

## Transfer Planning Guide 2020-2021

## Major in Nursing

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN)

## 120 Credit Hours

Texas Education Code Section 61.822 requires that Texas public institutions facilitate the transferability of lower-division course credit through the **Core Curriculum**. The [Core Curriculum](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/general-education-core-curriculum/) contains nine Foundational Component Areas (42 hours), which every Texas State student must satisfy to graduate.

Texas State is a participant in the \***Texas Common Course Numbering System** [(TCCNS).](https://www.tccns.org/) Use the TCCNS to find courses you can take at your institution to ensure transfer of credit toward freshman- and sophomore- level degree requirements at Texas State.

| Code | Course | Required Hours |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 010 | Communication | 6 required hours |
| 020 | Mathematics | 3 required hours *(see Recommended Core Curriculum Choices below)* |
| 030 | Life and Physical Sciences | 6 required hours *(see Recommended Core Curriculum Choices below)* |
| 040 | Language, Philosophy & Culture | 3 required hours |
| 050 | Creative Arts | 3 required hours |
| 060 | American History | 6 required hours |
| 070 | Government/Political Science | 6 required hours |
| 080 | Social and Behavioral Sciences | 3 required hours *(see Recommended Core Curriculum Choices below)* |
| 090 | Component Area Option | 6 required hours |

*Students will receive core credit at Texas State for any course successfully completed in the Core Curriculum of the sending institution.*

## RECOMMENDED CORE CURRICULUM CHOICES FOR THE BSN

This degree requires specific courses for degree completion, and with wise planning, you may take courses that satisfy both the Core Curriculum and the BSN requirements:

| Courses | TCCN | TEXAS STATE |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 020 Mathematics | MATH 1314, 1324 or 1325 | MATH 1315, 1319 or 1329 |
| 030 Life and Physical Sciences | BIOL 1306 | BIO 1330 |
| 030 Life and Physical Sciences continued | CHEM 1311 | CHEM 1341 |
| 080 Social and Behavioral Sciences | PSYC 2301 | PSY 1300 |

## ADDITIONAL LOWER-DIVISION BSN REQUIREMENTS

| TCCN | TEXAS STATE |
| --- | --- |
| BIOL 2420 | BIO 2440 |
| BIOL 2401 | BIO 2451 |
| BIOL 2402 | BIO 2452 |
| BIOL 1322 | NUTR 2360 |
| PSYC 2314 | PSY ELNA *(Substitutes for* PSY 3300*)* |

## ADMISSION TO THE ST. DAVID’S SCHOOL OF NURSING:

1. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree with a major in Nursing requires admission to the university and admission to the program.  For more information visit: <http://www.nursing.txstate.edu/>
2. The application period for the Nursing program begins October 1 and closes January 15.
3. Admission to the undergraduate major in nursing is competitive and selective. Applicants must first be admitted to Texas State University prior to submitting the St. David's School of Nursing application.
4. Applicants must have a prerequisite GPA of 3.00 or higher and a science GPA of 3.00 or higher. The prerequisite GPA is calculated based on grades in all core curriculum and major prerequisite courses, and must include the following courses:
   * Course List (Texas State numbers—See previous page for TCCN equivalencies)
     + BIO 1330
     + BIO 2440
     + BIO 2451
     + BIO 2452
     + CHEM 1341
     + MATH 1315, 1319, or 1329
     + PSY 1300
5. Science courses require a minimum grade of “C” for admission. Applicant may have "CR" for BIO 1330 or CHEM 1341, but not both courses. A maximum of 8 attempts (including W) on the 5 science courses listed below, with no more than 2 attempts on any one science course, are permitted. Students must complete BIO 2451 with a “C” or higher prior to applying to the St. David’s School of Nursing. There can be a maximum of 18 remaining prerequisite credit hours, (including no more than 2 of the 5 science courses) left to complete in the spring and summer semesters before final admission to the St. David’s School of Nursing. The science GPA is calculated based on grades in the following courses:
   * Course List (Texas State numbers—See previous page for TCCN equivalencies)
     + BIO 1330
     + BIO 2440
     + BIO 2451
     + BIO 2452
     + CHEM 1341
6. An application fee must accompany the St. David’s School of Nursing Application.
7. Additional criteria include a personal persuasive essay, scores from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS test) pre-nursing entrance assessment and 2 professional or academic references. Students may only attempt the TEAS test two times during the application cycle.
8. One hundred (100) highly qualified junior level students are admitted each fall.
9. To graduate with a B.S.N., a student must successfully complete all nursing courses with a “C” or better in addition to completing all prerequisite courses.
10. All students must have attained a 2.0 or higher Texas State University GPA with a minimum of a 2.50 GPA in the Nursing major to graduate.
11. All students must complete the B.S.N. program in three years from the time of first admission.
12. Each nursing course is offered only once each academic year; therefore, progress in the program is delayed if the student fails a course. A student may repeat a nursing course only once.  Following a second nursing course failure or withdrawing from nursing courses, the student is dismissed from the nursing program, but not from Texas State University.

## IMMUNIZATION AND BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

It is a policy of the College of Health Professions that each student will complete a Health Certificate and Immunization Test Form. These forms must be signed by a physician or licensed healthcare provider. Students must stay current on immunizations. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals is also to be completed and remain current.

## CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AND DRUG SCREENING

The traditional BSN student will undergo two background checks. The first criminal background check conducted through the Board of Nursing is required prior to admission to the St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State. The second background check, conducted by a third-party vendor, is required by our clinical partners and a valid social security number must be submitted Both traditional and RN to BSN students must complete the third-party background check and drug screen as part of the admission process. All nursing students are subject to random, or for cause, drug and alcohol screens.

## GRADUATION WITH HONORS

Students earning a GPA of 3.40-3.59 will graduate cum laude; 3.6-3.79 will graduate magna cum laude; 3.8-4.0 will graduate summa cum laude. Calculation of the GPA to determine honors status is based on all Texas State University coursework applied to the first baccalaureate degree, including work completed in the final semester. Effective summer 2012, to be eligible for graduation with honors, a student seeking a baccalaureate degree must have completed a minimum of 54 semester credit hours preceding graduation at Texas State.

Hours earned through Texas State correspondence courses and extension courses are counted in the hours required to be eligible for honors and in the GPA calculation for honors. Hours earned through Texas State credit-by-examination, work/life experience, and other courses receiving “CR” (pass/fail) grades are counted in the hours required to be eligible for honors, but do not count in the GPA calculation. Remedial courses with a “CR” grade and graduate courses are not counted in either the hours required or the GPA calculation for honors.

Transfer students who have earned at least 54 semester hours at Texas State are eligible to graduate with honors if their Texas State GPA meets the above criteria. Students earning second baccalaureate degrees are eligible for graduation with honors if they complete 54 or more hours at Texas State in pursuit of the second degree.

## UNIVERSITY ADMISSION:

1. Submit a completed [application](https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX), all supporting documents, including an official high school transcript and transcript(s) from every institution attended and application fee, to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by the stated [priority date.](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/application-dates.html)
2. Students with **1-15 transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.0 GPA in all transferable course work and meet [freshman admission standards.](http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/freshman/admissions-requirements) Students with **16-29 transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in all transferable course work. Students with **30 or more transferable hours** must have a minimum 2.25 GPA in all transferable course work. All students must be eligible to return to all previous institutions and be at least one full semester out of high school.

Students transferring to Texas State from a community college may elect to follow the [Texas State Undergraduate Catalog](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/) that was in effect at the time they enrolled at their community college. Students may also, with the approval of their College Dean, follow a subsequent catalog. Students are reminded to refer to their designated catalog for information related to University requirements for curriculum, graduation, probation/suspension, and other general information.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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<https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/>

College of Health Professions Advising Center

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***Texas State reserves the right to withdraw courses at any time, to change its fees or tuition, calendar, curriculum, degree requirements, graduation procedures, and any other requirements affecting students. Changes will become effective whenever authorities determine and will apply to both prospective students and those already enrolled.***

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