



Major in Nursing, L.V.N. to 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/nursing/lvn-to-bs-nursing-degree-requirements>.



CORE MAJOR COURSES

NURS 210	LVN to RN Bridge.....	1	NURS 418	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3	NURS 420	Medical Surgical IV.....	2
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing.....	3	NURS 426	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 313	Pathophysiology.....	3	NURS 424	Population Health	4
NURS 314	Medical Surgical Nursing I/LVN.....	3	NURS 450	Nursing Capstone.....	4
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3			
NURS 318	Child Health Nursing.....	4	CREDIT BY PROFICIENCY/LVN LICENSE UPON COMPLETION OF FIRST SEMESTER OF THE PROGRAM		
NURS 321	Evidence Based Practice	3	NURS 221	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5	NURS 314C	Clinical for Medical Surgical Nursing I	2
NURS 416	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4			
NURS 417	Mental Health Nursing.....	4			

TOTAL: 61

For nursing cognate pre-requisites and other course requirements, please visit:
<https://catalog.swau.edu/nursing/lvn-to-bs-nursing-degree-requirements>.

SAMPLE FIVE SEMESTER SCHEDULE

<i>Semester 1</i>	NURS 210— LVN to RN Bridge.....1 NURS 212— Physical Assessment3 NURS 227— Gerontological Nursing3 UNIV 111 — Wellness for Life.....2 TOTAL9
<i>Semester 2</i>	NURS 313—Pathophysiology.....3 NURS 314—Medical-Surgical Nursing I/LVN3 NURS 317—Pharmacology3 Religion Option3 TOTAL12
<i>Semester 3</i>	NURS 321— Evidence Based Practice3 NURS 318— Child Health Nursing4 NURS 335— Medical-Surgical Nursing II5 TOTAL12
<i>Semester 4</i>	SEMESTER 4 NURS 426— Nursing Leadership3 NURS 418—Maternal Newborn Nursing.....4 NURS 416—Medical-Surgical Nursing III4 Religion Option (upper division).....3 TOTAL14
<i>Semester 5</i>	NURS 417—Mental Health Nursing.....4 NURS 420— Medical-Surgical IV2 NURS 424—Population Health4 NURS 450—Nursing Capstone.....4 TOTAL14 No non-nursing courses allowed during final semester.