

## **Policy Title: RN Admission and Progression Policy**

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### **Purpose**

The RN-BSN program permits the registered nurse (RN) student to attain the terminal objectives of the undergraduate program. The RN-BSN program supports alternative paths of progression through the BSN curriculum and acknowledges prior learning and professional experiences of RNs. The program plan of the RN-BSN includes courses that must be undertaken and those that may be validated through advanced placement. Credit for 29 advanced placement hours is awarded after completion of N3701 RN Module I, N3702 RN Module II, N3703 RN Module III, and N3704 Synthesis.

### **Policy**

Registered nurse students have the option of alternative progression through the BSN curriculum according to the procedures established below.

### **Procedure**

A. Admission Requirements for the RN-BSN applicants.

RN applicants are required to:

- 1 Submit a completed application for admission to the upper-division program to the Office of the Registrar;
- 2 Submit a nonrefundable \$30 application fee to the Registrar's Office;
- 3 Possess and submit a copy of their current professional licensure in Texas;
- 4 Provide proof of graduation from an accredited program; (
5. Submit to the Registrar's Office an original copy of the course-by-course transcript evaluation directly from the Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE). (This applies to international students or those with degrees from higher education institutions outside the U.S.).
- 6 RN-BSN applicants who wish to take graduate-level courses, must submit a minimum GRE (Graduate Record Examination) score of 500 on each of the verbal and quantitative sections and a 3 on the written component or a minimum score of 400 on the MAT (Millers Analogy Test) to proceed in an accelerated sequence.

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- B. Upper Division courses for RN students enrolled in the RN-BSN or RN-MSN tracks.

**Total credit hours to be taken RN/BSN = 31**  
**Total credit hours to be taken RN/MSN = 37**  
**Total credit hours advanced placement = 29**

### **Total Credit Hours Taken**

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	
		<b>RN-BSN</b>	<b>RNs Taking Graduate-Level Courses</b>
N3604	Health Assessment for RNs	3	3
N3603	Pathophysiology for RNs	3	
N6151	Advanced Pathophysiology		3
N3701	RN Module I: Prof. Practice & Promotion of Health	4	4
N3702	RN Module II: Issues in Prof. Practice	4	4
N3703	RN Module III: Management & Leadership	4	4
N3704	Synthesis: Application for Change into Practice	3	3
N3605	Research Critique & Utilization	2	
N5501	Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Nursing		2
N5506	Statistics in Nursing		2
N6101	Clinical & Epidemiological Research		3
N3601	Community Health Nursing for RNs	3	3
N3602	Community Health Project for RNs	3	3
N4526	Role Transition	2	2
N6102	Information Systems		1
	<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>

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### **FULL TIME SCHEDULE**

#### **RN-BSN Program**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>N3604</b> Health Assessment for RNs	3
<b>N3701</b> RN Module I	4
<b>N3605</b> Research Critique & Utilization	2
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>N3601</b> Community Health for RNs	3
<b>N3602</b> Community Health Project for RNs	3
<b>N3702</b> RN Module II	4
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>N3703</b> RN Module III	4
<b>N4526</b> Role Transition	2
<b>N3704</b> Synthesis	3
<b>N3603</b> Pathophysiology for RNs	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

### **FULL TIME SCHEDULE**

#### **for RN-BSNs Approved to Take Graduate-Level Courses**

<b>First Semester</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>N3604</b> Health Assessment for RNs	3
<b>N3701</b> RN Module I	4
<b>N5501</b> Theory and Empirical Fnd	2
<b>N6102</b> Information Systems	1
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>N3601</b> Community Health for RNs	3
<b>N3602</b> Community Health Project for RNS	3
<b>N3702</b> RN Module II	4
<b>N6151</b> Advanced Pathophysiology*	3
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>N3703</b> RN Module III	4
<b>N4526</b> Role Transition	2
<b>N3704</b> Synthesis	3
<b>N5506</b> Statistics in Nursing *	2
<b>N6101</b> Clinical Epidemiology & Research*	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

\*Graduate Courses

Upon successful completion of these 35 hours, the RN-BSN graduate may apply to the MSN Program for admission

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**RN-BSN students, upon successful completion of N3701 RN Module I, N3702 RN Module II, N3703 RN Module III, and N3704 Synthesis, will receive advanced placement credit for the following courses:**

<b>N3515</b> Adult Health Care I	6
<b>N3523</b> Adult Health Care II and Gero	7
<b>N3526</b> Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	6
<b>N3532</b> Reproductive Health Care	5
<b>N3536</b> Child & Adolescent Health Care	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>