



Major in Nursing, B.S. (Transfer Students)

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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	

REQUIRED COGNATE COURSES

BIOL 101	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 102	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 220	Microbiology and Immunology	4
CHEM 105	Survey of Chemistry.....	4
KINT 216	Nutrition.....	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology.....	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development.....	3
SOCI 111	Intro to Sociology.....	3
MATH 141	Intro to Probability & Statistics.....	3

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

ENGL 121	Freshman Composition.....	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing.....	3
ENGL	Literature Elective	3
HIST	History Elective	3
HIST	History Elective	3
	Fine Arts Elective	3
KINA	PE Elective	1
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REL_	Religion Elective	3
REL_	Religion Elective (Upper Division).....	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2

SAMPLE FIVE SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Semester 1	NURS 221—Fundamentals of Nursing.....6 NURS 212—Physical Assessment	3
	NURS 227—Gerontological Nursing	3
	UNIV 111—Wellness for Life	2
	TOTAL	14
Semester 2	NURS 313—Pathophysiology.....	3
	NURS 315—Medical-Surgical Nursing I	5
	NURS 317—Pharmacology	3
	Religion Option	3
	TOTAL	14
Semester 3	NURS 335—Medical-Surgical Nursing II	5
	NURS 321—Evidence Based Practice	3
	NURS 318—Child Health Nursing	4
	TOTAL	12
Semester 4	NURS 418—Maternal Newborn Nursing.....	4
	NURS 426—Nursing Leadership	3
	NURS 416—Medical-Surgical Nursing III	4
	Religion (Upper Division) Option.....	3
	TOTAL	14
Semester 5	NURS 417—Mental Health Nursing.....	4
	NURS 434—Population Health	4
	NURS 420—Medical-Surgical Nursing IV.....	2
	NURS 450—Nursing Capstone.....	4
	TOTAL	14
	No non-nursing courses allowed during final semester.	