

**Degrees Offered in the  
COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL AND  
GRADUATE STUDIES**

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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Nursing – B.S.N.

Nursing – R.N. to B.S.N.

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Nursing/Business-M.S.N./M.B.A.

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### PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

#### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

1. Practice nursing in a professional, ethical, and legal manner.
2. Analyze comprehensive patient assessment data and make complex and prioritized clinical decisions utilizing the nursing process.
3. Provide a safe environment for clients, self, and others.
4. Practice nursing that is client centered, caring, culturally sensitive and based on the physiological, psychosocial and spiritual needs of clients.
5. Integrate information technology resources into the provision of client care.
6. Provide health-related education to restore health and promote optimal wellness.
7. Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care to promote continuity of client care.
8. Use leadership skills in the management of safe, quality client care. Promote quality improvement by participating in the implementation of care-related plans to improve health care services.

#### Master of Science in Nursing

1. Analyze and apply multidisciplinary research and evidence to healthcare issues and the promotion of evidence-based practice.
2. Apply the nursing research process to appraise existing knowledge and to the development of new knowledge and the promotion of evidence-based practice.
3. Disseminate nursing knowledge to a multidisciplinary team within the health care system to improve health care safety and quality outcomes for individuals, families and communities.
4. Promote care and service that acknowledges and respects the diversity among individuals and groups.
5. Apply leadership principles to promote positive change in health care and policy on local, state, national and global levels.
6. Develop effective strategies to address the ethical issues inherent in clinical practice, education, and research.
7. Use information systems and technology to implement quality improvement initiatives and support decision-making.

### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

<b>Majors:</b>	B.S.N. Nursing R.N. to B.S.N. Nursing
<b>Master:</b>	M.S.N. Nursing Nursing/Business-M.S.N./M.B.A. (See Graduate Catalog for more information)
<b>Pre-Professional:</b>	Pre-Nursing

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### History

The SWOSU Division of Nursing was established in 1976 under the Department of Biological Sciences. The program was the first rural baccalaureate nursing program in Oklahoma. With growth and expansion, the Division of Nursing was integrated into the School of Health Sciences in 1978, along with the School of Pharmacy and the Division of Allied Health. In 2003 as part of University reorganization, the Division of Nursing became the School of Nursing and was placed under the newly created College of Professional and Graduate Studies.

#### Accreditation/Memberships

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) and is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. It also is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League for Nursing.

#### Instructional Resources

Qualified faculty engage in teaching, research, community service, clinical practice and consultation, and offer a quality instructional program. Formal lectures, seminars, small group discussions, guest lecturers, computer-assisted instruction, laboratory demonstration/practice, and scheduled clinical experiences are the methods of instruction utilized to insure the student of a high quality instructional program.

Instructional facilities are varied in order to enhance learning experiences. Among those utilized are Weatherford Regional Hospital; Alliance Health, Clinton; Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City; St. Anthony Hospital, OU Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Integris Southwest Medical Center, and Mercy, Oklahoma City; Headstart Programs, day care, and senior citizen centers; area health departments, schools, home health care agencies, and other sites.

### **Financial Information**

Financing the professional nursing program is the responsibility of the student. Application for financial aid is through the Office of Student Financial Services. Additional sources of financial aid are available after the student is accepted into the major.

### **Fees and Charges**

The following fees and charges are the financial responsibility of the student:

**Travel/Transportation:** Travel and transportation to all learning sites.

**Uniforms:** Uniforms and other equipment as necessary for clinical practicum.

**Immunizations/Screenings:** Certain immunizations and screenings are required for clinical courses.

### **Admissions to Pre-Professional Component**

The pre-nursing program at SWOSU is open to registered nurses seeking a B.S.N. and high school graduates and college transfer students who have not completed the pre-nursing curriculum for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. All students must qualify for admission to the University before entry into the pre-nursing curriculum.

Regulations concerning admission and credit transfer to Southwestern Oklahoma State University are listed elsewhere in this catalog or may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

### **Admission to the Professional Nursing Component Non-Registered Nurse Students**

Students are admitted to the professional component of the nursing major each fall term. Satisfactory completion of all pre-professional requirements to the nursing major is required of all generic (non-R.N.) students before consideration for admittance to the upper level. Certain pre-professional and general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A listing of these courses is available from the School of Nursing. A retention grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for consideration for admission to the professional component. Application forms are available each December from the School of Nursing. The application deadline is the first Monday of February. The student will receive official notification regarding acceptance by the end of the spring semester.

### **Application and Selection**

The faculty of the School of Nursing establish the operating policies and methods of applicant selection.

The Admissions Committee relies heavily on objective criteria such as quality and consistency of academic performance. Pre-professional requirements, admission testing results, and GPA are among the factors considered.

The School of Nursing selects the best-qualified students. High motivation, scholastic excellence, and interest in and for a progressive nursing profession are perceived as desirable characteristics for future members of a health care team. The number of applicants accepted will reflect the appropriate student-faculty ratio to meet the program goals and the availability of appropriate clinical resources.

### **Advanced Standing Examinations (Pre-Professional)**

Advanced standing examinations are a means by which a student may receive credit for certain courses by examination. Advanced Standing Examinations and College Level Examinations Program (CLEP) tests are available for challenge of some courses in the pre-nursing curriculum. No more than 31 hours in the lower division may be challenged and applied toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

### **Registered Nurse Students**

Southwestern Oklahoma State University admits registered nurses (R.N.'s) from either diploma or associate degrees in nursing programs who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The R.N. student may receive credit through advanced standing for 31 hours of upper division nursing coursework. Advanced standing is accomplished through articulation under the statewide articulation plan. All R.N. students must meet University admission requirements. Faculty believe the R.N. student has demonstrated adequate knowledge of pre-professional coursework to obtain either an associate degree or a diploma in nursing. Therefore, the faculty believe that the R.N. student need not be constrained by the prescriptive schedule designed for the generic student. The R.N. student's education may therefore be facilitated by allowing the student to take pre-professional courses at any time and in any sequence prior to graduation.

### **Application and Selection (R.N. to B.S.N.)**

The registered nurse student may make application for admission to the Nursing program anytime after official admission to the University. Criteria for admission to the nursing R.N. to B.S.N. program include a retention GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) for all previous college/university work and a current nursing license as a registered nurse. Applicants for the R.N. to B.S.N. program with permanent residences other than Oklahoma must contact the School of Nursing to determine eligibility. The procedure for admission to the Nursing program and the application deadlines are available from the School of Nursing.

Preference of non-nurse applicants is given in the selection process to Oklahoma residents who have completed their Pre-Nursing course requirements at SWOSU; Oklahoma residents completing their Pre-Nursing course requirements at other universities and colleges; and other citizens and permanent residents of the United States who have completed their Pre-Nursing course requirements at SWOSU.

After acceptance into the Nursing program, the student plans the completion of the B.S. in Nursing degree with an assigned nursing faculty advisor. R.N.'s may take pre-professional courses in any sequence. Upper division nursing courses can be taken in any sequence with the exception of NURS-4603 Bridging Nursing Paradigms, which must be taken the first semester of nursing course work and NURS-4693 Issues and Concepts for Professional Nursing which must be taken in the final semester of nursing course work. A grade of "C" must be achieved in certain pre-professional courses. The R.N. must complete the degree within five (5) years following acceptance into the Nursing program. All R.N. to B.S.N. students attend class sections open to registered

nurses only. All courses are taught online and are designed specifically for the R.N. returning for a baccalaureate degree.

### **Application and Selection (M.S.N.)**

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is for nurses who have graduated with a bachelor's degree or diploma from an accredited nursing program (CCNE or ACEN, formerly NLNAC), or those who are in the last semester of their BSN degree. To verify that your program is ACEN accredited, please visit their website at <http://www.acenursing.net/>. To verify CCNE accreditation, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation/accredited-programs>. Applicants who do not reside in Oklahoma should first ensure that they are a resident of a SARA-approved state: <http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions>

All MSN students must meet University admission and Graduate admission requirements. The MSN curriculum builds upon previous nursing and general education coursework. The program is designed to support educational mobility and to strengthen professional growth and leadership abilities of nurses who already have a foundation in the profession.

Application to the nursing program may be made at any time after official admission to the University: <http://www.swosu.edu/admissions/apply>. Criteria for admission to the nursing BSN to MSN program include a retention GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for all previous college/university work. Prospective students must possess a registered nursing license or obtain one within their first semester of coursework. Applications by those who are in their last semester of Bachelor's Degree nursing programs are welcomed, however, students must submit proof of licensure prior to application or within their first semester of coursework. Qualified applicants are admitted to the program on date of completed and approved application. Applications will be retained only for the application cycle in which they were initiated. For example, students who apply for spring admission, but who does not complete the process and enroll for spring or notify the school in writing of their wish to defer admission to summer, would need to make a new application to be considered for future admission. Please note the application must be completed and the applicant must be enrolled by the deadline, or the applicant may not attend classes until the next semester.

After acceptance into the nursing program, the student will be assigned a faculty advisor, who will contact the student to develop a plan of study for program completion. The student must complete the MSN degree within five (5) years after beginning the nursing program.

### **Retention and Promotion of a Student in Nursing**

1. Retention of a nursing student in good standing is dependent upon:
  - a. Maintenance of a retention grade point average of 2.00 or better.
  - b. Maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better in nursing courses.
  - c. Earning a "C" or better in each prerequisite.
  - d. Earning a "C" or better in each nursing course.
2. In order for a student to receive a passing grade in any nursing course, the student must receive a "C" or better in both clinical/laboratory experience and theory. If the clinical/laboratory experience takes place in more than one facility, there must be a passing grade ("C" or better) for the student's performance at each facility.

3. Policy concerning promotion: If at the end of a semester, a student fails to maintain a retention grade point average of 2.00 AND a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all nursing courses, the student will be placed on academic probation. (See the School of Nursing Student Handbook regarding details of retention and promotion.)

### **Advisement**

Each student enrolled in pre-nursing and/or the professional component is assigned a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor assists the student in developing, following, and updating, as necessary, the individual curriculum plan for each student. The student, however, has final responsibility for adherence to curriculum requirements.

### **Requirements for Graduation**

Each student must meet University requirements for a bachelor's degree. The minimum number of credit hours required for graduation is 124 semester hours, the last 30 hours of which must have been completed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Each M.S.N. student must meet University requirements for a master's degree. The number of credit hours required for an M.S.N. in any of the three tracks is 33 hours. All hours must have been completed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

### **Requirements for Licensure to Practice Profession**

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University School of Nursing is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year.

Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony convictions. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

### **Careers in Nursing**

Since health care delivery is constantly changing, the role of the nurse in the delivery of health care continues to change. Emphasis in nursing is placed on the changing role of the professional nurse. Men and women who enter the nursing profession have numerous opportunities as generalists in a variety of settings, as well as have a foundation to continue in graduate education for specialized areas of nursing.

Careers in nursing cover many diversified areas. Nurses today work with many different individuals and groups, such as, infants, children, adults, and the elderly in a variety of settings including hospitals, communities, schools, homes, clinics, industry, prisons and military installations, both home and abroad.

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### GENERAL EDUCATION

Courses that are **required** for the major are in bold type.  
Courses that are *recommended* are in italics.

<b>TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS</b> .....	<b>Min. 40</b>
<b>REQUIRED CORE COURSES</b> .....	<b>31-35</b>
<b>Written Communication</b> .....	<b>6</b>
<b>ENGL 1113 English Composition I</b>	
<b>ENGL 1213 English Composition II*</b>	
<b>Mathematics</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<i>Select one course.</i>	
MATH 1143 Mathematical Concepts	
MATH 1513 College Algebra	
or a higher numbered math course	
<b>U. S. History</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<i>Select one course.</i>	
HIST 1043 U.S. History to 1877	
HIST 1053 U.S. History since 1877	
<b>American Government</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>POLSC 1103 American Government &amp; Politics</b>	
<b>Science</b> .....	<b>8</b>
<b>Life Science</b> .....	<b>4</b>
<b>BIOL 1004 Biological Concepts w/Lab*</b>	
<b>Physical Science</b> .....	<b>4</b>
<b>CHEM 1004 General Chemistry w/Lab*</b>	
<b>Humanities</b> .....	<b>6</b>
HUM 1103 Introduction to Humanities	
<b>OR</b>	
HIST 1033 World History	
<b>AND one of the following:</b>	
ART 1223 Art Survey	
COMM 1263 Introduction to Theatre	
LIT 2333 Introduction to Film	
LIT 2413 Introduction to Literature	
MUSIC 1013 Introduction to Music I	
MUSIC 1103 Music and Culture	
PHILO 1453 Introduction to Philosophy	
<b>Human, Cultural, &amp; Social Diversity</b> .....	<b>3</b>
<b>PSYCH 1003 General Psychology*</b>	
<b>Computer Proficiency</b> .....	<b>0-3</b>
Students must demonstrate computer proficiency (high school Computer Science course, SWOSU computer proficiency exam, or COMSC 1023 Computer & Info Access).	
<b>GE electives (from at least two different categories) ..... to total 40</b>	

### REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GRADUATION

Minimum credit hours for graduation .....	124
Minimum credit hours in the liberal arts & sciences	
Minimum credit hours in upper-division	
(3000/4000 courses) .....	40
Minimum credit hours (3000/4000 courses)	
in major completed at SWOSU .....	8
Minimum credit hours at SWOSU (15 of the last 30) .....	30
Minimum Grade Point Average in all coursework.....	2.00
Minimum Grade Point Average in major.....	2.00

### NURSING MAJOR (Code No. 502)

<b>Pre-Professional Requirements</b> .....	<b>24</b>
ALHLT 2453 Medical Terminology*	
ALHLT 4355 Microbiology w/Lab*	
BIOL 3704 Human Anatomy w/Lab*	
BIOL 3904 Human Physiology w/Lab*	
NURS 2212 Introduction to Professional Nursing*	
PSYCH 2433 Psychological Statistics*	
<b>OR ALHLT 3043 Health Statistics w/Lab*</b>	
<b>OR any 3 credit hour statistics course*</b>	
PSYCH 3213 Developmental Psychology or a lifespan growth and development course*	
<b>Professional Requirements</b> .....	<b>60</b>
<b>MAJOR PROFESSIONAL</b>	
NURS 3126 Community Nursing*	
NURS 3126L Community Nursing Clinical*	
NURS 3156 Fundamentals of Nursing*	
NURS 3156L Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical*	
NURS 3236 Acute and Chronic Care I*	
NURS 3236L Acute and Chronic Care I Clinical*	
NURS 3256 Child Health Nursing*	
NURS 3256L Child Health Nursing Clinical*	
NURS 3273 Nursing Research*	
NURS 3283 Pharmacology*	
NURS 4143 Challenges Nurses in Today's HC Systems*	
NURS 4286 Nursing Leadership*	
NURS 4286L Nursing Leadership Clinical*	
NURS 4346 Acute and Chronic Care II*	
NURS 4346L Acute and Chronic Care II Clinical*	
NURS 4356 Family Health*	
NURS 4356L Family Health Clinical*	
NURS 4376 Psychosocial Nursing*	
NURS 4376L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical*	
NURS 4383 Personal Health Promotion of the Nurse*	
NURS 4383L Personal Hlth Promotion of Nurse Clinical*	

**Total Hours**..... **124**  
R.N. to B.S.N. pre-professional and professional requirements will vary from traditional student requirements. R.N.'s should contact the School of Nursing for course substitutions/transfer information.

### R.N. to B.S.N. (Code No. 504)

*Courses may be taken in any sequence unless otherwise indicated*

R.N. to B.S.N. Pre-Professional Requirements .....	21-22
ALHLT 2453 Medical Terminology	
ALHLT 4355 Microbiology	
BIOL 3704 Human Anatomy	
BIOL 3904 Human Physiology	
PSYCH 2433 Psychological Statistics	
<b>OR ALHLT 3043 Health Statistics</b>	
<b>OR NURS 4502 Statistics for Nursing Research</b>	
<b>OR any 3 credit hour statistics course</b>	
PSYCH 3213 Developmental Psychology	
<b>OR a lifespan growth and development course</b>	
Free Electives.....	3
Articulation credits .....	30-31
Professional Requirements R.N. to B.S.N. Students.....	30
NURS 4603 Bridging Nursing Paradigms†	
NURS 4613 Evidence-Based Practice	
NURS 4623 Wellness Through Health Promotion	
NURS 4633 Ethics and Caring	
NURS 4643 Theory and Practice Elective	
NURS 4653 Nursing Informatics	
NURS 4663 Comm Nrsng Across the Hlth Continuum	
NURS 4673 Contemporary Nursing Leadership	
NURS 4683 Advanced Physical Assessment	
NURS 4693 Issues & Concepts for Prof Nursing‡	
<b>Total Hours</b> .....	<b>124</b>

\*A grade of C or better is required in these courses  
† Must be taken first semester of nursing coursework  
‡ Must be taken last semester of nursing coursework

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (Code 502)

### Suggested Course Sequence

#### FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
1001 Freshman Orientation* (1) 1003 General Psychology (3) 1004 Biological Concepts w/Lab (4) 1043 or 1053 U.S. History (3) 1113 English Comp I (3) 1513 College Algebra (3)	1004 General Chem w/Lab (4) 1023 Comp/Info Access (3) 1213 English Comp II (3) 2453 Medical Terminology (3) xxx3 Humanities Course (3)
Total (17)	Total (16)

#### SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
1033 World History (3) 1103 American Gov & Politics (3) 1103 Intro to Humanities <b>OR</b> 1033 World History (3) 2433 Psych Stats <b>OR</b> 3043 Health Stats (3) 3704 Human Anatomy w/Lab (4)	2212 Intro to Nursing (2) 3213 Developmental Psych (3) 3704 Human Phys w/Lab (4) 4355 Microbiology w/Lab (5) xxxx Elective (2-3)
Total (16)	Total (16-17)

#### THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
3126 Community Nursing (6) 3156 Fundamentals of Nursing (6) 3283 Pharmacology (3)	3236 Acute and Chronic Care (6) 3256 Child Health Nursing (6) 3273 Nursing Research (3)
Total (15)	Total (15)

#### FOURTH YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
4143 Challenges Nurses in Today's HC Systems (3) 4346 Acute & Chronic Care II (6) 4356 Family Health (6)	4286 Nursing Leadership (6) 4376 Psychosocial Nursing (6) 4383 Personal Health Promotion of the Nurse (3)
Total (15)	Total (15)

\*First time entering Freshmen need to take 1001 Freshman Orientation.