

Bachelor of Science Degree In Nursing

*Option for
Registered Nurses
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program at the University of Tennessee at Martin RN/BSN Options

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program

Mission

The Department of Nursing's mission is to assist in meeting a regionally recognized need for nurses by preparing a professional nurse capable of synthesizing theoretical and empirical knowledge incorporating concepts from the physical and behavioral sciences, humanities and discipline of nursing in developing and implementing nursing practice. Faculty are committed to mentoring students and to advancing the profession of Nursing through a variety of scholarly activities and service to both the campus and community.

Expected Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate is expected to:

1. demonstrate synthesis of theoretical and empirical knowledge in developing and implementing nursing practice reflecting understanding of the arts, sciences, humanities, and the discipline of nursing.
2. practice the scope of professional nursing with its multiple roles and responsibilities in providing care of the client/client system, as influenced by the historical, ethical, technological, and legal aspects of nursing's current and evolving practice.
3. use critical thinking to initiate scientific and creative methods of problem solving to explore, evaluate, and select solutions to challenging situations.
4. assess client/client system utilizing the Neuman Systems Model, focusing on physiological, psychological, sociocultural, developmental and spiritual variables in response to environmental stressors.
5. analyze the data collected to determine the client/client system's energy state and the need for nursing intervention.
6. plan nursing interventions to assist the client/client system in retaining, attaining, or maintaining optimal health with regard to the wellness-illness continuum.
7. intervene using the plan of care formulated to assist the client/client system in retaining, attaining, of maintaining an optimal level of health.
8. evaluate the client/client system's response to nursing interventions in primary, secondary and tertiary preventions to determine their effectiveness in strengthening the line of defense and resistance and managing the environmental stressors within the context of the physiological, psychological, sociocultural, developmental and spiritual variables possessed by humankind.

General Description

The B.S.N. nursing curriculum is a four-year program which combines general education and nursing, with nursing content beginning in the sophomore year. Students majoring in B.S. Nursing take 71 semester hours of nursing courses and 52 semester hours of required and elective non-nursing courses. RN-BSN Option students receive credit for previous nursing courses and may challenge courses in which they have expertise. Upon successful completion of the B.S. N. program, the graduate is awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N) by the University of Tennessee. The Bachelor of Science of Nursing degree program has full approval of the Tennessee Board of Nursing and full accreditation from the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc \(ACEN\)](#) 3343 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

Admission

The nursing program is open to men and women who satisfy the entrance requirements of the university and the nursing program. Students are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities made available by the university to students of all disciplines.

Students accepted into the B.S.N. nursing course are required to:

1. have met all UT Martin admission requirements.
2. submit separate applications to the Department of Nursing for admission to clinical nursing.
3. be certified in First Aid and CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) Basic Health Care Provider.
4. maintain a grade of C or above in all required courses (otherwise the student may not be allowed to begin the B.S.N. program) and a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above.
5. demonstrate evidence of physical and mental health by submitting the appropriate health form to the Department of Nursing on or before the first day of nursing class. Failure to do so cancels eligibility and acceptance to the B.S.N. program. The student is legally and ethically accountable and responsible to provide safe nursing care. Therefore a student may be required to be evaluated by a qualified individual

before client contact is permitted if the faculty believe that the student is physically or psychologically impaired for clinical experience.

6. provide evidence of negative report on drug screen and felony background checks.
7. provide documentation of current screenings and immunizations as required by the Centers for Disease and Preventions

Graduation Requirements:

To receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N) all students must:

1. satisfy the University's general education requirements for a bachelor's degree.
2. attain a grade of C or above in each of the B.S.N. curriculum requirements.
3. attain a 75% passing grade on all challenge exams.
4. complete the B.S.N. Degree program.

Students already licensed as Registered Nurses may complete the B.S.N. degree program and meet the general requirements for a bachelor's degree as follows:

1. complete required non-nursing courses for which equivalent college credits have not already been received. Credit may be received for some courses through challenge or CLEP exams.
2. receive credit for Nursing 212, 221, 231, 331, 341, 401, and 406 by fulfilling one of the following options:
 - a. registered nurses with associate degrees in nursing – transfer the courses taken in their associate degree programs in nursing for credit and presentation of a current, unencumbered registered nurse license from the state of residence.
 - b. registered nurses with hospital diplomas – present record of a hospital diploma transcript and a current, unencumbered registered nurse license from the state of residence as validation of knowledge and registration of the proficiency validation with the registrar.
3. complete Nursing 350 Transition to Professional Nursing in place of Nursing 321.
4. take the remainder of required nursing courses. Students may request to challenge Nursing 201, 202, 411 and 431. Three years of clinical experience within the last five years will be required to challenge **either** Nursing 411 or Nursing 431.
5. **complete 58 semester hours from an accredited four-year university (may include challenge exams) and complete 32 hours upper division credit from UTM.**

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General Education Course Requirements

Microbiology 251.....	4 hours
Zoology 352	4 hours
Biological & Physical Systems	8 hours
(Chemistry 121, Zoology 251)	
Communications	9 hours
(English 110 or 111, and 112, Communications 230)	
Fine Arts (Aesthetics) elective	3 hours *
(Selected from Approved general education listing)	
Growth & Development	3 hours
(Child & Family Studies CFS 211 or Psychology 313)	
Humanities	9 hours *
(Selected from approved general education courses)	
Mathematics	6 hours
(Mathematics 140 or 185 or 251, & 210)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences	<u>6 hours*</u>
(Psychology 101 & one 3 hour course selected from approved general education courses)	
Total Hours General Education	52

Nursing Course Requirements

***Receive transfer credit for Nursing Courses: 34 hours**
(212, 221, 231, 331, 341, 401, and 406)

Nurs 350 Transitions to Professional Nursing	8 hours
Nurs 362 Trend & Issues in Nursing	1 hour
Nurs 201 Pharmacology	2 hours (may challenge)
Nurs 202 Pharmacology	2 hours (may challenge)
Nurs 312 Health Assessment	5 hours
Nurs 411 Advanced Health Care	6 hours (may challenge *)
Nurs 431 Community Health Care	6 hours (may challenge*)
Nurs 442 Leadership & Management	5 hours
Nurs 451 Research in Nursing	2 hours
Total Hours Major Field of Nursing	71

Total Hours for the Degree 123 Semester Hours

- Three years of clinical experience within the last five years will be required to challenge either N411 or N431.
- Must have 58 credit hours from a 4 year university
- 33 hours upper division credit from UTM

***Aesthetics**

Art 110, Art History 210,211,
Dance 110, Mus 111,112,113,

***Humanities**

Eng 250,251, 260,261, 270,271
History 121,122,201,202

***Social & Behavioral Sciences**

Health 111; Social Work 220;
Sociology 201,202

AFFIRMATION

I affirm that I have received a copy of the University of Tennessee RN-BSN Completion Option Student Handbook. I have been instructed that the RN-BSN Student Policy Handbook, the Department of Nursing Student Handbook (*type in Department of Nursing Student Handbook on the UTM portal search box in upper right hand corner, then click enter*) the University of Tennessee at Martin Student Handbook (*click S in the A-Z on the bottom left of UTM portal and click Student Handbook*) and the University of Tennessee at Martin Catalog (*click C in the A-Z at the bottom left of UTM portal and click on Course Catalog*) contain all policies pertaining to BSN students. I have also been instructed regarding where to obtain copies of the University of Tennessee Student Handbook and the University of Tennessee University Catalog by logging into the UTM Portal. I further affirm that I:

1. agree to abide by established University and Nursing Program policies;
2. understand the standards of progression and graduation as stated in the Catalog and the course syllabi; and
3. will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred that are related to program requirements and/or activities.

Signature

Printed Name

Date U T Martin is an Equal Opportunity Institution. The University of Tennessee at Martin does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, religion, national origin, age, disability or Vietnam veteran status in provision of educational opportunities or employment opportunities and benefits. UT Martin does not discriminate on the basis of gender or disability in the education programs and activities which it operates, pursuant to requirements of Title VI of the Civil Right Act of 1964 as codified in 42 U.S.C. 2000D; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-318; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. This policy extends to both employment by and admission to the university. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Age of Discrimination in Employment Act should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity, 240 Gooch Hall, The University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin TN 38238-5002, 731-881-7202. Charges of violation of the above policy also should be directed to the Equity and Diversity Officer. E05-0425-00-003-010.

**The University of Tennessee at Martin
Department of Nursing**

NAME (printed)

Date

RELEASE OF INFORMATION*

I give to the Chair or any faculty member of the UTM Department of Nursing who is familiar with my nursing education record, the following permission:

1. to use my ACT score, grades, GPA, Achievement Test Scores for the purpose of study and research;
2. to release references to health care agencies or institutions of higher learning.

VIDEOTAPING SESSIONS*

For educational purposes, I agree to be videotaped, photographed or possibly included in a posting of pictures on the web as an individual or member of a group. I may withdraw this permission provided that I assume the responsibility to notify the instructor(s) prior to the taping.

WRITTEN WORK AS SAMPLE*

I give permission to the Department of Nursing for my work to be displayed for teaching, learning, evaluation, and accreditation purposes.

HANDBOOK POLICIES

I have read and understand the policies included in this Student RN/BSN Option Handbook.

SCHEDULING

I understand that I may be required to attend nursing class outside or regularly scheduled times when opportunities arise to enhance my learning needs.

Identification Number

Signature

Date

Faculty

Signature

Date

*I will notify the Department of Nursing in writing if I withdraw my permission.

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT FOR STUDENT NURSES

I understand that, as a student nurse assigned for clinical experiences in any agency, I am prohibited from releasing any confidential client/patient/family information that may come to my attention.

I, further, understand that any breach of client/patient/family information resulting from my verbal or written release of information provides grounds for recommendation of disciplinary action and expulsion from the nursing program.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Witness: _____

Date

Please refer to the Student Nurse Handbook, Maintenance of Ethical and Professional Standards Nursing for additional information.

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