



Major in Nursing, B.S.

2017-2018

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The purpose of the Nursing Department at Southwestern Adventist University is to prepare competent generalists in the profession of nursing with a Christian perspective of liberal arts, applied theology and natural, behavioral, and nursing sciences. It seeks to provide a Christian environment, which facilitates growth of the student as a whole person, as a contributing member of society, and as a member of the nursing profession.

Available Job Market

Nurses participate in assisting with health promotion, disease prevention, care provision to those who are coping with illness. Nurses also provide management and leadership in a wide range of settings. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nursing (RN) is one of the top occupations with increasing growth and demand.

Job Outlook

Between 2010 and 2020, the need for Registered Nurses is expected to increase 26 percent (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Research supports the increase in quality outcomes when nurses have a bachelor's degree (BSN) and magnet hospitals are hiring with a goal of all BSN nurses. Opportunities for Advanced Practice nurses with master's and doctoral preparation are also increasing. Advanced Practice nurses will be in high demand in underserved areas such as inner cities and rural areas.

Earnings

According to bsnedu.org the median salary for a BSN prepared nurse in Texas is \$78,970. For a nurse with no experience, the median pay is \$61,448. The median salary for a Family Nurse Practitioner is \$90,266.

Educational Qualifications

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

General Education Requirements:

To view general education requirements for this major please visit catalog.swau.edu/Undergraduate/2017-2018.



CORE MAJOR COURSES

NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3	NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
NURS 221	Fundamentals of Nursing	6	NURS 426	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 226	Gerontological Nursing	3	NURS 433	Maternal-Child Nursing	6
NURS 313	Pathophysiology	3	NURS 434	Population Health	3
NURS 325	Medical Surgical Nursing I	6	NURS 437	Medical Surgical Nursing III	5
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3	NURS 438	Medical Surgical Nursing IV	5
NURS 321	Evidence Based Nursing.....	3	NURS 439	Nursing Capstone.....	2
NURS 322	Mental Health Nursing.....	4			
				TOTAL:	60

	FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
<i>First Year</i>	BIOL 101—Anatomy & Physiology.....4 History Elective	BIOL 102—Anatomy & Physiology.....4 ENGL 121—Freshman Composition
	KINA P.E. Elective.....1 PSYC 212—General Psychology.....3 Religion Elective.....3 UNIV 111—Wellness for Life.....2 TOTAL.....16	ENGL 121—Freshman Composition.....3 History Elective.....3 PSYC 220—Human Growth & Development.....3 SOCI 111—Intro to Socioloty.....3 TOTAL.....16
<i>Second Year</i>	BIOL 220—Microbiology.....4 CHEM 105—Survey of Chemistry.....4 ENGL 220—Research Writing.....3 Fine Arts Elective.....3 MATH 241—Intro to Probability & Statistics.....3 TOTAL.....17	NURS 221—Fundamentals of Nursing.....6 NURS 212—Physical Assessment.....3 NURS 226—Gerontological Nursing.....3 Religion Elective.....3 TOTAL.....15
<i>Third Year</i>	NURS 325—Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....6 NURS 313—Pathophysiology.....3 NURS 317—Pharmacology.....3 KINT 216—Nutrition.....3 KINA P.E. Elective.....1 TOTAL.....16	NURS 335—Medical-Surgical Nursing II.....5 NURS 321—Evidence Based Nursing.....3 NURS 322—Mental Health Nursing.....4 Religion Elective.....3 TOTAL.....15
<i>Fourth Year</i>	NURS 426—Nursing Leadership.....3 NURS 433—Maternal-Child Nursing.....6 NURS 437—Medical Surgical Nursing III.....5 Literature Elective.....3 TOTAL.....17	NURS 434—Population Health.....3 NURS 439—Nursing Capstone.....2 NURS 438—Medical Surgical Nursing IV.....5 Religion Elective (upper division).....3 TOTAL.....13