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Nursing is one of the fastest growing and in-demand career fields, not only in the United States, but globally. There are many reasons to choose nursing: flexible work scheduling, high-salaries, job security, and countless opportunities for career advancement. But more than all of these, nursing gives you the opportunity to enrich your life, as well as the lives of others. Nurses impact their patients in powerful and lifechanging ways, giving care and compassion that comes from the heart.

Job Market

Nurses occupy many different care-giving environments. Besides hospitals, nurses are employed at long-term care facilities, outpatient centers, clinics, schools, and many other community settings. There are nurses in the classroom! Nurses play a crucial role in health promotion, providing care to those in need, and working alongside all members of the healthcare system. Their skills in health assessment, diagnosis, care planning and treatment, and patient evaluation make them an indispensable part of our healthcare team.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nurses (RN) and Nurse Practitioners (NP) are listed as occupations with the most job growth predicted for 2032 (www.bls.gov). Yet in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an even steeper climb in the demand for nurses. In Texas, the demand for RNs is expected to grow 38.8%, while supply is expected to grow 30.5%, leaving a deficit of about 57,012 FTE RNs (dshs.texas.gov). Now, more than ever, there is a need for diverse, educated, and skilled nurses. Research continues to show that nurses who hold bachelor's degrees (BSN) have increased quality outcomes and are more likely to be hired by hospitals looking to populate their units with BSN nurses.

Earnings

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, as of 2022, the median salary for hospital- employed Registered Nurses is \$81,220 (www.bls.gov).

Educational Qualifications

B. S. in Nursing holders have access to many different specialty areas, such as Critical Care, Emergency Care, and Maternal/Child nursing. An MSN or doctoral degree gives nurses the ability to access occupations such as Nurse Educator and Nurse Practitioner.

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Major Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3
NURS 221	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing	3
NURS 313	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 315	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3
NURS 318	Child Health Nursing	4
NURS 321	Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
NURS 410	Disaster Readiness & Intervention	1
NURS 416	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
NURS 417	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 418	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 420	Medical Surgical Nursing IV	2
NURS 426	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 434	Population Health	3
NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	4
	Sub-Total Credits	60

Required Cognate Courses

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL 101	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 102	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 220	Microbiology and Immunology	4
CHEM 105	Survey of Chemistry	4
KINT 216	Nutrition	3
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Sub-Total Credits	31

General Education Course Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
	Fine Arts General Education Requirement	3
	History General Education Requirement	6
	Kinesiology General Education Requirement	2
	Literature General Education Requirement	3
	Religion General Education Requirement	12
	Sub-Total Credits	34

Sample 4 Year Curriculum

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major please visit: <https://catalog.swau.edu/core-curriculum-for-a-bachelors-degree>

First Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL 101	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENGL 121	Freshman Composition	3
PSYC 212	General Psychology	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	History GE Requirement	3
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Sub-Total Credits	16

First Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL 102	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC 220	Human Growth & Development	3
SOCI 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
	History GE Requirement	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	NURS 112 Medical Terminology (Optional)	1
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Second Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
BIOL 220	Microbiology and Immunology	4
CHEM 105	Survey of Chemistry	4
ENGL 220	Research Writing	3
MATH 141	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
	Fine Arts General Education Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Second Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3
NURS 221	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Third Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
KINT 216	Nutrition	3
NURS 313	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 315	Medical Surgical Nursing I	5
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3
	Literature General Education Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	17

Third Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 318	Child Health Nursing	4
NURS 321	Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
	Kinesiology GE Requirement	1
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	16

Fourth Year First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 410	Disaster Readiness & Intervention	1
NURS 416	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
NURS 418	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 426	Nursing Leadership	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	15

Fourth Year Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 417	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 420	Medical Surgical Nursing IV	2
NURS 434	Population Health	3
NURS 450	Nursing Capstone	4
	Sub-Total Credits	13

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