

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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## About this Program

The BSN Prelicensure program consists of nursing courses, university core courses and other required prerequisite courses. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a Registered Nurse. The BSN Prelicensure program is a competitive admission, limited-access program offered as a campus-based or accelerated online option.

## Competencies

1. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to integrate foundational knowledge to apply the art and science of nursing by providing evidence-based care in delivering competent, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate holistic care
2. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to ethically apply public health knowledge across the age continuum through patient advocacy and interdisciplinary collaboration by coordinating resources to protect the health and safety of diverse patient populations
3. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to integrate scholarly research knowledge, evidence-based practice, and theory into nursing policy and practice to provide innovative care for individuals, families, and communities.
4. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to utilize standards of practice to provide safe nursing care in all patient care settings while promoting quality improvement, minimizing risk, and preventing errors to patients, self, and others, with an awareness of the nursing role within the interprofessional team.
5. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to communicate, collaborate, and delegate respectfully and effectively to promote and maintain diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for optimal health outcomes.
6. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to integrate the principles of organizational structure in healthcare systems and coordinate resources to provide cost-effective, safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.
7. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to utilize informatics and advanced technology to integrate concepts of electronic health, mobile health, and telehealth systems in planning, implementing, and evaluating patient-centered care.
8. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to apply the principles of ethical/legal behavior, collaborative practice, accountability, and patient advocacy while integrating diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging into the development of nursing professional identity.
9. Upon completion, the graduate will be able to demonstrate personal, professional, and leadership growth by applying self-reflection of one's practice that fosters self-care behaviors that promote wellness, lifelong learning, resiliency, knowledge, and expertise.

## Admissions Requirements

### CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION IN BSN PRELICENSURE PROGRAM

It is the philosophy of the University of Texas at Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation that the Undergraduate Nursing Program is designed to prepare a competent, self-directed, general practitioner of nursing who can assume increasing responsibility and leadership in the delivery of nursing care. In consideration of the preparation of a general practitioner, all individuals who apply for admission and are enrolled in the BSN Prelicensure Program must be able to perform the essential functions of a student of nursing.

The College of Nursing and Health Innovation has identified essential nursing skills: communication, cognitive, motor, and sensory, observation, tactile, hearing, smell, psychomotor and ethical and professional integrity. The student enrolled in the program must demonstrate mastery of these components. Because providing direct patient care is physically demanding, students need to meet the physical requirements of a staff nurse in the same setting in which they are completing a clinical rotation. Upon BSN program acceptance, students must attest to their ability to meet these standards with or without an accommodation. If at that time a student requests an accommodation, the Student Access & Resource Center (SARC) and the CONHI must determine if the accommodation is reasonable PRIOR to the student beginning Upper-Division coursework.

If a student requires an accommodation to meet these standards, the student must initiate the review process with SARC within five (5) business days of being accepted to prevent a delay in the start of the program.

Qualified applicants are admitted without discrimination with regard to race, color, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability (reasonable accommodations will be made within the Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines).

More detailed information related to the core performance standards is available in the [Undergraduate Nursing Program Policy Library \(https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn\\_student\\_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd\)](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn_student_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students may be admitted to UT Arlington upon meeting the admission requirements established by the University. Official transcripts must be submitted to the UT Arlington Office of Admissions.

The BSN Prelicensure program is a competitive admission program; students interested in admission to the BSN Prelicensure program will be placed in the Nursing and Health program—a preparatory health professions program designed to prepare students for application to the Undergraduate Nursing Program (BSN Nursing) or admission to the Public Health Program (BS Public Health). Nursing and Health students will be advised by the CONHI Office of Enrollment and Student Services.

**NOTE:** All freshmen are advised by the University Advising Center. A designated CONHI advisor will advise students in the Freshman Nursing Scholars and Maverick Nursing Scholars Programs.

**Students applying for admission to the BSN Prelicensure Program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing must:**

- Submit a BSN Prelicensure application and official transcripts by January 15 for following fall semester or June 1 for following spring semester.
- Complete with a C or better all specified nursing preparatory courses in the Nursing and Health curriculum (NURS 3364 Introduction to Professional and Clinical Concepts in Nursing and NURS 3366 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=NURS%203366>) Pathophysiologic Processes: Implications for Nursing) prior to starting Junior I nursing courses. (See Nursing and Health curriculum for details.) NURS 3366 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=NURS%203366>) must be taken within 3 years of starting the nursing program.
- Complete all 5 Natural Sciences.
- Have two GPAs calculated: science and overall prerequisite.
- Have minimum science and prerequisite GPAs of 2.75.
- Completion of designated sections of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score in the proficient range (58.7 - 77.3) for each of the following sections:
  - Reading
  - Math
  - Science
  - English and Language Usages

Admission to the BSN Prelicensure program is by ranking order based on space availability. A student who accepts their spot but decides not to start will get 2 (two) times to do this before they must wait 1 year (two application cycles) to reapply.

**Additional consideration will be given to applicants who complete the following by the application deadline:**

- Thirty (30) or more required prerequisite lower division credit hours earned at UT Arlington
- Twelve (12) or more required prerequisite lower-division natural science credit hours earned at UT Arlington.
- Nine (9) hours of UT Arlington ROTC courses (Must be active in ROTC) (Campus-based only)
- Previous baccalaureate, masters or doctorate degree earned in the United States or international degree approved by UTA Office of Admissions.
- Veteran, including Reservist and National Guard
- First-time full-time freshman: all four Natural Sciences and the identified Nursing preparatory courses in the Nursing and Health curriculum are completed at UTA. NURS 3364 Intro to Professional Nursing and NURS 3366 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=NURS%203366>) Pathophysiologic Processes: Implication for Nursing must be completed by application deadline.
- Students who have completed non-expired Pathophysiology (NURS 3366) course on their first attempt with an earned grade of B or higher by the application deadline will receive an additional consideration.

**NOTE:** Students entering the AO (Accelerated Online) BSN program must complete the full Nursing and Health curriculum including the upper-division elective prior to beginning the program. Priority will be given to AO applicants employed by partner hospital systems offering clinical sites during that semester of admission. Partner hospital clinical sites vary each semester. To receive AO priority, an applicant must be employed at the time of application through the first day of class. For consideration, applicants must submit documentation of employment at time of application. Employment at a partner hospital is not a guarantee of admission into the BSN Program.

## NURSING AND HEALTH POLICIES

The Nursing and Health policies are updated yearly and can be found on the [CONHI website \(https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn\\_pre-lic\\_idiv\\_prereq-and-eligibility-policies.ashx\)](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn_pre-lic_idiv_prereq-and-eligibility-policies.ashx). Students are expected to understand the policies and procedures prior to enrollment in the program.

## TWO-ATTEMPT POLICY

Students must successfully complete the full Nursing and Health curriculum as noted in the plan of study. Specific courses are subject to the Two Attempt policy. Under the Two-Attempt Policy each course taken at UT Arlington and/or any other approved institution may be attempted a maximum of two times to earn a passing grade. By the second attempt a grade of "C" or better must be earned.

- Withdrawals (W) are exempt from this policy.
- Any non-passing grade is valid for a three-year period. At the conclusion of three years, a non-passing grade is no longer considered an attempt.

## GRADE IMPROVEMENT POLICY

The Grade Improvement Policy is unique to the BSN Prelicensure program and is used for the selection process only. This policy differs from the BSN Prelicensure program's Two Attempt Policy and from the University's Grade Replacement, Exclusion, and Forgiveness policies. Grades of C or above may be replaced to improve GPAs for the selection process with the following limitations:

- A limit of four courses may be retaken. The identified Nursing preparatory courses are not eligible for the Grade Improvement Policy.
- All earned grades of C or higher are valid indefinitely.
- The first four courses retaken are the grades used in the selection process. Any courses retaken thereafter are not used in the selection process.
- The higher of the two grades is used in the selection process.
- Withdrawals (W) are exempt from this policy.
- Repeated courses are subject to financial aid restrictions.

## UPPER-DIVISION COURSES IN NURSING AND HEALTH PROGRAM

Upper-division Nursing preparatory courses include NURS 3366 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/search/?P=NURS%203366>) Pathophysiologic Processes: Implication for Nursing, is subject to the Failure of Nursing Preparatory Course Policy.

One failed grade = probationary status with the BSN Prelicensure program indefinitely

### Conditions of Probationary Status

- A student who earned a failed grade (D or F) in the term prior to BSN application deadline **must** re-take the course, pass with a C or better, and have not violated the UT Arlington or College policies to be considered a viable applicant.
- A student who earned a failed grade (D or F) in the term directly following the BSN application deadline may **not** start the program, even if the course is retaken and passed during the subsequent term. A student is eligible to re-apply for the following application period; however, the failed grade will be used in the selection process.

Two failed grades = inability to continue with BSN Prelicensure program for a period of three years. Upon return, a student is eligible to apply under the conditions of the BSN Prelicensure program Re-entry policy.

## RE-ENTRY POLICY

Re-entry policy refers to a student who is ineligible to continue a BSN Prelicensure program due to academic failure. This includes a student who was accepted into a prelicensure program and has not completed an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. During this three-year timeframe, a student may not enroll in the University as a BSN Prelicensure student or apply to the BSN Prelicensure program from another major for three years.

### Conditions of Re-entry

- A student must provide a letter from previous nursing school stating program dismissal was for academic reasons.
- Must meet the eligibility requirements of the application requirements and submit a new application by the desired start date application deadline.
- Pathophysiologic Processes: Implication for Nursing, and Pharmacology in Nursing Practice must be re-taken.

## CRITERIA FOR READMISSION OF UNDERGRADUATE NURSING STUDENTS

Students who withdraw from the UT Arlington BSN Prelicensure program for more than one semester in good standing who wish to return to complete the program must submit a written request for readmission to the Office of Enrollment and Student Services by the following deadlines:

- Returning spring – September 1st
- Returning summer - March 1st
- Returning fall - June 1st

### Conditions of Readmission

- Readmission is dependent upon space availability.
- A student is eligible for readmission to the program only once.
- If a clinical course is to be repeated, the student must repeat both the theory and clinical components of the course.
- Student must repeat the drug screening process.
- Additional conditions depending on time out of the program.
- Out one semester:

- All of requirements listed above plus:
- Completion of a clinical skills assessment. This assessment will be completed no later than three weeks prior to the start of the semester in which the student is planning to return. The assessment will focus on the skills associated with the last clinical course completed. Input related to skills to be assessed may be sought from faculty in the previous course(s) completed. Should clinical deficiencies be identified, faculty will remediate clinical skill areas that are questionable or inadequate and provide the results to the lead teacher of the course the student is scheduled to enter. Failing to demonstrate adequate clinical skills after three attempts will result in the student being required to retake the last clinical course taken to re-establish clinical competency.
- If the student is in the AO BSN program, he/she will be required to come to the UT Arlington campus to complete the special skills assessment.
- Out two long semesters CB or two semesters AO (based on course availability):
  - All of requirements listed above plus
  - Repeat criminal background check.
- Out more than two long semesters CB or two semesters AO:
  - Not eligible for readmission. Student must apply for admission as a beginning student.

## TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER NURSING PROGRAM

Transfer students who have successfully completed prerequisite courses with a C or above and Junior I courses for the BSN Program: Holistic Health Assessment and Clinical Nursing Foundations at another college or university may be eligible to apply to the BSN Prelicensure program. Students who have not completed the required courses will be ranked with the incoming junior class. Admission as a transfer student to the Undergraduate Nursing Program is contingent upon available space. Transfer students must attend orientation. Transfer students ready to start as a Junior 2 can be admitted in either the CB or AO programs.

- Transfer students must transfer all nursing courses and the grade received from those courses.
- No Ds or Fs in nursing courses.

Students must:

- Meet minimum requirements as stated in the published admission requirements.
- Submit a course syllabus and a content outline of the course(s) to the Office of Enrollment and Student Services. If the course is a clinical course, a list of nursing skills learned in the course(s) must also be submitted.
- The lead teacher in the course, using the Field of Study Criteria Guidelines and other criteria related to the course, will review courses provided by the student for substitution of UT Arlington courses. Faculty may request additional information to clarify their decision. The course is then accepted as a substitution for a core nursing course, as an elective, or denied.
- Submit a letter from previous school stating that the student is in good standing.
- Meet minimum 2.75 GPA in the prerequisite natural science and prerequisite lower-division courses.
- Meet application deadlines of:
  - March 1 - Fall Semester
  - September 1 - Spring Semester

Processing of the transfer admission review will not be initiated until the student has also applied to the BSN Prelicensure program in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

## ORIENTATIONS

All students are required to complete the general online orientation in the Learning Management System and attend the mandatory in-person orientation held prior to the fall and spring semesters.

Clinical orientation is mandatory for all Undergraduate Nursing students, as established by the Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council. Undergraduate Nursing students are required to complete the Standard Hospital Student Orientation annually. Clinical requirements must be valid through the entire semester. If the annual orientation will expire during the current semester, it must be updated.

## SPECIAL PARAPHERNALIA/EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

All students enrolled in the CONHI must have internet access and a laptop computer meeting minimum computing recommendations. A list of computer specifications is outlined on the [CONHI website \(https://www.uta.edu/conhi/\)](https://www.uta.edu/conhi/). Students may be asked to purchase and download software to meet course and/or program requirements.

Smart Phone or similar device highly recommended.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

The UT Arlington CONHI standards **require** that all students in the BSN Prelicensure program **complete immunizations** by the time of **acceptance**.

Students are encouraged to start the immunization process one year before applying to the BSN Prelicensure program.

Program eligibility is dependent upon valid documentation submitted and approved at the time of program acceptance.

View the [website \(https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/undergrad-programs/imm-prelic/\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/conhi/academics/undergrad-programs/imm-prelic/) for more information on the vaccines, titers and valid documentation options.

If you know you will be applying to our BSN Prelicensure program **within the next year**, you will need to **start these now** because some will take up to 6 months to complete.

To be eligible to start the program, you will need to **submit valid documentation** that you have completed the following by Friday of the 2nd full week in March for Fall starts or Friday of the 2nd full week in September for Spring starts.

View the [website \(https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.uta.edu%2Fconhi%2Fstudents%2Fimm-prelic%2Findex.php&data=02%7C01%7Chwoods%40uta.edu%7C24d15f45992841752c3708d6605814f0%7C5cdc5b43d7be4caa8173729e3b0a62d9%7C0%7C0%7C636802328753838757&sdata=RrfP6ezM2%2B0xhUucl9\)](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.uta.edu%2Fconhi%2Fstudents%2Fimm-prelic%2Findex.php&data=02%7C01%7Chwoods%40uta.edu%7C24d15f45992841752c3708d6605814f0%7C5cdc5b43d7be4caa8173729e3b0a62d9%7C0%7C0%7C636802328753838757&sdata=RrfP6ezM2%2B0xhUucl9) for more information on the vaccines, titers and valid documentation options.

## CERTIFICATION-CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION

Undergraduate nursing students are required to obtain American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLSC) CPR for Healthcare Providers.

Evidence of current CPR certification is required during clinical course enrollment from admission to graduation. Certification must be valid throughout an entire semester with a clinical. If the current card will expire during the semester, the student must retake the course and have a card that will not expire during the semester.

## HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

All UT Arlington nursing students enrolled in clinical course(s) will be required to provide verification of medical insurance coverage that includes Emergency Department evaluation and follow-up treatment for needle-stick and blood borne disease exposure. This mandatory clinical requirement has been authorized by The University of Texas System Board of Regents.

As such, UT Arlington will not cover initial and/or follow up treatment for needle-stick injuries and/or exposure to blood borne diseases which may occur while students are enrolled in clinical courses.

While the UT Arlington CONHI recognizes the financial impact this clinical requirement presents for students, we also support the need for students to have health coverage for sudden illness, accidents, emergencies, and exposure treatments that may occur in the clinical setting in a variety of clinical agencies.

## DRUG SCREEN POLICY

All students accepted to the BSN Prelicensure AO or CB programs will complete a drug screen.

At any time if there is a confirmation of a positive drug screening, the student will be removed from clinical courses for a period of one calendar year. Upon returning to the program, random drug screenings will be conducted throughout the program. A second positive test will result in immediate dismissal from the nursing program.

Random and / or for cause drug screens are at the student's expense and must be completed as required. Failure/refusal to undergo a drug screen on the designated day will result in immediate dismissal from the nursing program. [Full Policy \(https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/consubstanceabusepolicyandprocedure.ashx?revision=ac30e000-f708-407a-a6ff-99e006d04491\)](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/consubstanceabusepolicyandprocedure.ashx?revision=ac30e000-f708-407a-a6ff-99e006d04491)

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREEN

Accepted students complete two criminal background checks (CBC): Texas Board of Nursing (BON) and a 3rd party provider as designated by CONHI.

Students accepted into the BSN Prelicensure program must complete the Texas BON CBC prior to program application. Students who have completed or are currently enrolled in NURS 3364, Introduction to Professional Nursing, should submit their BON CBC during that course. Students, who have not taken NURS 3364 by the application deadline, should contact [CONHIadmin@uta.edu](mailto:CONHIadmin@uta.edu), provide the necessary information, give permission to send the information to the BON, and schedule the fingerprinting appointment within one month of the application deadline. [Full Policy \(https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/cbcdeclaratoryorderpolicyguidelines.ashx?revision=078fd965-bd24-486e-a567-5a3ff9af61d3\)](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/cbcdeclaratoryorderpolicyguidelines.ashx?revision=078fd965-bd24-486e-a567-5a3ff9af61d3)

The second CBC is completed after program acceptance.

A student with a positive criminal background screen will not be admitted into the BSN Prelicensure program without a Declaratory Order from the Texas Board of Nursing stating that the individual has been granted permission to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN Examination) upon completion of the requirements for graduation and payment of any required fees. Eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN Examination may be affected by any inaccuracies in the petition, and any subsequent violations of the Nursing Practice Act that may affect eligibility to sit for the examination or the later revocation of a license obtained through misrepresentation.

## **ELIGIBILITY TO WRITE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES (NCLEX RN) - DECLARATORY ORDERS**

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) has set out guidelines and criteria on the eligibility of persons with criminal convictions to obtain a license as a registered nurse. The BON may refuse to admit persons to its licensure examinations, may refuse to issue a license or certificate of registration, or may refuse to issue a temporary permit to any individual who has any criminal offense. Detailed information related to determining eligibility and required processes to determine eligibility for your specific circumstances is available from the Texas Board of Nursing and on their [website \(https://www.bon.texas.gov/\)](https://www.bon.texas.gov/). Students who are unable to obtain clearance from the BON will not be allowed to begin the nursing program.

Once admitted to the BSN Prelicensure program, any student that commits an offense that would require a Declaratory Order will be removed from current and future clinical courses until the Declaratory Order is obtained from the Texas BON and submitted to the College of Nursing and Health Innovation Director of Student Support.

## **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Students in the BSN Prelicensure program are required to have evidence of professional liability insurance coverage for a minimum of \$1,000,000 limit each claim and \$3,000,000 limit aggregate. The charge for coverage will be assessed as a mandatory fee at the time of registration.

## **FEES**

Course fee information is available at [www.uta.edu/fees](http://www.uta.edu/fees) (<http://www.uta.edu/fees/>). Additional costs beyond tuition, fees and books that may be incurred by a nursing student will include those items listed on the CONHI website. In addition, some clinical agencies charge a nominal fee for parking passes and utilizing their scrubs.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATION PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT**

Oral proficiency is recognized to be a critical component of providing safe nursing care. In addition to content-specific presentations in various nursing courses, all students in the Undergraduate Nursing program are required to communicate effectively with clients, members of the health care team, and faculty. Contact the Associate Chair of Undergraduate Programs for more information.

## **E-MAIL ACCOUNTS**

Each student will be provided a UT Arlington e-mail address. Official communications from the CONHI will be distributed to this e-mail address and Learning Management System accounts required by many courses. Students will be held responsible for information distributed in this manner.

## **NURSING COURSE WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

Students within the BSN Prelicensure program, enrolled in nursing courses are permitted to drop the course one time. Enrolling (on or after the census date) in a course for a second time is considered an attempt. The grade earned on the second attempt is retained. All drops including academic and non-academic drops are also considered an attempt. Compassionate withdrawals and withdrawal exceptions will be reviewed on an individual basis by Undergraduate Nursing Appeals Committee.

Students may drop no more than three upper-division NURS courses during their undergraduate career. Students may drop no more than three upper-division NURS courses during their undergraduate career. All drops for academic and non-academic reasons are considered. Drops due to corequisite and prerequisite violations are also counted in this policy.

Students are required to meet with their academic advisor before dropping/withdrawing. All drops are finalized by the BSN Academic Advisors. Exceptions to this policy may be entertained because of extraordinary non-academic circumstances by Undergraduate Nursing leadership.

Elective and nursing preparatory courses are exempt from this policy.

## **MOVEMENT BETWEEN PROGRAMS**

Movement between the AO and CB BSN Prelicensure programs is at the discretion of program administration. Students will be required to sign a Program Transfer Agreement.

## **PRELICENSURE BSN STUDENTS WHO DROP OR FAIL A COURSE**

Prelicensure BSN students who withdraw or fail a course can repeat the course the next available time the course is offered.

AO Students:

- Students who seek readmission after failing or withdrawing for any reason must meet with an academic advisor to discuss clinical and course options.
- If no seats are available, the student will be delayed until a seat is available at a future admission date. See the [student handbook \(https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn\\_student\\_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd\)](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn_student_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd) for full policy.



\*If there are more students than seats available, the students will be placed in the order in which they request the move (first come, first placed).

## CLINICAL COURSES

To pass a clinical course, the student must pass both the didactic and the clinical components of that course. Clinical attendance expectations, Clinical Performance Requirements and Evidence of Clinical Competence information can be found in the Undergraduate Student Handbook. ([https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn\\_student\\_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn_student_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd))

## CLINICAL ATTENDANCE DURING SCHEDULED UNIVERSITY CLOSINGS

Some programs in the CONHI, such as the AO BSN Program, may require students to attend clinical on evenings, nights, weekends, or holidays. Students are expected to attend their assigned clinical rotation as scheduled, even when the University is otherwise scheduled for closure, i.e., Spring Break.

## PROGRESSION IN THE UNDERGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM

Students in the Prelicensure BSN Program will not be permitted to continue in the program nor to enroll for additional courses if they:

- receive a grade of D or F in more than one required Nursing or Nursing preparatory course, or
- receive any combination of grades of D or F on two attempts of the same course
- score less than 70% on weighted exam or assignment average
- do not meet requirements of the Comprehensive Assessment and Preparation Program ([https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/capp\\_procedure.ashx?revision=e4109778-d947-4ae9-8960-9cdb1d306706](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/capp_procedure.ashx?revision=e4109778-d947-4ae9-8960-9cdb1d306706))
- do not achieve minimum score requirements on Medication Administration Competency Assessment ([https://catalog.uta.edu/nursing/undergraduate/#\\_Medication\\_Administration\\_Competenc](https://catalog.uta.edu/nursing/undergraduate/#_Medication_Administration_Competenc))
- receive a Clinical Failure (more information in the BSN Handbook ([https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn\\_student\\_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd](https://cdn.web.uta.edu/-/media/project/website/conhi/documents/unurs/bsn_student_handbook.ashx?revision=5a3d6773-b0aa-4557-bc77-1e795e79ffbd)))

If a student fails a course, they must take NURS2232 if they have not already taken it.

## HONORS DEGREE IN NURSING

Nursing students who wish to graduate with an Honors Degree in Nursing must be members of the Honors College in good standing. Students must complete the Nursing degree requirements and the requirements of the Honors College. Contact the College of Nursing and Health Innovation Honors Coordinator for further information. Due to the accelerated nature of the AO program the Honors Degree is limited to students in the Campus-based program.

## Curriculum

### Foundations

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

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Students must complete specific courses within certain core areas.

For Communication select:

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

For Government/Political Science select:

POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES <sup>3, 4</sup>
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT <sup>3, 4</sup>

For Life and Physical Science select:

BIOL 2457 & BIOL 2458	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I and HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II <sup>1, 2</sup>
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For Mathematics select:

MATH 1301	CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS
MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS <sup>1</sup>

For Social and Behavioral Science select:

PSYC 1315	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY <sup>1</sup>
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For U.S. History select:

HIST 1301 & HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865 and HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT <sup>3, 4</sup>
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For Core Component Option select:

SOCI 1311	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (or KINE 2350, other approved SOCI or ANTH course) <sup>3</sup>
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**Nursing and Health Foundations**

CHEM 1451	CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH SCIENCES <sup>1, 2</sup>	4
BIOL 2460	MICROBIOLOGY FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS <sup>1, 2</sup>	4
PSYC 3310	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 3364	INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL CONCEPTS IN NURSING <sup>1, 5</sup>	3
NURS 3366	PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC PROCESSES: IMPLICATIONS FOR NURSING (must be completed within 3 years of application) <sup>1, 5</sup>	3
HEED 1301	NUTRITION <sup>1</sup>	3
Upper Division Electives		
Select two 3000/4000 level courses. <sup>3</sup>		6
Additional hours in core lab courses counted toward major.		2

**Prelicensure Requirements**

Third year, first semester		
NURS 3320	HOLISTIC HEALTH ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
NURS 3632	CLINICAL NURSING FOUNDATIONS	6
NURS 3365	PHARMACOLOGY IN NURSING PRACTICE	3
Third year, second semester		
NURS 3261	NURSING OF OLDER ADULTS	2
NURS 3321	NURSING RESEARCH	3
NURS 3381	PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND GROUPS	3
NURS 3661	NURSING OF ADULTS	6
Fourth year, first semester		
NURS 4199	ROLE DEVELOPMENT IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING SEMINAR	1
NURS 4331	NURSING OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS	3
NURS 4341	NURSING OF THE CHILDBEARING FAMILY	3
NURS 4581	NURSING OF ADULTS WITH COMPLEX NEEDS	5
Fourth year, second semester		
NURS 4323	HEALTH POLICY, LEGAL ASPECTS AND INFORMATICS IN NURSING	3
NURS 4351	BSN NURSING LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT	3
NURS 4462	POPULATION AND COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING	4
NURS 4350	CAPSTONE: TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING	3

<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>121</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Must be completed with a grade of C or better, subject to the Two Attempt Policy.

<sup>2</sup> Substitutions (transfer credit) must include a lab component.

<sup>3</sup> Campus-based students may complete after enrollment in junior nursing courses.

<sup>4</sup> Required by Texas law.

<sup>5</sup> Must be taken at UT Arlington unless preapproved by the College of Nursing and Health Innovation.

**AO BSN Students must complete all foundation courses, including the upper-division electives, prior to enrollment in junior nursing courses.**

**Advising Resources****PRELICENSURE BSN**

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**RN-BSN**

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