NURSING (BSN)

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Nursing

Total Hours: 120

Undergraduate pre-licensure nursing students meet course requirements through didactic courses, laboratory, simulation activities, and clinical experience in healthcare facilities under the supervision of university faculty.

Pre-licensure graduates must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses® (NCLEX-RN®) in order to obtain a license to practice as a Registered Nurse. Graduates are required to meet criteria established by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) in order to take the NCLEX-RN® examination. For information about the RN-BSN and RN-MSN articulation tracks, please refer to the track specific section located in the comprehensive catalog.

Program Goals and Outcomes

a. Goal: Provide excellent learning opportunities to prepare graduates to meet national standards for entry into practice as competent, professional registered nurses.
   Outcome:
   Performance on Licensure Exam: 85% or more of the pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) graduates will pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses® (NCLEX-RN®) on the first attempt.
b. Goal: Provide relevant education and resources for students to graduate in a timely manner.
   Outcomes:
   Program Completion (100%): 40% or more of the students entering the BSN program will earn the BSN degree within 100% of the time of the published program length
   Program Completion (150%): 70% or more of the students entering the BSN program will earn the BSN degree within 150% of the time of the published program length.
c. Goal: Prepare graduates to function in role-related nursing employment.
   Outcome:
   Job Placement: 90% or more of BSN graduates contacted report employment in nursing 9-12 months post-graduation.

BSN End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

a. Practices safe, compassionate, and effective holistic/multidimensional patient-centered care to diverse patients/clients* in multiple settings from a global perspective by incorporating theories and evidence-based findings.
b. Supports patients/clients in preventing disease, maintaining wellness, promoting and restoring health, and advocating for death with dignity.
c. Evaluates patient-centered care for patients/clients across the lifespan based on common and complex health needs and compromised multiple health states when considering multiple determinants of health.
d. Synthesizes clinical reasoning and judgment in nursing practice utilizing critical thinking, nursing process, informatics, research, and evidence-based findings.
e. Employs safe, effective, compassionate patient-centered care in collaboration with patients/clients and members of the interprofessional and intraprofessional healthcare team.
f. Differentiates multiple role dimensions and practices within ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks when caring for diverse patients/clients as a member of the interprofessional and intraprofessional healthcare team.
g. Demonstrates professional integrity, effective communication, active inquiry, and service to the community.

Admission

Students seeking admission to the pre-licensure baccalaureate (BSN) nursing program must apply for admission to the nursing program. Students must be in good standing with Lamar University and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in pre-requisite courses and in required science courses, and an overall career GPA of no less than 2.0.

Students not enrolled at Lamar University must submit two separate applications: one for admission to Lamar University (Apply Texas (https://www.applytexas.org/)), and a separate application for admission to the nursing program.

Applications for admission to the nursing programs must be received by March 1st for fall semester admission and September 1st for spring semester admission (if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date will be the next business day). The following items must be submitted in addition to the admission application:

- Unofficial transcripts from Lamar University and all other colleges and universities previously attended
- Pre-admission test scores (HESI® A2)

Applicants are encouraged to follow application instructions carefully to ensure processing by the Admissions Committee. Students are responsible for ensuring that their application is complete. Admission is limited by available space.

All core and pre-requisite courses, with the exception of Political Science, must be completed prior to entering the BSN program.

An official transcript evaluation by Lamar University is required for all transfer credits. Transfer credits that are not equivalent to Lamar University 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. Students should monitor Degree Audit and contact their pre-nursing advisor regarding course equivalency questions.

Applications for admission to the pre-licensure BSN program are evaluated and ranked. To be considered for admission to the BSN program, the following are required:

a. Admission to Lamar University (See Undergraduate Admissions section of this catalog.)
b. Completion of all pre-requisite courses and science courses with a minimum grade of "C".
c. Minimum 2.5 GPA in pre-requisite courses and a minimum science GPA of 2.5.
d. Overall academic career GPA of 2.0 or higher.

e. Have a minimum grade of "C" in Nursing Pathophysiology from an accredited university that was earned no more than 3 years prior to admission. Students will be allowed a maximum of three attempts to pass Nursing Pathophysiology within a 3-year period prior to admission. Course equivalency must be approved by the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Nursing Studies.
f. To be considered eligible to apply for admission to the Dishman School of Nursing, students may have no more than 6 unsuccessful prerequisite course attempts within the previous 5 years. An unsuccessful course attempt is defined as not meeting the minimum required grade "C" meeting the minimum required grade "C" in prerequisite courses: ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, MATH 1313 or 1332, NUTR 1322, PSYC 2315, PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342, NURS 2373, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421/2420, and CHEM 1306/1106 (or equivalent transferable courses as approved) as required by the nursing program or "D" as required by the nursing program. Failure in core elective courses: HIST 1301, HIST 1302 or 2301, Communications Elective, Creative Arts Elective, Social & Behavioral Science Elective, and Language, Philosophy, & Culture Elective courses and courses not required by the nursing program do not count toward this eligibility criteria.
g. Pre-admission exam scores (HESI® A2) with required components: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & Knowledge, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Mathematics, and Critical Thinking. A minimum score of 79 is required on the Reading Comprehension section of the admission exam. The HESI® A2 scores must be less than two years old from entrance to the program. Contact the Nursing Information Center (nursing@lamar.edu) for information.

As part of the admission process, students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screening. Students admitted to the nursing program are required to obtain cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, submit proof of immunizations, submit health related requirements, and obtain liability insurance. Details about these additional requirements will be provided to students upon admission to the nursing program.

Students accepting admission into the pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing program (BSN) must meet the Standards for Nursing Students (https://www.lamar.edu/arts-sciences/_files/documents/nursing/STANDARDS%20FOR%20NURSING%20STUDENTS.pdf). The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) (https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp.html) requires students to report significant mental health diagnoses and treatment to TBON, as well as any involvement in criminal activities, including convictions.

Curriculum

The Dishman School of Nursing admits students twice a year - in the fall and spring semesters. The degree plan progression may vary per entrance semester.

For progression in the program, a minimum grade of "C" must be earned in all nursing courses, and an overall academic GPA of 2.0 must be maintained in all coursework.

The grading scale for nursing didactic and lab courses is as follows:

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

The grading scale for nursing practicum courses is as follows:

- S = Satisfactory (Pass)
- U = Unsatisfactory (Fail)

Students are required to earn a passing grade in each nursing course while following the sequence identified in the program of study. A BSN student who earns a "D" or "F" in one nursing course must submit a readmission application for approval to continue in the program. Re-admission to the program is not guaranteed and is based on space availability.

If re-admitted, the BSN student must repeat all designated co-requisite courses. BSN students may be readmitted once. Failing two nursing courses results in program failure and the student will be ineligible for readmission for half the program length (one year).

See the Baccalaureate Nursing Student Handbook for specific policies. The handbook is available on the Dishman School of Nursing website (https://www.lamar.edu/arts-sciences/nursing/student-success/online-forms-bsn-application-msn.html).

Students seeking to transfer from another nursing program are admitted on a space-available basis. Students who have been unsuccessful ("D" or lower) in one or more nursing course(s) at another nursing program are not eligible for transfer.

Additional costs above tuition and fees are involved in nursing programs. Uniforms, equipment, instruments, liability insurance, health examinations, immunization costs, CPR certification, special testing fees, course packet fees, additional laboratory/clinical fees, and transportation to clinical facilities are the student's responsibility. Financial aid is available for eligible students (see the Financial Aid website (https://www.lamar.edu/financial-aid/)).

Liability insurance, CPR certification, health examinations, and immunizations must be current. Students may be assigned to clinical experiences during the day, evening, night, or weekend hours. Clinical agencies may require additional health examinations, dress codes, or conformity with other policies. Students will be informed in advance of such requirements.

Eligibility for Graduation: The final semester of the nursing program constitutes the capstone experience. The Dishman School of Nursing requires that all other course requirements are completed prior to entry into the final capstone semester. Further explanation is provided in the Baccalaureate Nursing Student Handbook.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Core Curriculum		
Communication		
ENGL 1301	Composition I [2]	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	
COMM 1321	Business and Prof Speech	
FREN 1311	Beginning French I	
SPAN 1311	Beginning Spanish I	
Mathematics		
MATH 1313	Mathematics for Allied Health [1, 2]	3

Life and Physical Sciences		
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I [2]	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II [2]	4
Language, Philosophy and Culture		
Select one of the following:		3
DSDE 1374	Introduction to Deaf Studies	
ENGL 2300	Ethics and Literature	
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 2303	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 [2]	3
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods [2]	3
or PSYC 2317	Introduction to Statistical Methods	
Required Major Courses		
Prerequisites [2]		
BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Science Majors [2]	4
CHEM 1106 & CHEM 1306	Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences Laboratory and Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences [2, 3]	4
NUTR 1322	Introductory Nutrition [2]	3
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development [2]	3
NURS 2373	Basic Pathophysiology [2]	3
Nursing Courses		
NURS 3110	Nursing Simulation Lab I	1
NURS 3112	Nursing Simulation Lab II	1
NURS 3221	Practicum: Care of Adults	2
NURS 3231	Practicum: Care of Behavioral Health Client	2
NURS 3241	Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 3316	Comprehensive Holistic Health Assessment	3
NURS 3320	Care of Behavioral Health Client	3
NURS 3330	Principles of Pharmacology	3
NURS 3520	Care of Adults	5
NURS 3540	Concepts of Professional Nursing	5
NURS 4221	Practicum: Care of Patients with Compromised Multiple Health States	2
NURS 4241	Practicum: Care of Communities	2
NURS 4251	Practicum: Leadership and Management of Health Care Systems	2
NURS 4260	Integration for Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	2
NURS 4261	Practicum: Parent-Child Family	2
NURS 4340	Care of Communities	3
NURS 4350	Leadership and Management of Healthcare Systems	3
NURS 4390	Nursing Inquiry and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 4420	Care of Patients with Compromised Multiple Health States	4
NURS 4481	Preceptorship: Synthesis of Nursing	4
NURS 4560	Care of the Parent-Child Family	5
Total Hours		**120**

1. Though MATH 1313 is preferred, MATH 1314, MATH 1332, 2312, 2413 will also be accepted
2. In addition to the Core Curriculum courses indicated, these are considered prerequisites for admission into the BSN pre-licensure nursing program.
3. Though CHEM 1306/1106 is preferred, CHEM 1305/1105, 1311/1111, 3311/3111, 1405, or 1406 will also be accepted

First Year

Fall		**Hours**
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
MATH 1313	Mathematics for Allied Health	3
Communication		3
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	3
	Hours	**16**

Spring		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development	3
NUTR 1322	Introductory Nutrition	3
HIST 1302	U S History II Since 1877	3
	Hours	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Science Majors	4
Language, Philosophy & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
CHEM 1306	Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences	3
CHEM 1106	Chemistry for Allied Health Sciences Laboratory	1
NURS 2373	Basic Pathophysiology	3
MATH 1342 or PSYC 2317	Elementary Statistical Methods or Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
	Hours	**13**
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 3241	Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 3540	Concepts of Professional Nursing	5
NURS 3110	Nursing Simulation Lab I	1
NURS 3330	Principles of Pharmacology	3
NURS 3316	Comprehensive Holistic Health Assessment	3
	Hours	**14**
Spring		
NURS 3520	Care of Adults	5
NURS 3221	Practicum: Care of Adults	2
NURS 3112	Nursing Simulation Lab II	1
NURS 3320	Care of Behavioral Health Client	3
NURS 3231	Practicum: Care of Behavioral Health Client	2
	Hours	**13**
Summer		
NURS 4350	Leadership and Management of Healthcare Systems	3
NURS 4251	Practicum: Leadership and Management of Health Care Systems	2
NURS 4390	Nursing Inquiry and Evidence-Based Practice	3
	Hours	**8**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 4560	Care of the Parent-Child Family	5
NURS 4261	Practicum: Parent-Child Family	2
NURS 4340	Care of Communities	3
NURS 4241	Practicum: Care of Communities	2
	Hours	**12**
Spring		
NURS 4420	Care of Patients with Compromised Multiple Health States	4
NURS 4221	Practicum: Care of Patients with Compromised Multiple Health States	2
NURS 4260	Integration for Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	2
NURS 4481	Preceptorship: Synthesis of Nursing	4
	Hours	**12**
	Total Hours	**120**