—Mental Health Nursing
4 NURS 418—Maternal Newborn Nursing.....	NURS 420—Medical Surgical Nursing IV
4 NURS 426—Nursing Leadership	NURS 424—Population Health
3 Religion Option (upper division).....	NURS 450—Nursing Capstone.....
3 TOTAL4 TOTAL
	14	14
		No non-nursing courses allowed during final semester.