

## What prerequisite courses do I have to take?

- **ZOOL 2011/2013 Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab**
- **ZOOL 2021/2023 Anatomy & Physiology II w/Lab**
- **BACT 1001/1003 Microbiology w/Lab**
- **Chemistry (any 4 hours with corresponding lab)**
- **PSY 1603 Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)**
- **MATH 1703 Elementary Statistics I**
- **NFS 2323 Introduction to Nutrition**
- HIST 1013 U.S. 1492-1865
- HIST 1023 U.S. 1865-Present
- POLS 2013 U.S. Government
- POLS 2023 Texas Government
- ENG 1013 Composition I
- ENG 1023 Composition II
- PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology
- Language, Philosophy & Culture state core course
- Creative Arts state core course
- UNIV 1231 First-Year Experience (Freshmen only)\*
- Wellness/Additional Math core course(s) (2-3 hours)\*
- Multicultural Women's Studies\*

\* Courses (TWU's component area option of the state core curriculum) not required if you transfer to TWU with a "core complete" status from another Texas public college.

## What are the criteria for admission?

- Eligibility to the Texas Woman's University (TWU) College of Nursing (CON) requires a cumulative GPA and nursing prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher, as well as a score of 64 or above in each TEAS section. Eligible students must complete the entire NursingCAS application and submit a criminal background check through Castlebranch.
- Admission to the College of Nursing (CON) is highly competitive. As part of the process, the Admissions Committee will review all responses in application, including short answers to questions about leadership experiences and self-assessment of personal traits such as caring, and resilience.

## When are the application deadlines?

**August 15th** for Spring admission    **February 1st** for Fall admission

### By the application deadline, you must have:

- ♦ *Completed* nursing prerequisite coursework as listed in the blue box to the left.
- ♦ Gained admission to TWU. If not already a TWU student, apply through [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org) and select "Nursing Entry BS" as your intended major.
- ♦ Submitted your application to upper-division nursing through [www.NursingCAS.org](http://www.NursingCAS.org).
- ♦ Uploaded an official TEAS score report to the NursingCAS application. Visit [www.ATItesting.com](http://www.ATItesting.com) for more details.
- ♦ **Ensured that updated official transcripts from previous institutions are sent to Admissions Processing in Denton and NursingCAS. All college credits must be entered into NursingCAS.**

## When am I ready to apply for the program?

After you have successfully completed (and transferred, if applicable) **46** hours of your prerequisites, including the following **nursing prerequisite** courses:

- ♦ **Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)**
- ♦ **Introduction to Nutrition**
- ♦ **Elementary Statistics I**
- ♦ **Anatomy & Physiology I and II**
- ♦ **Microbiology**
- ♦ **Chemistry**



All sciences must have labs and be graded "C" or higher!

## Other helpful web links...

- **TWU BSN in Nursing** (several resources including Admissions info): <https://twu.edu/nursing/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing-bsn/>
- **ATI TEAS** (study materials and exam registration): [www.ATItesting.com](http://www.ATItesting.com)
- **Undergraduate Catalog** (course descriptions, degree requirements, academic policies, minors, etc.): [catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate](http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate)
- **Academic Calendars** (registration dates, drop & payment deadlines, finals, etc.): [www.twu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/](http://www.twu.edu/registrar/academic-calendars/)

# TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

## College of Nursing

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

This is the traditional plan for those seeking a first bachelor's degree and initial licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) noted in *italics*. Academic Program Code: NURS.BSN THECB CIP Code: 51.3801.00

#### First Year at TWU (Nursing Prerequisite & Non-Nursing Prerequisite Courses)

| Semester 1   | Hours     | Semester 2  | Hours        |
|--|-----------|---|--------------|
| HIST 1013 ( <i>HIST 1301</i> ) US History, 1492-1865                     | 3         | ENG 1023 ( <i>ENGL 1302</i> ) Composition II                      | 3            |
| ENG 1013 ( <i>ENGL 1301</i> ) Composition I                              | 3         | <b>PSY 1603 (<i>PSYC 2314</i>) Developmental Psych (Lifespan)</b> | 3            |
| PSY 1013 ( <i>PSYC 2301</i> ) Intro to Psychology                        | 3         | <b>NFS 2323 (<i>BIOL 1322</i>) Intro to Nutrition</b>             | 3            |
| <b>Chemistry (Any college-level lecture &amp; lab)</b>                   | 4         | Wellness or Mathematics CAO Core                                  | 2-3          |
| UNIV 1231 ( <i>EDUC 1100</i> ) Learning Frameworks                       | 1         | <b>ZOOL 2011/2013 (<i>BIOL 2101 &amp; 2301, or 2401</i>)</b>      | 4            |
| <i>UNIV 1231 only required for freshmen entering Fall 2014 or later.</i> |           | <b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I, lecture &amp; lab</b>              |              |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>15-16</b> |

#### Second Year at TWU (Nursing Prerequisite & Non-Nursing Prerequisite Courses)

| Semester 3   | Hours     | Semester 4  | Hours     |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|
| POLS 2013 ( <i>GOVT 2305</i> ) US National Government        | 3         | POLS 2023 ( <i>GOVT 2306</i> ) Texas Government   | 3         |
| Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core                       | 3         | HIST 1023 ( <i>HIST 1302</i> ) US History, 1865-Present   | 3         |
| <b>MATH 1703 (<i>MATH 1342</i>) Elementary Statistics I</b>  | 3         | Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core  | 3         |
| <b>ZOOL 2021/2023 (<i>BIOL 2102 &amp; 2302, or 2402</i>)</b> | 4         | Creative Arts Core  | 3         |
| <b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II, lecture &amp; lab</b>        |           |   |           |
| <b>BACT 1001/1003 (<i>BIOL 2120 &amp; 2320, or 2420</i>)</b> | 4         | <b>Recommended:</b> Contact a prenursing advisor prior to this semester to confirm the completion of nursing and non-nursing prerequisites and to discuss your application for admission to the College of Nursing. |           |
| <b>Microbiology lecture &amp; lab</b>                        |           |   |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>Total Hours</b>  | <b>12</b> |

To better balance the coursework, it is recommended to take one of the Semester 2 or 3 courses during a SUMMER session between Semesters 2, if possible.

**Students must complete 46 hours, including 25 hours from the nursing prerequisite courses listed in bold above,** successfully pass a nursing entrance test, and meet GPA requirements before applying for admission to the College of Nursing. **All other courses (except Multicultural Women's Studies) must be completed prior to starting the Third Year listed below.**

#### Third Year at TWU (Dallas, Denton or Houston campus)

| Semester 5                                      | Hours     | Semester 6   | Hours     |
|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| BIOL 4344 Pathophysiology                       | 4         | N 3233 Collaborative Nursing Care of the Adult Population  | 3         |
| N 3813 Pharmacology                             | 3         | N 3232 Collaborative Care of the Adult Population Clinical | 2         |
| N 3153 Health Assessment                        | 3         | N 3243 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family             | 3         |
| N 3151 Health Assessment Lab                    | 1         | N 3241 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family Clinical    | 1         |
| N 3193 Foundations of Nursing Practice          | 3         | N 4001 Nursing Practice Integration Lab I                  | 1         |
| N 3191 Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical | 1         | N 3612 Introduction to Nursing Research                    | 2         |
| N 3181 Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab      | 1         | N 4602 The Nursing Experience with Groups                  | 2         |
|   |           | N 4612 Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family              | 2         |
|   |           | Nursing Elective   | 2         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                              | <b>16</b> | <b>Total hours</b>   | <b>18</b> |

#### Fourth Year at TWU (Dallas, Denton or Houston campus)

| Semester 7   | Hours     | Semester 8   | Hours     |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| N 4043 Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Needs          | 3         | N 4803 The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience          | 3         |
| N 4042 Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Needs Clinical | 2         | N 4012+ Community Health Nursing in Population Health            | 2         |
| N 4053 Concepts of Pediatric Nursing                         | 3         | N 4111+ Community Health Nursing in Population Health Clinical   | 1         |
| N 4091 Concepts of Pediatric Nursing Clinical                | 1         | N 4052 Integrated Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice          | 2         |
| N 4063 Mental Health Nursing                                 | 3         | N 4023 Integrated Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice Clinical | 3         |
| N 4041 Mental Health Nursing Clinical                        | 1         | N 4032 Nursing Practice Integration Lab III                      | 2         |
| N 4022 Nursing Practice Integration Lab II                   | 2         |  |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>15</b> | <b>Total Hours</b>   | <b>13</b> |

+Nursing course where global perspective requirements will be demonstrated.

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TO: All Nursing Majors  
RE: Requirements for Clinical Placement and Subsequent Registered Nursing Licensure

### Clinical Placement

All potential students seeking entrance to the TWU College of Nursing Upper Division program should be aware of requirements necessary for clinical placement during the nursing curriculum and subsequent requirements for licensure. Nursing students gain expertise in nursing care by attending required clinical experiences at hospitals and other clinical agencies in community. By providing direct patient care throughout the nursing curriculum, the student develops necessary knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities in order to competently perform as a registered nurse applicant upon graduation. When students are placed in clinical agencies to complete necessary course work each semester, the students must comply with strict entrance criteria, to include, but not limited to, criminal background screening and drug testing, imposed by that particular clinical agency. TWU College of Nursing must ensure and verify that each student placed in a clinical facility meets those requirements. Currently, students **MUST** meet very specific identification requirements (valid ID) in order to have drug testing and criminal background screening to attend clinical experiences and successfully pass clinical courses in the curriculum. The following list contains the only acceptable identification necessary for the drug testing and criminal background screening. **One of the following will be required of all students who have been admitted to upper division nursing before a clinical placement can be offered. You must present one of these forms of identification on the day designated as nursing orientation.**

- Unexpired US/Texas Driver's License with photo
- Unexpired United States passport with photo
- Unexpired Foreign passport with Student Visa and photo
- United States State ID [Texas ID] issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles with photo
- United States Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo
- Unexpired United States military ID card for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel with photo

### Background Checks for Texas Board of Nursing

Per Senate Bill (SB) 1058, criminal background checks are **mandatory** for all students accepted for enrollment in a nursing education program. These checks, initiated by the Texas Board of Nursing, are

intended to identify individuals who, due to criminal convictions, would be ineligible to sit for the NCLEX exam upon completion of an approved nursing education program. **Those who believe they might have eligibility issues to be found through a criminal background check that could prevent them from taking the licensure examination upon completion of a nursing program are required to complete a Declaratory Order application.** The Declaratory Order process permits the Board of Nursing to make decisions regarding an applicant's eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program. **This process must be fulfilled before a clinical placement can be granted in any clinical nursing course.**

The Declaratory Order application can be found on the Texas Board of Nursing website (below):

[https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms\\_declaratory\\_order.asp](https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp)

### **Testing Center Requirements for Licensure Testing (for graduates seeking RN licensure)**

Future nursing graduates should also know that PSI (the testing company assigned to provide NCLEX-RN examinations required for licensure) requires a valid ID containing an identifiable photo and signature. For more information on requirements for testing for licensure, go to:

<https://www.ncsbn.org/cps/rde/xchg/ncsbn/hs.xsl/1221.htm>

## SAMPLE Weekly Schedule for a Junior 1 Nursing Student @ TWU

|          | Sunday                  | Monday                                  | Tuesday                               | Wednesday  | Thursday                 | Friday                  | Saturday                |
|----------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6:00 AM  |                         | Peer Tutoring for Pathophysiology, 6-8a | Peer Tutoring for Assessment, 6-8a    |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 7:00 AM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 8:00 AM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 9:00 AM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 10:00 AM |                         | Pharmacology Lecture, 9a-12p            | Pathophysiology Lecture, 8:30a-12:30p | Assessment Lab, 8a-12p   | Concepts Clinical, 6a-2p |                         |                         |
| 11:00 AM |                         |   |                                       |  |                          | Use this time to STUDY! | Use this time to STUDY! |
| 12:00 PM |                         | Peer Tutoring for Pharmacology, 12-2p   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 1:00 PM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 2:00 PM  |                         | Assessment Lecture, 2-4p                | Concepts Lecture, 1-4p                | Use this time to STUDY!  |                          |                         |                         |
| 3:00 PM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 4:00 PM  | Use this time to STUDY! |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 5:00 PM  |                         | Peer Tutoring for Concepts, 4:30-6:30p  |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |
| 6:00 PM  |                         |   |                                       | Visit clinical hospital to receive info for clinical the next day. |                          |                         |                         |
| 7:00 PM  |                         |   |                                       |  |                          |                         |                         |

This schedule is based on a student that has not completed Pathophysiology before their first semester of nursing school. This student has a Wednesday morning Assessment Lab and a Thursday clinical. Clinical and Assessment labs will vary for each group. Twenty-five (25) hours of suggested weekly study time is also factored in.

Peer Tutoring is not mandatory but is highly suggested and days and times are subject to change each semester. This was given to you to provide you an idea of what your schedule will be like during your 1st semester of Nursing school at TWU.