

NURSING, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (RN-TO-BSN)



Program Objective

Do you desire an advanced practice or leadership position in nursing? Do you want higher-level skills to respond better to the demands of today's evolving health care system? San Jacinto College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) program may be perfect for you!

The one-year BSN program is for the working registered nurse (RN with an associate degree) who wants to advance within the profession. The program follows an eight-week course model, building on previous education and experience with 100% distance learning opportunities that accommodate an employed RN's schedule. The Community Health Nursing curriculum is designed to incorporate both theoretical and practical elements and allows students to actively participate in assessment, interventions, and evaluations to support community health. In their final semester in the Leadership and Management course, students are immersed in their respective workplaces, where they are tasked with identifying and developing strategies for enhancement. This critical exercise aims at fostering improvements in patient care, organizational efficiency, and employee performance outcomes.

The BSN program is learner-centered, focusing on student engagement, self-directed learning, and appreciative inquiry. The program's primary concepts include:

- Community health nursing,
- Nursing research,
- Public and global health policy,
- Informatics, and
- Leadership.

RN-to-BSN Student Handbook

Program Accreditation

The RN-to-BSN program received initial accreditation November 25, 2020, through:

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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Atlanta, Georgia 30326

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Texas Board of Nursing
1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10-200
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Outcome Data

Program Completion Data

YEAR	RATE
2021	82%
2022	80%
2023	90%

RN-to-BSN Program Expected Level of Achievement (ELA)

1. Increase enrollment by 5% for the upcoming academic terms (fall 2024, spring 2025, fall 2025).
2. 80% of the students will graduate with their starting program cohort.
3. 80% of the students who complete the program will secure employment in a professional nursing role that requires a minimum of a BSN credential.

Career Opportunities

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, approximately 44 percent of hospitals and other health care employers require new nurses to possess a BSN degree, while employers overall express a *strong preference* for nurses with BSNs.

BSN nurses have better professional opportunities, enhanced credibility, and increased earning potential. They are also eligible for multiple opportunities, including direct patient care, education, management, and public health nursing, and may specialize in various inpatient/outpatient services.

Fast Facts about the Program

Type: Academic

Location: Central campus

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN)

Duration: One year, after Core courses

For more information, students may contact:

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Campus

Central Campus

Information

Prerequisite Coursework*:

- Mathematics course from the Core Curriculum (<https://publications.sanjac.edu/general-information/educational-programs/basics-core-curriculum-general-education-outcomes/>) (The BSN program recommends students choose MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (Statistics) for this requirement.)
- CHEM 1305 Introductory Chemistry I (lecture)/CHEM 1105 Introductory Chemistry I (lab) or CHEM 1311 General Chemistry I (lecture)/CHEM 1111 General Chemistry I (lab)
- BIOL 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy

*Note: Prospective students are encouraged to complete all academic courses prior to entry into the nursing program.

Curriculum Pathway

Associate Degree Nursing Courses Accepted as Transfer	34 Credit Hours
General Education Courses	45 Total Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Courses for BSN	10 Credit Hours
Upper-level Nursing Courses	31 Credit Hours
Total Hours for Degree Hours	120 Semester Credit Hours

Admission REQUIREMENTS

The College requires that students adhere to the following list for entry into the RN-to-BSN program:

- Completed AAS in Nursing from an accredited institution;
- Hold an unencumbered, Texas RN license. License must be valid through the program duration;
- Be currently employed as a professional nurse (Letter from Employer required);
- Maintain a cumulative GPA 2.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Reflect a grade of C in all previous nursing and science transfer courses; and
- Submit one recommendation letter from employer supervisor or former nursing faculty.

Students may see other admission information on the San Jacinto College BSN webpage (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/health/nursing/bsn/>).

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1508, the College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the Department Chair.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and

policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

Plan of Study (Degree Plan)

BSN-NURS

First Year

Prerequisites	Credits
Transfer Courses (34 SCH) ¹	34
Select 34 SCH from the following:	
RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice	
RNSG 1105 Nursing Skills I	
RNSG 1215 Health Assessment	
RNSG 1160 Clinical - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	
RNSG 1301 Pharmacology	
RNSG 1341 Common Concepts of Adult Health	
RNSG 1261 Clinical Nursing Common Concepts for Adult Health	
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing	
RNSG 2261 Clinical Mental Health Nursing	
RNSG 2201 Care of Children and Families	
RNSG 2262 Clinical Nursing Care of Children and Families	
RNSG 2208 Maternal Newborn Nursing and Women 's Health	
RNSG 2260 Clinical Registered Nursing	
RNSG 2332 Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health	
RNSG 2263 Clinical - Registered Nursing	
RNSG 2121 Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management	
General Education Courses (45 SCH)	
BIOL 2301 & BIOL 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture) and Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab)	4
BIOL 2302 & BIOL 2102 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture) and Anatomy and Physiology II (Lab)	4
BIOL 2320 & BIOL 2120 Microbiology for Health Science Majors (lecture) and Microbiology for Health Science Majors (lab)	4
ENGL 1301 Composition I	3
ENGL 1302 Composition II	3
GOVT 2305 Federal Government (Federal Constitution and Topics)	3
GOVT 2306 Texas Government (Texas Constitution and Topics)	3
Select two (2) of the following:	6
HIST 1301 United States History I	

HIST 1302	United States History II	
HIST 2301	Texas History	
HIST 2327	Mexican American History I	
HIST 2328	Mexican American History II	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Humanities) ²		3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Select one of the following:		3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	
SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communication	
SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Speech	
Creative Arts (Fine Arts)		3
Credits		79
Second Year		
Prerequisites		
Pre-requisite Courses for BSN (10 SCH)		
BIOL 1322	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 1305	Introductory Chemistry I (lecture)	
& CHEM 1105	and Introductory Chemistry I (lab)	
CHEM 1311	General Chemistry I (lecture)	
& CHEM 1111	and General Chemistry I (lab)	
Mathematics ³		3
Credits		10
Third Year		
First Term		
Upper-level Nursing Courses (31 SCH)		
NURS 3350	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS 3244	Issues and Trends in Nursing	2
NURS 4314	Theoretical Principles of Nursing	3
NURS 4341	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	3
Credits		11
Second Term		
NURS 3432	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 4358	Public & Global Health Policy	3
NURS 3351	Research & Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 3353	Informatics & Technology in Healthcare	3
Credits		13
Third Term		
NURS 4326	Legal & Ethical Considerations in Nursing	3
NURS 4457	Leadership & Management	4
Credits		7
Total Credits		120

¹ Prospective students must schedule a meeting with the Department Chair to discuss specific transfer courses from associate degree nursing programs to fulfill this Transfer Courses requirement.

² The BSN program recommends students choose PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics for this requirement.

³ The BSN program recommends students choose MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods (Statistics) for this requirement.