



# ACADEMIC MAP TO BSN DEGREE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING 2026-2027



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Note: This map is effective for students listed as catalog years prior to Fall 2026.

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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	ENGL 1010* Composition & Rhetoric I			3	
	MATH 1020* College Algebra			3	
	BIOL 2250/2251* A & P I, and Lab	🚩		3+1	
	CHEM 1070* Fundamentals of Chemistry	🚩		3	
	UNIV 1000 The University Experience			1	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-requisites will increase your total hours for the semester, so be sure you DO NOT take more hours than you know you can manage successfully!**

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade	
	ENGL 1020* Composition & Rhetoric II			3	
	MATH 1060* Finite Mathematics			3	
	BIOL 2260/2261* A & P II and Lab	🚩		3+1	
	BIOL 2210* Microbiology	🚩		3	
	Social Behavioral Science**			3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_



**Important Information to know!**

By the end of this semester you should have:

- Taken the TEAS exam and earned 2.7 nursing GPA
- Applied for NURB 3030 & 3050
- Possibly applied for clinicals, depending on the semester you are taking 3030 & 3050

You should be in close contact with your advisor to have a plan in place for these dates and deadlines!

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	BIOL 2240* Intro to Human Genetics	🚩		3	
	ENGL 2110* Intro to Literature			3	
	COMM 1010 or 2500 Oral/Interpersonal Communication			3	
	NURB 3030 Intro to Nursing as Profession	🚩	🚩	3	
NURB 3050 Pathophysiology	🚩	🚩	3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**Things to remember as you head into clinicals:**

- GPA still matters as you must make a C or better in all clinical courses to continue to the next level
- There is still help available if you struggle, remember to ask EARLY and don't wait until you are behind.

Before entering nursing courses, student **MUST** meet ALL criteria listed in the special admission policies found in the University Catalog.

SEMESTER 2- 1st Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 2170 Dosage Calculation	🚩		1	
NURB 3040 Foundations of Nursing	🚩		3	
NURB 3041 Foundations Practicum	🚩		2	
NURB 3060 Health Assessment	🚩		3	
NURB 3061 Health Assessment/Skill Lab	🚩		3	
NURB 1030 General Nutrition			3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

**Start of Clinicals**



YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1- 2nd Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	NURB 3130 Adult Health	🚩		4	
	NURB 3141 Adult Health Practicum	🚩		4	
	NURB 3150 Pharmacology in Nursing	🚩		3	
	History***			3	
FA 1040			3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2- 3rd Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 3220 Child Health	🚩		2	
NURB 3221 Child Health Practicum	🚩		2	
NURB 3230 Women's Health	🚩		2	
NURB 3231 Women's Health Practicum	🚩		2	
NURB 3160 Research in Nursing	🚩		3	
PSYC 4400			3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1- 4th Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
	NURB 4120 Complex Nursing Care	🚩		4	
	NURB 4121 Complex Nursing Practicum	🚩		2	
	NURB 4130 Psych/Mental Health	🚩		3	
	NURB 4131 Psych/Mental Health Practicum	🚩		2	
Social or Behavioral Science**			3		

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2- 5th/Final Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 4220 Community Health Nursing	🚩		3	
NURB 4221 Community Health Practicum	🚩		2	
NURB 4231 Transition to Prof. Practice	🚩		4	
NURB 4230 Healthcare Management	🚩		3	
NURB 4950 Special Topics	🚩		3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits **120**

**\*\*Social or Behavioral options**

Social Science (choose 1): ANTH 1510 or 2020, ECON 2000, PSCI 2010, or GEOG 1010 or 1020

Behavioral Science (choose 1): PSYC 1010 or 2050, or SOC 1010

Note: One of these must be completed before clinicals and the other becomes an "anytime" course

**\*\*\*History options**

HIST 1010, 1020, 2010 or 2020.

**\*All grades in ENGL, MATH, BIOL, and CHEM courses must be a "C" or higher to receive credit for the program requirements**



Indicates a Milestone Should be taken in order to stay on track for graduation.



MUST take each of these classes within the semester they are listed.

**YOU'VE FINISHED!**



**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Semester Credits = 120 | General = 54 | Nursing = 66

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.