

RN-BSN Online Track Progression Procedure and Course Descriptions

The School of Nursing at SFA encourages nurses who have completed their nursing education in either an associate degree or diploma program to obtain the baccalaureate degree in nursing. The RN-BSN Online Transition track was established for the student who has previously passed the NCLEX-RN, has current licensure as a registered nurse, and wishes to obtain the baccalaureate degree. The RN-BSN track courses are online.

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NUR 442 is the bridging course for the RN-BSN Track student. The student will receive three hours of credit for NUR 442 – RN-BSN Transition. Following successful completion of this course, the student will be given 32 hours advanced credit for the following nursing courses: NUR 305, 306, 330, 331, 332, 406, 407, and 408. Students in the RN-BSN Track will complete the following nursing courses: NUR 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, and 446. Degree plans will finalize requirements.

Suggested Program of Study

NUR 436 RN BSN Pharmacology (3 hours)
NUR 437 RN BSN Health Assessment (2 hours)
NUR 438 RN BSN Pathophysiology (3 hours)
NUR 439 RN BSN Research (3 hours)
NUR 440 RN BSN Care of Community Populations (4)
NUR 441 RN BSN Leadership (4)
NUR 442 RN BSN Transition (3 hours)
NUR 443 Legal and Ethical Issues in Professional Nursing (3 hours)
NUR 444 Cultural Issues in Professional Nursing (3 hours)
NUR 445 Nursing Informatics (3 hours)

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NUR 442, RN-BSN Transition – Three semester hours. This course builds upon principles and theories from previous, concurrent, and prerequisite courses. This course prepares the licensed registered nurse to transition from ADN to BSN. Students will have the opportunity for acquisition and application of nursing history, theory, research, and practice as a BSN. Students also analyze current trends and issues in nursing, health care, and impact on the role of the BSN. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track program. Required incidental course fees.

NUR 436, RN-BSN Pharmacology – Three semester didactic hours. Establishes a foundation for the pharmacological aspects of nursing. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track, BIO 238 and BIO 239. Required incidental course fees.

NUR 437, RN-BSN Health Assessment – Two semester hours, one hour didactic and three hours clinical practicum (NUR 437L). Acquisition and application of nursing assessment skills for clients throughout the lifespan to provide a basis for critical thinking and nursing practice decisions. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track. Required incidental course fees.

NUR 438, RN-BSN Pathophysiology – Three semester didactic hours. Provides foundation for core concepts of human pathophysiology upon which evidence-based nursing practice is founded. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track, BIO 238, BIO 239. Required incidental course fees.

NUR 439, RN-BSN Research and Application – Three semester didactic hours, Introduction of concepts and process of research in nursing with an emphasis on the techniques for critiquing published research studies and development of ability to use nursing and interdisciplinary research to guide nursing practice. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track, MTH 220.

NUR 440, RN-BSN Care of Community Populations – Four semester hours, two hour didactic and six hours clinical practicum (NUR 440L). Application of nursing theory, research and practice to community populations with focus on health promotion, prevention of illness and the impact of situational and developmental stressors on social units. Prerequisites: Admission to RN BSN Track. Required incidental course fees.

NUR 441, RN-BSN Leadership – Four semester hours, two hour didactic and six hours clinical practicum (NUR 441L). Students apply critical-thinking management, leadership and nursing theories and research while coordinating nursing care of multiple clients. The role of the

nurse as a leader and manager within the disciplinary health care team and system will be emphasized. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track. Pre- or co-requisite: NUR 440.

NUR 444, Cultural Issues in Professional Nursing – Three semester didactic hours. This course builds upon principles and theories from previous, concurrent, and prerequisite courses. This course focuses on culture and its impact on health care delivery at the individual, community, and system levels. This course is designed to raise awareness, to inspire action, and to open discussion of cultural issues affecting professional nursing practice. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track or permission of instructor.

NUR 445, Nursing Informatics – Three semester didactic hours. This course builds upon principles and theories from previous, concurrent, and prerequisite courses. This course provides students the opportunity to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes through the use of nursing informatics. Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track or permission of instructor.

NUR 443, Legal and Ethical Issues in Professional Nursing – Three semester didactic hours. This course builds upon principles and theories from previous, concurrent, and prerequisite courses. This course provides students the opportunity to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes through the use of nursing informatics. . Prerequisites: Admission to RN-BSN Track or permission of instructor.

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