RN TO BSN ARTICULATION PROGRAM

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Nursing

Concentration: RN to BSN Program

Total Hours: 120

The RN to BSN Articulation Program Option is for Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AASN or ADN) or diploma nurses seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Licensed Registered Nurses (RNs) in the articulation tracks meet course requirements through didactic courses, simulation activities, practice assignments, and projects. After applying for graduation and upon successful completion of NURS 4580 Synthesis in Professional Nursing(Capstone) course, RN to BSN students will receive 31 escrowed credit hours for foundational nursing courses awarded in acknowledgement of validated competencies demonstrated through RN licensure and prior accredited associate-level nursing education.

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: 88% 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

RN to BSN applications are processed through the common application - ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/). Follow the instructions carefully so that the correct major is chosen (Registered Nurse to BSN--ONLINE DEGREE). If the wrong major is selected, there can be a delay in the admission decision. Articulation students may be admitted at the start of each compressed semester.

Admission to Lamar University is required as well as admission to the RN-BSN Articulation Program 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 Program, the student must:

a. Have an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AASN or ADN) or diploma in nursing from an approved program.

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 9 hours of nursing courses and must earn a grade of "B" or better to progress in the RN-BSN Program.

d. Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1313 Mathematics for Allied Health, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics I, or MATH 1314 College Algebra, MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods/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 Introductory 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. Provisional admission is available for students who are currently enrolled or have graduated from an approved nursing program but have not yet obtained full licensure as a registered nurse (RN). Provisional admission allows students to enroll in non-practicum courses over two compressed semesters while obtaining full licensure.

The admission process is as follows:

a. The student should follow the instructions for the common application ApplyTexas (https://www.applytexas.org/), selecting Online Campus, then 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. Lamar University will review the student's file and transcripts to determine if the student meets the admission requirements for the RN-BSN Program.

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 (dept_rnbsn@lamar.edu) confirming their acceptance and schedule an advising appointment.

Curriculum

Students can complete the RN-BSN Program in 7 compressed semesters (if all core courses are fulfilled prior to admission). All nursing courses in the RN-BSN Program 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, unless considered a pre-requisite course.

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

Progression in the RN to BSN Program

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 Program 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 Program students are required to:

- Maintain a current unencumbered nursing license
- Complete a criminal background screening
- Maintain 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 University's tuition and fees.

Failing two nursing courses results in program failure, and the student will be ineligible for readmission for half the program length (6 months). See the Articulation Student Handbook for specific policies. The handbook is available on the Dishman School of Nursing website (https://www.lamar.edu/nursing-health-professions/nursing/student-success/online-forms-bsn-application-msn.html).

Escrow Courses for RN-BSN Students

RN-BSN students will be awarded 31 hours of undergraduate 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 University credits must be evaluated on an individual basis by the appropriate department chair. Credit earned at other regionally accredited institutions will be considered for transfer to Lamar University based on the policies outlined in the Transfer Credit Evaluation (https://www.lamar.edu/catalog/undergraduate-admissions/) section of the Lamar University Undergraduate Admissions Process and Requirement section of this catalog. Technical credits will not be accepted by the Dishman School of Nursing. Please speak with an advisor regarding questions about transfer credits.

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 Articulation Student Handbook.

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 Prof Speech	
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	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	3
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3
or PSYC 2317	Introduction to Statistical Methods	

Required Major Courses

Additional Required Courses

BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Science Majors [2]	4
NUTR 1322	Introductory Nutrition	3
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development	3
Elective		5

RN to BSN 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 [3]

NURS 3540	Concepts of Professional Nursing	5
NURS 3241	Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 3110	Nursing Simulation Lab I	1
NURS 3330	Principles of Pharmacology	3
NURS 3221	Practicum: Care of Adults	2
NURS 3520	Care of Adults	5
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 1313, MATH 1314, 2311, 2312, 2413 will also be accepted
2. Though BIOL 2421 is preferred, BIOL 2420 will also be accepted
3. Escrowed credit will be awarded in the last semester.

Note: Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics I, MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors, PSYC 2315 Lifespan Development, NUTR 1322 Introductory Nutrition, and all RN-BSN core courses to be accepted and progress in the program.

First Year

Fall		Hours
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I [2]	4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3

MATH 1314
    or MATH 1332
    or MATH 1313
	College Algebra
	    or Contemporary Mathematics I
	    or Mathematics for Allied Health
		3

NUTR 1322	Introductory Nutrition	3
HIST 1301	U S History I 1763-1877	3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II [2]	4
ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, CULTURE CORE		3
CREATIVE ART CORE		3

HIST 1302
    or HIST 2301
	U S History II Since 1877
	    or Texas History
		3

	Hours	**16**
Second Year		
Fall		
BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Science Majors [2]	4
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE CORE		3
ELECTIVE		3
ELECTIVE		2

POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
PSYC 2315	Lifespan Development	3
POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3
NURS 3540	Concepts of Professional Nursing [1]	5
NURS 3241	Practicum: Concepts of Professional Nursing [1]	2
	Hours	**13**
Third Year		
Fall		
NURS 3110	Nursing Simulation Lab I [1]	1
NURS 3330	Principles of Pharmacology [1]	3
NURS 3112	Nursing Simulation Lab II [1]	1
NURS 3520	Care of Adults [1]	5
NURS 3221	Practicum: Care of Adults [1]	2
PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342	Introduction to Statistical Methods [2] or Elementary Statistical Methods	3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
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 3320	Care of Behavioral Health Client [1]	3
NURS 3231	Practicum: Care of Behavioral Health Client [1]	2
	Hours	**14**
Summer		
NURS 4550	Nursing Practice: Leadership and Management in the Healthcare System	5
	Hours	**5**
Fourth Year		
Fall		
NURS 4560	Care of the Parent-Child Family [1]	5
NURS 4261	Practicum: Parent-Child Family [1]	2
NURS 4540	Nursing Practice: Care of Communities	5
	Hours	**12**
Spring		
NURS 4620	Nursing Practice: Compromised Multiple Health States	6
NURS 4580	Synthesis in Professional Nursing	5
COMMUNICATION CORE		3
	Hours	**14**
	Total Hours	**120**

[1] Escrowed credit course: student will receive credit for escrowed courses after applying for graduation and upon successful completion of NURS 4580 Synthesis in Professional Nursing.

[2] Prerequisite course requiring a minimum grade of "C".

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Non-Nursing Credits --------------------59
- Nursing Escrowed Credit -------------- 31
- Nursing Required Credits --------------30
  - Total Credits---------------------------120

Note: Must have a "C" or better in ENGL 1301 Composition I, ENGL 1302 Composition II, MATH 1314 College Algebra or MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics I, MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I, BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II, BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors, PSYC 2315 Lifespan Development, NUTR 1322 Introductory Nutrition, and all RN-BSN core courses to be accepted and progress in the program.