

Division of Nursing

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The Division of Nursing offers courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in nursing and the master's degree in nursing. Both programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and meet educational standards and requirements for the Board of Nurse Examiners for the state of Texas.

The undergraduate program prepares graduates for the practice of professional nursing in diverse health care settings and with diverse populations. Graduates complete 133 semester hours of the prescribed curriculum for the bachelor of science in nursing degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as registered nurses. For licensed professional nurses desiring degree completion (B.S.N.), refer to the RN degree completion program. The program is offered online.

The graduate program of study leads to the master of science degree in nursing with role specializations in teaching, administration and family nurse practitioner.

Located on the WTAMU campus, the Division of Nursing includes classrooms, laboratories, the Bivins Nursing Learning Center and faculty offices. Clinical experience is provided in health care facilities in Amarillo, Canyon and surrounding areas.

Discipline	Course Prefix
Nursing	NURS

NOTE: See the "Academic Courses and Abbreviations" and "Course Descriptions" sections of this catalog for a complete list of courses offered by the University.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Degree

Majors in Nursing

- Major in Nursing—Basic and Transfer Students
- Major in Nursing—Licensed Vocational Nurse Degree Completion
- Major in Nursing—Registered Nurse Degree Completion

University Core Curriculum Requirements

Refer to the "University Core Curriculum" section of this catalog.

Additional Nursing Requirements

- Eight hours from BIOL 210 or 212 with concurrent lab, BIOL 241 with concurrent lab.
- Six hours of PSY 204*, SOC 201.

*Nursing students must take this course in addition to PSY 201.

Admission Requirements for the Division of Nursing

- Formal application and admission to WTAMU (application fee required).
- A separate, competitive application process is required for admission into the Division of Nursing. Admission is required prior to 200-level nursing courses for basic students and LVN-degree completion students, 300-level nursing courses for RN-degree completion students. Current license to practice as LVN or RN is required for LVN and RN degree completion students requesting advanced standing (application fee required).
- Completion of the following core curriculum courses: ENG 101 and 102; CHEM 101 or 102 with lab (four hours); PSY 201; BIOL 240 with lab (four hours); MATH 110 and CIS 105 prior to 200-level nursing courses.
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 and a minimum grade of "C" in biology, chemistry, psychology and mathematics courses.
- A transfer student must submit copies of all transcripts and if transferring from another school of nursing, recommendation letters from the dean and detailed descriptions of nursing courses. A maximum total of 66 semester hours may be transferred from community colleges attended.
- The required application fee must accompany the application for consideration.
- Applications to the Division of Nursing should be submitted by Feb. 1 for fall semester admission and Sept. 1 for spring semester admission.
- All basic and LVN students are required to take a pre-admission exam.

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Students may appeal Admissions Committee decisions, first to the committee and then to the head of the Division of Nursing. Exceptions, resulting in conditional admission, will be considered on an individual basis by the head of the Division of Nursing.

Advanced Standing

Registered nurses or others with previous experience and education in nursing must be admitted to the Division of Nursing through the same procedure as all students. Advanced standing will be determined after evaluation of transcripts. For further information, refer to "Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination" in this catalog.

Readmission to the Division of Nursing

Students must reapply to the division after withdrawal or failure in any semester. A student who leaves the program for any reason may be permitted one additional opportunity to re-enroll. Readmission to the Division of Nursing is not automatic and will be based on (1) individual qualifications and (2) available space. Satisfactory scores on comprehensive examinations covering nursing theory and clinical course work previously completed will be required for students who have not been enrolled in nursing courses at WTAMU for five or more years.

NOTE: Readmission following a grade of "D" or "F" in two clinical nursing courses or any one clinical course twice is not permitted. Earning a grade of "C" or above in a repeated clinical course for which a "D" or "F" was the original grade does not alter the rule stated above.

Major in Nursing—For Basic and Transfer Students (Major Code: 701)

Transfer Students

Senior College—Students transferring from a senior college into the basic nursing program must submit copies of course syllabi. If the transferring courses are not over five years old, courses will be evaluated for transfer on an individual basis. If courses are greater than five-years old, see "Returning Basic WTAMU Students and Transferring Basic Students" in this section.

Community College—Students transferring from a community college into the basic nursing program may transfer selected nursing courses after all copies of the course syllabi have been submitted, reviewed and approved. If the transferring courses are not over five years old, courses will be evaluated for transfer on an individual basis. If courses are greater than five-years old, see "Returning Basic WTAMU Students and Transferring Basic Students" in this section.

Diploma Nursing Program—Students who have successfully passed courses in a diploma program and are transferring into the basic nursing curriculum must submit copies of course syllabi for review. Courses five years old or less may be accepted in transfer

on an individual basis. Challenge examinations for courses without academic credit are required. A fee is charged for each challenge exam. If courses are greater than five-years old, see "Returning Basic WTAMU Students and Transferring Basic Students" in this catalog.

Returning Basic WTAMU Students and Transferring Basic Students

Any basic/traditional student, WTAMU or transferring, who has not been enrolled in clinical nursing courses in the past five years, must demonstrate competency by examination prior to being rescheduled into the nursing curriculum. A course-specific exam, which will be a standardized test, will be given. The exam may be taken one time. A fee is charged for each exam. If the student is unsuccessful, the student will be scheduled into that/those clinical course(s) as space is available. For further information, refer to "Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination" in this catalog.

Curriculum Guide (suggested course sequence)			
Major in Nursing—Basic and Transfer Students			
First Year		Second Year	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
ENG 101*3 hrs.	ENG 102*3 hrs.	SOCI 201**3 hrs.	HIST 2023 hrs.
CHEM 101 or 121 w/lab*4 hrs.	BIOL 240 w/lab*4 hrs.	BIOL 241 w/lab*4 hrs.	BIOL 210 or 212 w/lab4-5 hrs.
CIS 1053 hrs.	SCOM 101	PSY 204**3 hrs.	NURS 2073 hrs.
HIST 201*3 hrs.	or 2013 hrs.	NURS 2214 hrs.	NURS 2224 hrs.
MATH 110	PSY 201*3 hrs.	NURS 2412 hrs.	NURS 2423 hrs.
or 115*3 hrs.	NURS 111*3 hrs.	NURS 2503 hrs.	
SES1 hr.	SES1 hr.	19 hrs.	17-18 hrs.
17 hrs.	17 hrs.		
Third Year		Fourth Year	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
Visual/Performing arts3 hrs.	ENG 201 or 2023 hrs.	Humanities3 hrs.	NURS 4413 hrs.
POSC 1013 hrs.	POSC 1023 hrs.	NURS 4213 hrs.	NURS 4513 hrs.
NURS 3103 hrs.	NURS 3513 hrs.	NURS 4223 hrs.	NURS 4606 hrs.
NURS 3314 hrs.	NURS 3524 hrs.	NURS 4313 hrs.	12 hrs.
NURS 3326 hrs.	NURS 3603 hrs.	NURS 4323 hrs.	
18 hrs.	18 hrs.	15 hrs.	

*Prerequisite to NURS 221. NURS 111 is required for all basic and transfer nursing majors.
**Must be completed prior to or concurrently with NURS 221.

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Major in Nursing—For Licensed Vocational Nurses (Major Code: 713)

Licensed Vocational Nurses

(For students who already are licensed vocational nurses.)

Students must enroll in NURS 111. Credit for NURS 221 and 241 may be earned by challenge examination. The challenge examination must be successfully achieved before entrance into the nursing program.

Curriculum Guide (suggested course sequence)			
Major in Nursing—Licensed Vocational Nurse			
First Year		Second Year	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
ENG 101*3 hrs.	SCOM 101	SOCI 201*3 hrs.	BIOL 210
CHEM 101	or 2013 hrs.	BIOL 241 w/lab*4 hrs.	or 212 w/lab4-5 hrs.
or 121 w/lab*4 hrs.	ENG 102*3 hrs.	PSY 204**3 hrs.	HIST 2023 hrs.
CIS 105*3 hrs.	PSY 201*3 hrs.	NURS 2214 hrs.	NURS 2073 hrs.
HIST 2013 hrs.	BIOL 240 w/lab*4 hrs.	NURS 241**2 hrs.	NURS 2224 hrs.
MATH 110	SES1 hr.	NURS 2503 hrs.	NURS 2423 hrs.
or 115*3 hrs.	NURS 1113 hrs.	19 hrs.	17-18 hrs.
SES1 hr.	17 hrs.		
17 hrs.			
Third Year		Fourth Year	
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2
POSC 1013 hrs.	ENG 201 or 2023 hrs.	NURS 4213 hrs.	NURS 4413 hrs.
Visual/Performing	POSC 1023 hrs.	NURS 4223 hrs.	NURS 4513 hrs.
arts3 hrs.	NURS 3513 hrs.	NURS 4313 hrs.	NURS 4606 hrs.
NURS 3103 hrs.	NURS 3524 hrs.	NURS 4323 hrs.	12 hrs.
NURS 3314 hrs.	NURS 3603 hrs.	Humanities3 hrs.	
NURS 3325 hrs.	18 hrs.	15 hrs.	
18 hrs.			

*Prerequisite to NURS 221. Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) need to take NURS 111. NURS 221 may be challenged for LVN students. The challenge exam for NURS 221 must be taken prior to or concurrently with NURS 111.
**Must be completed prior to or concurrently with NURS 221.

Major in Nursing—For Registered Nurses (Major Code: 718)

Registered Nurses

Before applying to the Division of Nursing, 57 hours of core curriculum and prerequisite semester hours must be completed. Credit for previous nursing course work and practice knowledge will be held in escrow until successful completion of the final course in the RN-degree completion program. See the curriculum guide for RN-degree completion.

Core Curriculum and Additional Nursing Requirements (63/64 credit hours)

- BIOL 210 or 212, 241 and lab
- CHEM 101/101L or 121/121L
- CIS 105
- ENG 101, 102; ENG 201 or 202
- HIST 202, 202
- MATH 110 or 115
- POSC 101, 102
- PSY 201, 204
- SCOM 101 or 201
- SES 101 plus one hour from 102 through 199
- SOC 201
- three hours from FA 101, ART 151, 152, MUS 101 or THRE 105
- three hours from ENG 203, HIST 210, PHIL 101 or SPAN 207.

Curriculum Guide (suggested course sequence)		
Major in Nursing—Registered Nurse		
Remaining Nursing Requirements		
Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3
NURS 3253 hrs.	NURS 3603 hrs.	NURS 4353 hrs.
NURS 3353 hrs.	NURS 3553 hrs.	NURS 4453 hrs.
NURS 3453 hrs.	NURS 4256 hrs.	NURS 4653 hrs.
NURS 3043 hrs.	12 hrs.	Elective3 hrs.
12 hrs.		12 hrs.

NOTE: Nursing courses need to be taken in the order listed.

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Progression and Graduation

- A degree plan must be filed with the dean of the College of Agriculture, Nursing and Natural Sciences after 60 hours have been completed.
- A minimum grade of "C" must be maintained in all nursing, biology, chemistry, sociology, psychology and mathematics courses.
- A grade of "D" or below in two nursing courses, or any one course twice, will result in dismissal from the nursing program.
- Students are expected to attend all classes and clinical laboratories.
- Microbiology, nutrition and child psychology must be completed prior to entering 300-level nursing courses.
- Students must pass a comprehensive exam after completion of all 200-level nursing courses before progressing to 300-level nursing courses and after completion of all 300-level nursing courses before progressing to 400-level nursing courses. Students who fail a leveling comprehensive examination twice will be required to repeat identified course work on a space-available basis.
- Only 70 hours in the nursing major may be counted toward the B.S.N. degree.
- Of the final 30 hours toward a degree, 24 hours must be residence credit. (CLEP, Challenge and correspondence courses are not resident credit courses.) No more than 66 hours may be transferred from a junior college.
- Students must comply with all rules and policies as set forth in the *Division of Nursing Handbook* and in the *West Texas A&M University Code of Student Life*.
- Basic senior students must pass a comprehensive nursing examination prior to graduation. Students who do not pass the comprehensive exam must complete an individualized plan of study, which may include enrollment in additional courses before graduation.
- Students who withdraw before the 12th class day (fourth class day for summer sessions) will have no record of the semester on their transcript except a notation "Student withdrew without earning credit (date)." If a student withdraws before the end of the eighth week of a semester, the third week of a summer session or the mid-point of a specially scheduled course, the grade "X" (drop/withdraw passing) will be recorded on the transcript. If a student withdraws after that time a grade of pass ("X") or fail ("F") is assigned for all courses that semester.

For information about the master of science in nursing (M.S.N.) degree, refer to the "Graduate School" section of this catalog.