



2023-2024 Catalog

Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Program

Carol and Odis Peavy School of Nursing

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing track for students earning the first university degree at the University of St. Thomas is a four-year academic program, including one required summer semester, which will prepare graduates for initial RN licensure and entry into professional nursing practice. The program incorporates the University of St. Thomas core curriculum and specific pre-nursing courses, which are addressed in the first two academic years, and courses in the nursing major, which are concentrated in the junior and senior years. The upper-division sequence of nursing major courses is offered beginning in the fall term of the junior year. The curriculum and degree requirements are built on a holistic nursing philosophy and conceptual framework. The Accelerated Second Degree BSN track, designed for applicants who have an earned baccalaureate degree, is based on the school's holistic nursing philosophy and conceptual framework and prepares graduates to complete the BSN curriculum and achieve program outcomes in an accelerated 12 month timeframe.

BSN PROGRAM GOALS

1. Create a program based on a holistic nursing framework that contributes to the mission of UST as a Catholic liberal arts university dedicated to the education of leaders of faith and character.
2. Prepare highly qualified graduates for careers in nursing.
3. Enhance the diversity of the nursing workforce in Houston, Texas and the nation with graduates who are prepared to practice nursing as a professional discipline and a healing ministry.

The UST core curriculum goals reflect the knowledge, skills and attitudes associated with a classical liberal arts education and are highly congruent with the standards for professional nursing education articulated in the AACN *Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice* (2008), the Texas Board of Nursing *Differentiated Essential Competencies* (2010) and the Institute of Medicine Core Competencies (2005). The PSON BSN Program Goals are to prepare graduates to achieve entry-level competency for the transition into professional nursing practice as a provider of safe, high quality patient-centered care, an effective member of the health care team and member of the nursing profession whose practice reflects an understanding of nursing as a healing ministry. In order to meet those program goals, students are expected to meet the learning outcomes listed in the appropriate section upon graduation.

ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING BSN PROGRAM

Freshman Students: Students applying to the University as a freshman can note the major of Nursing on their UST application. This will allow students to enroll in courses necessary for prerequisites to complete. This will also reserve a spot in our School of Nursing program for the student. Below are requirements after the freshman year that must be completed to transition to the BSN program:

- 3.0 overall high-school GPA on a 4.0 system
- Successful completion of BIOL 2445 (A&P I) and BIOL 2446 (A&P II) with C or higher
- Completion of HESI A2 exam at the end of the spring semester.
- All pre-nursing courses, NURS 2343 Patho-Pharm I, NURS 2344 Patho-Pharm II, NURS 2342 Health Assessment, prior to the beginning of the upper-division nursing sequence of courses.

These students should work closely with the Nursing Success Center if they have any questions.

Transfer Students: Student applying to enter the School of Nursing, BSN Program as a transfer must complete the NursingCAS (www.nursingcas.org) application online. All official documents and test scores must be submitted to NursingCAS. A strong candidate will have at minimum the following components:

- Completion of A&P I and A&P II courses
- Grades of A or B in all attempts of pre-nursing/science courses
- Grade B or higher in math courses
- Submission of a well-written, compelling essay which answers the required questions and required formatting and demonstrates the student's passion for nursing as a career and vocation
- HESI score of 80 or higher in the following sections: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Math, and Anatomy and Physiology.

Once file is complete in NursingCAS students will be reviewed on the following deadlines: March 1, April 1, and June 1.

** Admission to UST is NOT a guarantee of admission into the School of Nursing. A separate application must be filed with the School of Nursing. Please contact Admissions regarding the admissions process for the Nursing program. **

Total Credits 78

Pre-Nursing Course Requirements			
Complete all of the following courses.			
Item #	Course Title		Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2333	Introduction to Microbiology		3
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2445	Human Anatomy and Physiology I		4
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2446	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 2046 Prerequisite: BIOL 2445; Corequisite: BIOL 2446	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 3339	Human Growth and Development		3
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 2330	Introduction to Statistics for Nursing Research		3

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Item #	Course Title		Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2202	Calculations for Nursing	NURS 2202 Prerequisite: Student Group NURS	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3343	Nursing Pharmacology	BSN Prerequisite: Must be in BSN Program to enroll in this course.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3344	Nursing Pathophysiology	BSN Prerequisite: Must be in BSN Program to enroll in this course.	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2342	Health Assessment	NURS 2342 Requisites: NURS 2343 and Student Group NURS	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2642	Foundations of Holistic Nursing Practice	NURS 2642 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Corequisite: NURS 2342	6
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3351	Art and Science of Holistic Nursing	NURS 3351 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2642	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3250	Clinical Inquiry/EBP/Informatics	NURS 3250 Prerequisites: NURS 2343, 2344, 2342, 2642, 3351, 3354, 3651	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3651	Holistic Nursing: Care of Adults and Older Adults	NURS 3551 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2642	6
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3552	Holistic Nursing: Care of Children and Families	NURS 3552 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2342, 2642	5
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3553	Holistic Nursing: Care of the Childbearing Family	NURS 3553 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2342, 2642	5
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 3354	Holistic Nursing:Caring for the Community	NURS 3354 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2642	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 4356	Holistic Nursing: Foundation for Clinical Leadership	NURS 4356 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 4653; Corequisites: NURS 4655	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 4552	Holistic Nursing: Behavioral Health	NURS 4552 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2342, 2542, 3651, 3354, 3552	5

<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 4653	Holistic Nursing: Care of the Critically Ill	NURS 4653 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 2342, 2542, 3561, 3354, 3552, 3553, 3352	6
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 4655	Transition to Holistic Nursing Practice	NURS 4655 Requisites: Student Group NURS; Prerequisites: NURS 4653; Corequisites: NURS 4356	6