

College of Nursing

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PURPOSE AND GOALS

The purpose of the Baccalaureate Nursing Program is to prepare students for beginning professional practice as nurse generalists. Graduates are educated to meet community and state needs and assume leadership roles in the delivery of health care. As nurse generalists, graduates are prepared to assume beginning positions in any area of nursing practice and have the academic foundation for advanced study in nursing or related areas.

The Baccalaureate Nursing Program is accredited by the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) for the State of Texas, the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and has preliminary approval with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Completion of the program leads to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in nursing. Graduates of the college are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses to meet requirements for licensure to practice nursing.

Degree Program

Degree Offered

Nursing

B.S.N.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS OPTIONS

The baccalaureate program is designed to meet the needs of generic students who are beginning their education in nursing, and also to provide an opportunity for diploma or associate degree registered nurses (RNs) to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The curriculum requirements are the same for the generic, LVN and RN student groups, but the program methodology to achieve degree requirements differs.

HONOR SOCIETIES, CLUBS, AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Pre-Clinical Nursing Club. Membership is open to all pre-clinical nursing majors. The club exposes beginning student nurses to the nursing profession and nursing professional organizations, such as the National Student Nurses' Association.

Texas Nursing Students' Association. All students enrolled in the College of Nursing are eligible for membership in the Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing Chapter of the Texas Nursing Students' Association. The association is comprised of students from schools of nursing in the state of Texas and affords opportunities to meet other student nurses, promote interschool affairs, promote interest and awareness of professional nursing organizations, and prepare for participation in these organizations. The chapter is a member of the Texas State Nursing Students' Association and the National Student Nurses' Association.

Chi Eta Phi Sorority. Clinical studies student nurses may apply for membership in Zeta Chi Beta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority. The principal goal of the sorority is to promote scholarship, leadership, and the delivery of health care through participation in civic, community, and health-related activities.

Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society. Eta Delta is the chartered Prairie View A&M University chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing. The honor society recognizes superior achievement, leadership, innovation, and professional standards.

American Red Cross Student Nurses' Volunteer Committee. Membership is open to all students enrolled in clinical studies. This committee serves as an extension of the Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross; provides volunteer nursing and health service to the College of Nursing, university, and community-at-large; provides an auxiliary source of training for student nurses; and promotes professional development and commitment to community service.

Male Student Nurses' Club and the International Student Nurses' Club. Special interest group meetings encourage collaboration and professional development among nursing students.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Nursing students pursue professional courses based on knowledge of physical, biological and social sciences, the humanities, and communication skills. Upon successful completion of requisite courses in these disciplines as well as the university's core curriculum requirements, students are eligible for admission to the upper-division clinical studies unit of the College of Nursing.

The Clinical Studies unit of the College of Nursing is located in Houston, Texas. Students are accepted into clinical studies in the spring and fall of each year. Admission to clinical studies is competitive and on a space available basis. Deadlines for application are March 1st for fall admission and October 1st for spring admission.

Clinical Nursing Admissions Requirements

Students are eligible for admission to clinical when the following requirements have been met.

1. Completion of all pre-clinical course requirements with a minimum grade of "C" and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.50.
2. Completion of all nursing support area prerequisite courses in the biophysiological and psychosociological sciences and nutrition (courses with a prefix of CHEM, BIOL, PSYC, SOCG, HDFM AND HUSC) with the following stipulations:
 - a. A minimum grade of "C" and a cumulative grade-point average of 2.50.
 - b. No course may be repeated more than once to achieve a passing grade of "C".
 - c. No more than two of these prerequisite courses may be repeated.
3. All support area prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of the date of admission to the major. The assessment of dated credits and courses requiring updating will be made upon receipt of a completed application to the College of Nursing. (Contact the College of Nursing about policies on updating).
4. A minimum passing score on a standardized pre-nursing admission test.

Admission of Transfer Students

Transfer applicants must meet the same academic criteria for admission to clinical studies as stipulated above for pre-clinical students. Admission is competitive and contingent on available space. Applicants must meet all admission requirements of the University for acceptance to the nursing major. The following process must be followed for admission to clinical studies:

1. Preliminary College of Nursing Application
 - A. Fulfill requirements of TASP.
 - B. Complete an application for admission to Prairie View A&M University.
 - C. Submit all application materials and related documents by the stated deadlines to the Office of the Admissions, including official transcripts of all previous academic work for each college or university attended.
 - D. Achieve a minimum passing score on a standardized pre-nursing admission test.
 - E. Attend an orientation session scheduled at the College of Nursing.
2. Financial Aid application forms may be obtained from the College of Nursing or the Office of Financial Aid, Prairie View A&M University, P.O. Box 2967, Prairie View, Texas, 77446.

GENERAL CLINICAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

College of Nursing Acceptance

- A. Only those transfer students completing the application process will be considered for admission to Clinical Studies.
- B. Students will be notified in writing of a final admission decision. Students must respond within two weeks of receiving the notification of acceptance in order to hold a space.

- C. Final admission decisions are dependent on space available for new students. Students not accepted for admission to the College of Nursing may be placed on a waiting list for the semester of application only. Students not admitted must reapply each semester.

Any student applying for transfer of courses into the College of Nursing from another baccalaureate nursing program must fulfill all requirements for admission to the major and the University. Only upper-division nursing courses from a nationally accredited baccalaureate program will be considered for transfer into the College of Nursing. Student placement is determined on an individual basis after an evaluation of all previous academic work. Pass/Fail courses will not be accepted. Students may obtain credit by examination (theory and practicum) to validate knowledge when indicated in courses for which they have achieved competency equivalent to College of Nursing courses.

General Clinical Studies Requirements

In order to be eligible for coursework involving direct patient care experiences, all students must submit the following documents upon registration:

1. A report of a current complete physical examination, a negative tuberculin skin test or chest x-ray, and documentation of appropriate immunizations; including Hepatitis B.
2. A current CPR certification by a reputable certifying agency.
3. Payment of the required fee for student professional liability insurance coverage.

Applicants with a Diploma or Associate Degree in Nursing

Registered nurses who seek admission to the baccalaureate program must meet the same prerequisite and degree requirements as generic students. Applicants are evaluated on an individual basis. Students are to complete the upper-division curriculum within five years of the initial admission date.

For admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (RN to BSN) the applicant must:

1. meet program admission requirements;
2. be a graduate of a Texas registered nurse diploma or associate degree program or out-of-state NLNAC- or CCNE accredited program;
3. hold a valid Texas Registered Nurse License; and,
4. document recent nursing practice experience of at least 6 months full-time or one year part-time or a refresher course with a clinical component with the last two years.

Thirty-five (35) semester credit hours in nursing will be awarded toward the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing after the completion of the first 12 credit hours in the RN to BSN Program.

All nursing courses are offered via distance education originating at varying locations.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Pre-Clinical Studies

A student in good academic standing in the pre-clinical nursing program must meet the following for progression to Clinical Studies:

1. achieve a minimum grade of “C” in all nursing support area courses; and,
2. maintain a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade-point-average.

Clinical Studies

The grading scale for clinical studies in the College of Nursing is as follows:

A	90-100
B	81-89
C	75-80
D	65-74
F	64 and Below

A student in good academic standing at the College of Nursing must:

1. achieve a minimum grade of “C” in all nursing studies courses, and maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade-point-average; and,
2. achieve satisfactory performance on the following:
 - a. written medication proficiency examination each semester; and
 - b. standardized nursing achievement tests of which students are required to assume the cost of the test.

Voluntary Withdrawal from Clinical Studies

A student who withdraws voluntarily from clinical studies must be in good academic standing to be eligible to be readmitted to the College of Nursing on a space-available basis.

Academic Probation

1. Students in clinical studies who fail to meet one or more of the requirements for good academic standing will be placed on academic probation in the College of Nursing.
2. Students on probation will receive notification of academic probation status through written communication. Also, a copy of the communication of academic probation will be sent to the students’ academic advisor.
3. A student is allowed one failure and one opportunity to retake a nursing course. A student will be dismissed from the nursing major and College of Nursing because of failure in two or more nursing courses (Policy effective January 1, 2001).

Suspension

1. A student on probation who does not meet the requirements for good academic standing within one semester will be suspended from the College of Nursing.
2. A student suspended because of achieving less than 2.00 cumulative grade-point average may return to the College of Nursing after one semester of suspension and will take prescribed courses, pending space availability.
3. A student returning from suspension must meet the criteria for good academic standing by the end of that semester. Failure to meet the criteria for good academic standing in one semester will result in dismissal from the College of Nursing.

Dismissal

A student will be dismissed from the College of Nursing for any of the following reasons:

1. Failure in a second nursing course.
 2. Failure to achieve a minimum grade of “C” after repeating a required nursing course.
- Academic suspensions and dismissals become effective with the term following the infraction of the policy.

Conduct

A student may be suspended or dismissed from clinical studies for any of the following reasons:

1. An act of dishonesty involving academic work.
2. Unsafe clinical practice performance.
3. Falsification of credentials.
4. Conduct unbecoming to a student as described in the University Student Conduct Code.

Re-Admission to the College of Nursing

A student in good standing who is not enrolled in the College of Nursing for one semester must apply for readmission to the College of Nursing and to the University. Placement within the clinical studies of the nursing major will be determined on an individual basis.

A student who has been dismissed from the College of Nursing may be eligible to apply for readmission to the nursing program two years after the date of dismissal. The application for re-admission may be obtained by contacting the College of Nursing. Eligibility for re-admission is considered on an individual basis.

Application for Graduation

The College of Nursing adheres to all general requirements and procedures of the University for graduation. In addition, students are eligible to apply for graduation when the following conditions are met:

1. Completion of required semester credit hours.
2. A cumulative GPA of 2.00.
3. Completion of all clinical studies course work within five years of the initial admission date.
4. Satisfactory performance on comprehensive examinations designed by the College of Nursing (generic students only).

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing has adopted the Core Performance Standards, developed by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN), March 1993, for Admission and Progression in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

LICENSURE AS A REGISTERED NURSE

Article 4525. Disciplinary Proceedings.

Each student will receive the following documents regarding licensure eligibility for registered professional nurses in Texas Articles 4519a and 4525 of the Nursing Practice Act; Rule 213.27 - 213.30 of the Rules and Regulations relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice; Declaratory Order Petition request form from the Student’s Handbook.

- 213.27 Good Professional Character
- 213.28 Licensure of Persons with Criminal Convictions
- 213.29 Eligibility and Disciplinary Criteria Regarding Intemperate Use and Lack of Fitness
- 213.30 Declaratory Order of Eligibility for Licensure
- 4525 Disciplinary Proceedings

Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas Nurse Practice Act. 4/93, Revised 9/97

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Core Curriculum	43 SCH
All Nursing Core Curriculum requirements are shown in the suggested degree program. .	
Support Area Requirements	20 SCH
NURS 2553 Life Span.....	3 SCH
HUSC 1343 Ecology of Human Nutrition.....	3 SCH
PSYC 2613 Statistics for Psychology I.....	3 SCH
SOCG 1013 General Sociology.....	3 SCH
BIOL 1054 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4 SCH
BIOL 1064 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4 SCH
Major Requirements	66 SCH
NURS 3014, 3163, 3263, 3024, 3003, 3103, 3173, 3273, 3183, 3282, 3193, 3292, 3001, 4013, 4163, 4262, 4173, 4272, 4001, 4183, 4192, 4282, 4292, 4011, 4403	
Nursing Electives	3 SCH
Total Degree Requirements	132 SCH

NURSING SUGGESTED DEGREE PROGRAM SEQUENCE

PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES: FRESHMAN YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
ENGL 1123	Freshman Composition I	3	ENGL 1133	Freshman Composition II	3
MATH 1113	College Algebra	3	PSYC 1113	General Psychology	3
BIOL 1054	Human Anat. and Phys. I and Lab	4	BIOL 1064	Human Anat. and Phys. II and Lab	4
SPCH 1003	Fund. of Speech Communication	3	COMP 1003	Introduction to Computer Education	3
HIST 1313	U.S. to 1876	3	HIST 1323	The U.S.-1876 to Present	3
Total		16	Total		16

PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES: SOPHOMORE YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
POSC 1113	American Government I	3	POSC 1123	American Government II	3
SOCG 1013	General Sociology	3		Humanities	3
	Visual and Performing Arts	3	HUSC 1343	Ecology of Human Nutrition	3
NURS 3102	Diagnostic Reasoning	2	PSYC 2613	Statistics for Psychology I	3
CHEM 1053	General Inorganic Chemistry	3	NURS 2553	Life Span	3
CHEM 1051	General Inorganic Chemistry Lab	1	BIOL 1073	General Microbiology	3
Total		15	Total		18

CLINICAL STUDIES – FIRST YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
NURS 3103	Introduction to Prof Nursing	3	NURS 3024	Pathophysiology	4
NURS 3014	Individual Health Assessment	4	NURS 3003	Introduction to Pharmacology	3
NURS 3163	Basic Concepts of Nursing	3	NURS 3173	Adult Health Nursing I	3
NURS 3263	Basic Concepts of Nursing Practicum	3	NURS 3273	Adult Health Nursing I Practicum	3
Total		13	Total		13

CLINICAL STUDIES – SECOND YEAR

<i>Third Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Fourth Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
NURS 3183	Childbearing Family Nursing	3	NURS 4163	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 3282	Childbearing Family Practice	2	NURS 4262	Mental Health Practicum	2
NURS 3193	Child Health Nursing	3	NURS 4183	Adult Health Nursing II	3
NURS 3292	Child Health Practicum	2	NURS 4001	Seminar II	1
NURS 4013	Introduction Nursing Research	3	NURS 4282	Adult Health Practicum	2
NURS 3001	Seminar I	1		Nursing Elective	3
Total		14	Total		14

CLINICAL STUDIES – THIRD YEAR

<i>Fifth Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
NURS 4173	Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 4272	Community Health Practice	2
NURS 4192	Leadership/Management	2
NURS 4292	Leadership/Management Practice	2
NURS 4403	Nursing Process Seminar	3
NURS 4011	Seminar III	1
Total		13

RN OPTION SUGGESTED PROGRAM SEQUENCE

<i>First Semester</i>		FIRST YEAR			
		<i>Hours</i>	<i>Second Semester</i>		<i>Hours</i>
NURS 3004	Concepts of Prof Nursing Practice	4	NURS 4173	Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 3014	Indiv. Health Assessment	4	NURS 4013	Introduction Nursing Research	3
NURS 3024	Basic Pathophysiology	4		Nursing Elective	3
			NURS 4272	Community Health Nurs. Practicum	2
Total		12	Total		11

<i>Third Semester</i>		SECOND YEAR	
		<i>Hours</i>	
NURS 4192	Leadership/Mgt in Nursing	2	
NURS 4292	Leadership/Mgt in Nurs. Practicum	2	
NURS 4032	Seminar IV	2	
	Nursing Elective	3	
Total		9	