RN TO BSN ARTICULATION TRACK

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Nursing

Concentration: RN to BSN Track

Total Hours: 120

RN to BSN (https://www.lamar.edu/catalog/degrees-and-programs/degree-course-requirements/as/bs-nursing-rn-bsn-track.html) applications are processed through ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/). Follow the instructions carefully so that the correct major is chosen. If the wrong major is selected, there can be a delay in the admission decision.

Admission to Lamar University is required as well as admission to the RN-BSN Articulation Track in the Dishman School of Nursing. Official transcripts from other colleges or universities must be evaluated by Lamar University.

To be considered for admission to the RN-BSN Track, the student must:

a. Have an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AASN or ADN) or
b. Apply and be admitted to Lamar University.
c. Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Students with a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.49 may be admitted on a conditional basis, allowing them to enroll in 6 hours of nursing courses and must earn a grade of "B" or better to progress in the RN-BSN Track.
d. Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1314 College Algebra(Non-Calculus), MATH 1342 Statistics/PSYC 2317 Introduction to Statistical Methods, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors, PSYC 2315 Lifespan Development, and NUTR 1322 Basic Nutrition to be accepted in the program.
e. Have a current, unencumbered license to practice professional nursing (RN) in the U.S. or an approved U.S. territory.

The admission process is as follows:

a. The student should follow the instructions for ApplyTexas, selecting Online Campus and then the the correct degree code (Registered Nurse to BSN - ONLINE DEGREE) and the semester in which the student wants to enroll.
b. Send official transcripts to the:
Lamar University Admissions Office
P.O. Box 10009
Beaumont, Texas 77710
c. The Lamar University Admissions Office will then determine the students' admission status, and what courses will transfer. Admissions will send an email with the decision regarding the students' acceptance to Lamar University.
d. The Dishman School of Nursing will be notified after admission is complete.
e. The Dishman School of Nursing will review the student's file and transcripts to determine if the student meets the admission requirements for the RN-BSN Track.
f. Accepted students will receive a packet by email from the Dishman School of Nursing providing them with details regarding their degree plan and the requirements necessary to progress in the track. Students will need to review the packet and their degree plan through their degree audit on Banner Self-Serv.
g. After students have reviewed the acceptance packet, they must email their advisor confirming their acceptance and schedule an advising appointment.

Curriculum

Full-time students can complete the RN-BSN Track in 14 months (if all core courses are fulfilled prior to admission). All nursing courses in the RN-BSN Track are 8 weeks long (10 weeks during summer sessions). General education courses are either 8 weeks or 15 weeks long and may be completed concurrently with nursing courses.

Students are required to consult with an RN-BSN Articulation Track Advisor (onlineadvising@lamar.edu) before each semester to discuss the best option for their academic progress.

Progression in the RN to BSN Track

Students are required to earn a grade of "C" or better in each nursing course while following the sequence identified for the program of study.

The grading scale for nursing courses in the RN-BSN Track is as follows:

- A= 100-90 Excellent
- B = 89-80 Good
- C = 79-75 Satisfactory
- D = 74-60 Failure
- F = 59-0 Failure

In order to progress in the RN-BSN Track students are required to:

- Maintain a current unencumbered nursing license
- Complete a criminal background screening
- Obtain Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification
- Submit to a physical exam completed by their physician
- Provide documentation of required immunizations
- Obtain nursing liability insurance

These requirements are the responsibility of the student and are not included in Lamar's tuition and fees. Students will be required to maintain current immunization status, CPR certification, and liability insurance while enrolled in nursing courses.

Escrow Courses for RN-BSN Students

RN-BSN students will be awarded 30 hours of Nursing credits via escrow, which will be added to the student's transcript once the nursing capstone course, NURS 4580 Synthesis in Professional Nursing, has been successfully completed.

Transfer Credits

An official transcript evaluation by Lamar University is required for all transfer credits. Transfer credits that are not equivalent to Lamar credits must be evaluated on an individual basis by the appropriate department

chair. Technical credits will not be accepted by the Dishman School of Nursing. Please speak with an advisor regarding questions about transfer credits.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
Communication		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	
COMM 1321	Business and Professional Speech	
DSDE 1371	ASL I	
FREN 1311	Beginning French I	
SPAN 1311	Beginning Spanish I	
Mathematics		
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I [1]	3
Life and Physical Sciences		
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Language, Philosophy and Culture		
Select one of the following:		3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	
ENGL 2300	Close Reading II	
ENGL 2322	British Literature	
ENGL 2326	American Literature	
ENGL 2331	World Literature	
ENGL 2376	African-American Literature	
FREN 2312	Intermediate French II	
PHIL 1370	Philosophy of Knowledge	
PHIL 2306	Ethics	
SPAN 2312	Intermediate Spanish II	
Creative Arts		
Select one of the following:		3
ARTS 1301	Art Appreciation	
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
COMM 1375	Film Appreciation	
COSC 1324	The Art of Computer Game Development	
DANC 2304	Dance Appreciation	
MUSI 1306	Music Appreciation	
MUSI 1309	Jazz History and Appreciation	
MUSI 1310	History of Rock and Roll	
PHIL 1330	Arts and Ideas	
THEA 1310	Theatre Appreciation	
American History		
Select two of the following:		6
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
Government/Political Science		
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 2346	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology	
BULW 1370	Business Environment and Public Policy	
CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	
ECON 1301	Principles and Policies	
ECON 2301	Principles of Economics I Macro	
ECON 2302	Principles of Economics II Micro	
FINC 2310	Intro to Consumer Finance	
INEN 2373	Engineering Economics	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	
POLS 1301	Intro to Political Science	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	
SOWK 2361	Intro Social Work	
Component Area Option		
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
MATH 1342	Statistics	3
or PSYC 2317	Introduction to Statistical Methods	
Required Major Courses		
Additional Required Courses		
BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Science Majors [2]	4
NUTR 1322	Basic Nutrition	3
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development	3
Elective		3
Elective [3]		3
R.N. to B.S.N. Courses		
NURS 4321	Nursing Theories and Online Education	3
NURS 4316	Comprehensive Holistic Health Assessment	3
NURS 4391	Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Inquiry	3
NURS 4620	Nursing Practice: Compromised Multiple Health States	6
NURS 4540	Nursing Practice: Care of Communities	5
NURS 4550	Nursing Practice: Leadership and Management in the Healthcare System	5
NURS 4580	Synthesis in Professional Nursing	5
Escrowed Nursing Courses [1]		
NURS 3440	Concepts of Professional Nursing [5]	4
NURS 3241	Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 3110	Nursing Simulation Lab I	1
NURS 3330	Principles of Pharmacology	3
NURS 3520	Care of Adults	5
NURS 3221	Practicum: Care of Adults	2
NURS 3320	Care of Behavioral Health Client	3
NURS 3231	Practicum: Care of Behavioral Health Client	2
NURS 3112	Nursing Simulation Lab II	1
NURS 4560	Care of the Parent-Child Family	5
NURS 4261	Practicum: Parent-Child Family	2
Total Hours		**120**

[1]   Though MATH 1332 is preferred, MATH 1314, 2311, 2312, 2413 will also be accepted

[2]   Though BIOL 2421 is preferred, BIOL 2420 will also be accepted

[3]   This requirement will be reduced to 2 hours in the spring of 2024

[4]   Credit will be awarded in the last semester.

[5] This course will change to NURS 3540 in the spring of 2024

Note: Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1314 College Algebra(Non-Calculus), MATH 1342 Statistics, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors, PSYC 2315 Lifespan Development, NUTR 1322 Basic Nutrition, and all R.N.-B.S.N. core courses to be accepted and progress in the program.