

## L.V.N. to B.S. Nursing

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A degree in nursing, particularly a bachelor's degree, opens the door to one of the fastest growing and most in-demand career fields. Flexible work scheduling, excellent salaries, job security, and career advancement opportunities are attractive within the nursing profession. Nurses have a powerful impact on the lives of their patients, with caring and compassion being at the very heart of nursing.

### Job Market

Nurses are employed in hospitals, outpatient centers, long-term care facilities, clinics, and a variety of community settings. Nurses participate in health promotion, provide care to those coping with illness or experiencing life transitions, and work collaboratively with members of the healthcare team. They assess, diagnose, plan, treat, and evaluate changing patient conditions. Nurses work in many specialty areas, nursing education, or management and leadership in a wide range of settings.

### Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Registered Nursing (RN) is listed among the top occupations for job growth. By 2024, RN job availability nationwide is projected to be greater than 1 million ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). The Texas Department of State Health Services predicts a 54% increase in the demand for registered nurses by 2030 ([www.DSHS.Texas.gov](http://www.DSHS.Texas.gov)). Research supports the increase in quality outcomes when nurses have a bachelor's degree (BSN) and many hospitals are hiring with a goal of all BSN nurses. BSN graduates have greater opportunities for career advancement and expanded access to over 100 specialty nursing roles. Excellent opportunities for nurses with master's and doctoral degrees include Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Anesthetist, and Nurse Administrator.

### Earnings

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the median salary for hospital-employed Registered Nurses is \$73,650, ranging from \$50,800 to \$106,530 ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).

### Educational Qualifications

Certifications in many specialty areas are available to BSNs (such as Critical Care, Emergency, Maternal/Child nursing, etc.). A master's degree in nursing is required (and a doctoral degree is preferred) to teach nursing. Advanced Practice nurses, including Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists, are required to have a master's or doctoral degree.



## Major Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 210	LVN to BS Nursing Bridge	1
NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing	3
NURS 313	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 314	Medical Surgical Nursing I for LVN	3
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	53

## 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
	L.V.N. to B.S. GE Religion Options	6-12
	Sub-Total Credits	28-34

# 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>

### Semester One

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 210	LVN to BS Nursing Bridge	1
NURS 212	Physical Assessment	3
NURS 227	Gerontological Nursing	3
UNIV 111	Wellness for Life	2
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

### Semester Two

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 313	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 314	Medical Surgical Nursing I for LVN	3
NURS 317	Pharmacology	3
	Religion GE Requirement	3
	Sub-Total Credits	12

### Semester Three

Item #	Title	Credits
NURS 318	Child Health Nursing	4
NURS 321	Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 335	Medical Surgical Nursing II	5
	Sub-Total Credits	12

### Semester Four

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
	Sub-Total Credits	12

### Semester Five

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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