



# Major in Nursing, R.N. to B.S.

2017-2018

## **Additional Sources of Information**

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[www.swau.edu/nursing](http://www.swau.edu/nursing)

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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](http://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 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](http://catalog.swau.edu/Undergraduate/2017-2018).



**CORE MAJOR COURSES**

<b>NURS 326</b>	Gerontological Nursing .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 310</b>	Health Related Topics .....	<b>2</b>
<b>NURS 312</b>	Physical Assessment .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 313</b>	Pathophysiology.....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 321</b>	Evidence Based Practice .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 426</b>	Nursing Leadership .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 434</b>	Population Health .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 435</b>	Nursing Ethics .....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 436</b>	Health Care Policies and Economics.....	<b>3</b>
<b>NURS 440</b>	Nursing Capstone for RNs.....	<b>2</b>
	<b>TOTAL: 28</b>	

*\*Current Texas RN license required for enrolling in the RN to BS Nursing Program*

**SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR SCHEDULE**

	<b>NURSING PRE-REQUISITES</b>	<b>OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS</b>
<i>Prior to Enrolling in the RN to BS Nursing Program</i>	BIOL 101—Anatomy & Physiology.....4 BIOL 102—Anatomy & Physiology.....4 BIOL 220—Microbiology.....4 CHEM 105—Survey of Chemistry.....4 ENGL 121—Freshman Composition.....3 MATH 110—College Algebra .....3 PSYC 212—General Psychology.....3 PSYC 220—Human Growth & Development.....3 SOCI 111—Intro to Sociology .....3 <b>TOTAL.....31</b>	CSIS 102—Microcomputer Literacy & Applications.....3 ENGL 220—Research Writing.....3 History Elective.....3 KINA—Electives (PE Activity).....2 KINT 216—Nutrition.....3 MATH 241—Introduction to Probability and Statistics.....3 <b>TOTAL.....17</b>  ENGL—Literature Elective (upper division).....3 HIST—History Elective (upper division).....3 RLGN—Religion Elective (upper division).....3 RLGN—Religion Elective (upper division).....3 <b>TOTAL UPPER DIVISION.....12</b>
	<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	<b>SECOND SEMESTER</b>
	NURS 313—Pathophysiology.....3 NURS 321—Evidence Based Nursing.....3 NURS 426—Nursing Leadership.....3 NURS 435—Nursing Ethics.....3 UNIV 111—Wellness for Life.....2 <b>TOTAL.....14</b>	NURS 310—Health Related Topics.....2 NURS 312—Physical Assessment for RNs.....3 NURS 326—Gerontological Nursing.....3 NURS 434—Population Health.....3 NURS 436—Health Care Policies and Economics.....3 NURS 440—Capstone for RNs.....2 <b>TOTAL.....16</b>  UPPER DIVISION NURSING CREDIT HOURS.....28 UPPER DIVISION NON-NURSING CREDIT HOURS.....12 <b>TOTAL UPPER DIVISION.....37</b>