

ACADEMIC MAP

NURSING RN TO BSN
Bachelor of Science



First Year		Hours	Summer		Hours
Fall					
Nursing Support Courses		15	NURS 4318	Nurse as Research Consumer	3
Hours		15	NURS 4560	Nursing Care of Community - RN/BSN	5
Spring			Hours		8
NURS 4322	Health Alterations	3	Third Year		
Hours		3	Fall		
Second Year			NURS 4471	Leadership/management - RN/BSN	4
Fall			Hours		4
NURS 4324	Nurse as Caregiver - RN/BSN	3	Total Hours		45
NURS 3435	Health Assessment	4			
NURS 4365	Care of the Individual within a Family -RN/BSN	3			
Hours		10			
Spring					
NURS 4320	Principles and Concepts of Patient Education - RN/BSN	3			
NURS 4250	Professional Nursing Issues	2			
Hours		5			



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The philosophical foundations of the Baccalaureate Nursing Program are based on the belief that caring is the essence of nursing. Students are unique individuals with differing backgrounds, needs, and interests, and have the freedom and responsibility to make considered choices. Nursing faculty subscribe to the belief that professional nurses must have a solid foundation in the arts, sciences, and humanities that provides a reservoir of knowledge from which to draw when making critical clinical decisions in the roles of care provider or care coordinator (A.A.C.N., Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing, 2008). To this purpose, baccalaureate students complete 62 semester hours of pre-requisite program coursework. In addition, they complete 58 semester hours in the nursing courses. Total program hours = 120.

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INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

All of the following requirements must be completed to remain in the nursing program:
A specified GPA overall and for certain courses (see catalog), designated immunizations, annual tuberculosis PPD screenings, completion of BLS course for semester one students, criminal background check, annual purchase of professional liability insurance

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Students must apply for admission to the nursing program based on outcomes from 60 hours of the pre-nursing program. Working with an academic advisor is highly recommended to navigate the pre-nursing, application, and nursing program process. Also, the NCLEX must be passed after graduation for licensure.

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Occupational Outlook Handbook- www.bls.gov/ooh/, explorehealthcareers.org, American Nurses Association, National Student Nurses Association, Texas Nurses Association

CAREER OPTIONS

- Registered Nurse
- Nursing Tracks (additional certifications): MEDSURG, ICU, Cardiac Vascular, Addictions, Neonatal Transport, Dialysis, Emergency, see Nurse.org for a complete listing (183)
- Master's Degree Tracks: Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist
- Doctorate of Nursing

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- Student Nurses Association
- Women in Healthcare
- Coastal Bend Health Professionals Initiative
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES

- Critical thinking/Problem Solving
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Oral/Written Communication
- Leadership
- Digital Technology
- Career Management
- Global/Multicultural Fluency

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