

RN to Master of Science in Nursing (Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner)

About This Program *added Spring 2026

The RN to Master of Science in Nursing (Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner) is designed for licensed registered nurses who wish to earn a BSN and continue their education immediately to a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Upon graduation, students are prepared to launch a successful career as a Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Students who have successfully met the criteria for the RN-MSN undergraduate portion of the program, will be allowed to take two designated graduate courses that can be used to replace 6 hours of upper-division electives in the BSN program. The 6 hours of graduate courses will be counted toward both degrees.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

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

RN to BSN (<https://nextcatalog.uta.edu/nursing/undergraduate/rn-to-bsn/>)

Nurse Practitioner Pediatric Acute Care MSN

Admissions Criteria

Continuing in the RN to MSN program requires a 3.3 GPA on the three indicator courses:

- NURS 3345
- NURS 3315
- NURS 4325

Students who make a 3.3 GPA in the indicator courses and maintain 3.0 each semester are eligible to take the graduate courses when the student is within 12 hours of completing BSN courses. The student completes a short form to indicate the desire to continue in the RN to MSN program and take the graduate courses. There is no need to apply for graduate admission; the graduate application fee and essay are not required. The hours required for them to complete their BSN degree will be adjusted to include the two MSN courses that are replacing upper division electives (NURS 5327 and NURS 5366)

When students complete their undergraduate degree requirements, they may apply for conferral of the BSN degree, while continuing in the RN to MSN program. They will be subject to the usual fees for graduation and diplomas. When the student has applied for conferral of his/her undergraduate degree, the responsibility for advising the student will be transferred to a graduate advisor within the College.

Curriculum

RN to BSN Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degreerequirements/generalcorerequirements/>)

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For Communication select:

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II

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	
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	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
or KINE 2350	PUBLIC HEALTH: PRINCIPLES AND POPULATIONS	
Nursing and Health Foundations		
Additional hours in required core lab courses counted toward degree.		2
ADN coursework (credited upon admission based on review of transcript)		29
BIOL 2460	MICROBIOLOGY FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS	4
PSYC 3310	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
Upper Division Elective		
Select a 3000/4000 level course		3
RN to BSN Specialization		
Third Year		
NURS 3345	ROLE TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING ¹	3
NURS 3375	RN-BSN HEALTH POLICY, LEGAL ASPECTS AND INFORMATICS IN NURSING	3
NURS 3325	RN-BSN HOLISTIC CARE OF THE OLDER ADULT	3
NURS 3315	RN-BSN HOLISTIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN ¹	3
NURS 3335	RN-BSN PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES	3
Fourth Year		
NURS 4325	RN-BSN NURSING RESEARCH ¹	3
NURS 4455	RN-BSN NURSING LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	4
NURS 4465	RN-BSN POPULATION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING	4
NURS 4685	RN-BSN CAPSTONE	6
MSN (Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner)		
NURS 5327	EXPLORATION OF SCIENCE AND THEORIES FOR NURSING	3
NURS 5366	PRINCIPLES OF RESEARCH IN NURSING	3
Complete MSN requirements per catalog		39
Total Hours		160

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:

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