

RN to Master of Science in Nursing (Nursing Education) Fast Track

About this Program

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ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

For detailed information about the programs associated with this Fast Track, refer to their individual degree pages.

RN to BSN (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/nursing/undergraduate/rn-to-bsn/>)

Nursing Education MSN (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/nursing/graduate/nursing-education-msn/>)

Admissions Criteria

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Curriculum

RN to BSN Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>)

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Students must complete specific courses within certain core areas.

For Communication select:

ENGL 1301 & ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I and RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II
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For Creative Arts AO students should see advisor for online options.

For Government/Political Science select:

POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

For Language, Philosophy & Culture AO students should see advisor for online options.

For Life & Physical Science select:

BIOL 2457 & BIOL 2458	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I and HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II
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For Mathematics select:

MATH 1301	CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS
MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

For Social & Behavioral Science select:

PSYC 1315	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
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For U.S. History select:

HIST 1301	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865
HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT

For Component Area Option select:

SOCI 1311 or KINE 2350	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY PUBLIC HEALTH: PRINCIPLES AND POPULATIONS
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Nursing and Health Foundations

Additional hours in required core lab courses counted toward degree.	2
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ADN coursework (credited upon admission based on review of transcript)	29
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BIOL 2460	MICROBIOLOGY FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS	4
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PSYC 3310	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
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Upper Division Elective

Select a 3000/4000 level course	3
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RN to BSN Specialization

Third year

NURS 3345	ROLE TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING ¹	3
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NURS 3375	RN-BSN HEALTH POLICY, LEGAL ASPECTS AND INFORMATICS IN NURSING	3
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NURS 3325	RN-BSN HOLISTIC CARE OF THE OLDER ADULT	3
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NURS 3315	RN-BSN HOLISTIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN ¹	3
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NURS 3335	RN-BSN PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES	3
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Fourth year

NURS 4325	RN-BSN NURSING RESEARCH ¹	3
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NURS 4455	RN-BSN NURSING LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	4
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NURS 4465	RN-BSN POPULATION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING	4
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NURS 4685	RN-BSN CAPSTONE	6
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NURS 5327	EXPLORATION OF SCIENCE AND THEORIES FOR NURSING (credit applied to BSN and MSN)	3
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NURS 5366	PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH IN NURSING (credit applied to BSN and MSN)	3
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MSN (Nursing Education)

Complete MSN requirements per catalog.	28
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Total Hours	149
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¹ Must be completed with a GPA of 3.3 or higher for admission to fast track.

Advising Resources

Graduate nursing students will be assigned a degree plan once admitted to the program. They are encouraged to make phone, in-person, or virtual appointments as needed to discuss their academic progression.

Location:

554 Pickard Hall

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817-272-2776

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Graduate Nursing Advising Information (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/student-resources/advising-grad-nursing/>)