

RN to BSN at Tarleton State University

The School of Nursing at Tarleton State University offers options for advancing the nursing career. The RN to BSN Program courses are taught online through the Tarleton State University learning management system. Tarleton offers educational opportunities, including the RN to BSN option for the currently licensed registered nurse who has completed a diploma or an associate degree in nursing and desires to expand to the baccalaureate level. TSU nursing students are challenged to strive for excellence and professionalism.

At the end of the program, the baccalaureate-prepared generalist nursing graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate professional standards, attitudes, and core values that are fundamental to the discipline of nursing.
2. Engage in continuous self-evaluation and life-long learning to foster professional growth and development, to improve own practice and maintain a current knowledge base.
3. Function as a knowledge-worker with strong clinical reasoning, clinical judgment, communication, and assessment skills.
4. Safely practices in complex health care systems incorporating evidence-based nursing interventions to manage client changes while addressing differences, values, preferences and expressed needs.
5. Function within scope and standards of nursing practice and organizational policies to promote quality and a safe environment which reduces risk.
6. Manage health care transitions and/or referrals, communicate and collaborate within inter/intraprofessional teams, identify system issues, and develop working skills in delegation, supervision, prioritization, advocacy, and coordination of care.

Admission Requirements:

1. Completion of 59 general education requirements* from a regionally accredited institution with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0. General education courses with a course grade of a D or below will not be accepted, even if cumulative general education GPA is 2.5 or higher.
 - a. General education requirements are listed below.
 - b. Some courses may be taken concurrently with the RN to BSN courses
 - i. Nutrition, Upper Level Elective, First Year Seminar, Creative Arts
2. Hold an Associate degree or diploma from a nursing program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Graduates from non-accredited NLNAC or ACEN institution may request special consideration if a nursing program approved by the state board of nursing.
 - a. A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale is required for all nursing core courses in the associate degree nursing program.

3. Hold a current unencumbered license as a registered nurse in the United States and be eligible for unencumbered licensure in Texas. Proof of unencumbered current Texas license must be demonstrated by the start of course work.
 - a. An associate degree nursing graduate awaiting to take the NCLEX-RN will be conditionally admitted. Students conditionally admitted may only take one course until NCLEX-RN passed and unencumbered RN license obtained.
4. Basic statistics course with a grade of “C” or better (included in the required prerequisite courses).
5. Resume.

Admission Process:

1. Application to the nursing program is separate from, and in addition to, the application to Tarleton. Acceptance by Tarleton and the School of Nursing is required.
2. Applications are accepted year round.
3. First, apply to Tarleton State University.
 - a. Application is online at <https://www.tarleton.edu/admissions/index.html>. This process includes submission of official transcripts and a nonrefundable fee.
4. Second, apply to the School of Nursing at Tarleton State University.
 - a. Application is online at https://www.tarleton.edu/nursing/degrees_undergrad.html#BSN
 - b. You will be required to pay a \$35 fee at https://epay.tarleton.edu/C20203_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=53.
 - c. Email the completed application, receipt of the fee payment, and resume to ***APPLYNURSING@Tarleton.edu***.

Delivery:

Online: Courses will be delivered online with practice experience and experiential learning components.

General Education Completion Requirements

Course Name	Course Number	Credit Hours
Composition	ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302- Composition 1 and 2	6
Speech and Communication	SPCH/COMM 1311 (Intro to Speech Communication) or SPCH/COMM 1315 Public Speaking or SPCH/COMM 1321 (Business and Professional Communication) <i>Only one of the above is required</i>	3
Mathematics	MATH 1342-Statistics	3
Life and Natural Sciences	BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402- Anatomy and Physiology I & II	8
	CHEM 1405, 1407, 1411 or BIOL 1406	4
	BIOL 2420-Microbiology	4
Creative Arts	ARTS 1301, 1303 or DRAM 1310, 2361 or HUMA 1315 or MUSI 1306, 1310 <i>Only one of the above is required</i>	3
Language, Philosophy and Culture	PHIL 1301, 1304, 2306, 2316 or HIST 2311, HIST 2321 or ENGL 2322, 2327, 2332 or SPAN 2312 or HUM 1301 <i>Only one of the above is required</i>	3
American History	HIST 1301 and HIST 1302	6
Government and Political Science	GOVT 2305 and GOVT 2306	6
Social and Behavioral Science	PSYC 2301 and PSYC 2314	6
Nutrition/ Home Economics	HECO 1322	3
Other	First Year Seminar	1
Other	Upper Level Elective	3

Cumulative GPA for all courses, including associate degree nursing core courses is 2.5.

Credit hours will be given for completion of associate degree nursing courses. A total of 31 credit hours for an associate degree in nursing will be awarded.

RN to BSN Curriculum-Accelerated

Courses- Two Courses Taken At A Time- Courses Offered Every 8 Weeks	Credit Hours
NURS 3305 Professional Role Transitions for RN's*	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3348 Evidence Based Practice for RN's	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3440 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for RN's	4- (4 classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3345 Health Informatics for RN's	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3342 Health Assessment and Clinical Skills for RN's	3- (2.5 Classroom/0.5 Lab)
NURS 4360 Family and Community Health Nursing for RN's	3- (2.5 Classroom/0.5 Lab)
NURS 4445 Population Health Nursing for RN's	4- (3.25 Classroom/0.75 Lab)
NURS 4314 Politics and Ethics in Professional Nursing	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 4450 Nursing Leadership in Healthcare for RN's	4- (3.25 Classroom/0.75 Lab)
<i>Lab Hours Include Practice Experience and Experiential Learning</i>	Total: 30 hours

* Must be taken during the first 8 weeks

RN to BSN Curriculum-Standard

Courses- One Course Taken At A Time- Courses Offered Every 8 Weeks	Credit Hours
NURS 3305 Professional Role Transitions for RN's*	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3348 Evidence Based Practice for RN's	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3440 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for RN's	4- (4 classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3345 Health Informatics for RN's	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 3342 Health Assessment and Clinical Skills for RN's	3- (2.5 Classroom/0.5 Lab)
NURS 4360 Family and Community Health Nursing for RN's	3- (2.5 Classroom/0.5 Lab)
NURS 4445 Population Health Nursing for RN's	4- (3.25 Classroom/0.75 Lab)
NURS 4314 Politics and Ethics in Professional Nursing	3- (3 Classroom/0 Lab)
NURS 4450 Nursing Leadership in Healthcare for RN's	4- (3.25 Classroom/0.75 Lab)
<i>Lab Hours Include Practice Experience and Experiential Learning</i>	Total: 30 hours

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About Tarleton State University:

Tarleton State University, a member of The Texas A&M University System, provides a student-focused, value driven educational experience marked by academic innovation and exemplary service, and dedicated to transforming students into tomorrow's professional leaders. With campuses in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Midlothian, and online, Tarleton engages with its communities to provide real-world learning experiences to engage societal need while maintaining its core values of integrity, leadership, tradition, civility, and excellence and service.

The nursing baccalaureate program at Tarleton State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.