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UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

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Welcome to the **University of Houston** **College of Nursing (UHCON)**

The CON has been offering educational, informational, and cultural opportunities to students from many South Texas counties since 2006. Located at campuses in Sugar Land, Katy, and Houston, the CON establishes educational partnerships with both rural and urban health care facilities. The nursing faculty utilizes many learning modalities to provide exemplary education across a continuum of cultural, educational, and generational learning concepts. Approved undergraduate programs of study include the Traditional Track BSN, RN to BSN track, and Second Degree BSN track.



The undergraduate nursing student handbook contains policies specific to the CON programs that supplement those found in course syllabi, the [UH Catalog](#), and the [UH Student Handbook](#). Students are responsible for using the Nursing Student Handbook and UH Catalog Handbook as a resource when questions arise and as a guide to academic and nonacademic policies and procedures.

**Congratulations on your decision to
advance your education.**

The information in this handbook is updated every two years; however, changes may also be made throughout the academic year. If a change occurs, an announcement will be posted on the UHCON website and in the CON's learning management system.

A group of seven nursing students in red scrubs are posing outdoors under large trees. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a campus setting with more trees and a building in the distance. A large green triangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. A yellow banner is at the bottom right, containing the main title. A yellow rounded rectangle at the bottom right contains the page number.

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COLLEGE OF NURSING PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS OVERVIEW



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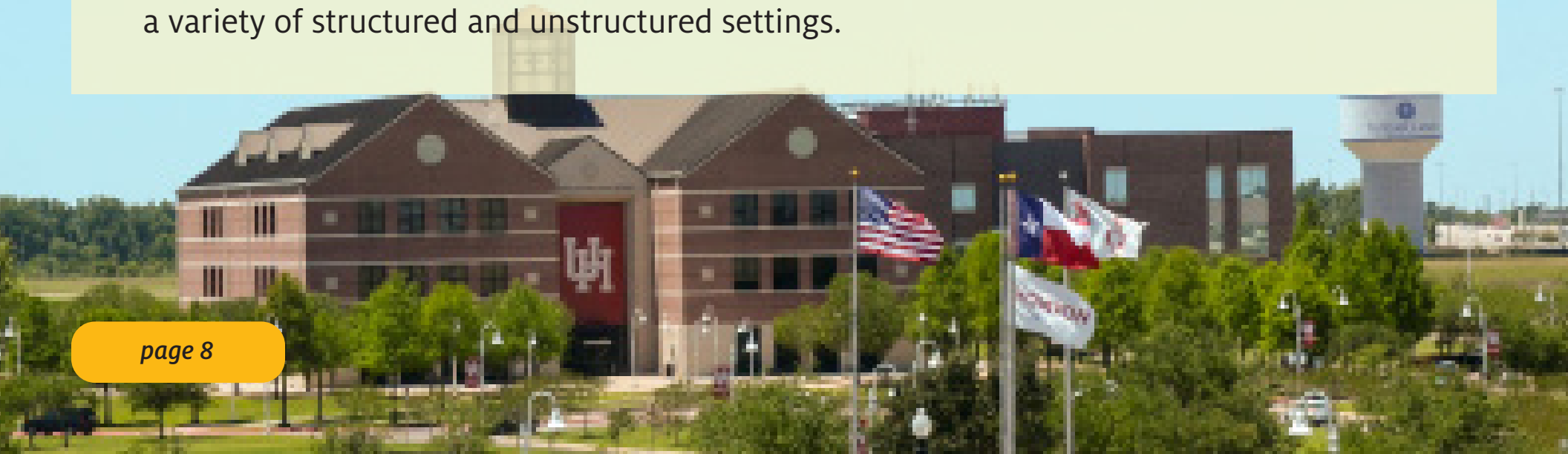
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BSN STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:

- Be familiar with the mission of this program and to comply with the expectations outlined in the UH catalog, new student orientation, and the undergraduate student handbook.
- Maintain high standards of academic honesty and ethical behavior as outlined in course syllabi.
- Ensure that degree plan requirements are understood and contact advisors promptly to resolve any questions regarding enrollment.
- Ensure contact information such as permanent mailing and e-mail addresses are kept current in the PeopleSoft self service account.
- Comply with registration, financial aid, and tuition and fees payment deadlines.
- Apply for graduation by the published deadline for the semester in which they will complete degree requirements.
- Visit the school's web page (www.uh.edu/nursing) regularly for important updates and to obtain information on course textbooks.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LEARNING GOALS (OUTCOMES)

1. Synthesize knowledge from the biological sciences, social sciences, behavioral sciences, humanities and nursing to provide appropriate culturally sensitive care to individuals, families and communities.
2. Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication, collaboration with other professionals, and develop leadership and management skills.
3. Critically analyze and apply research findings to nursing practice related to disease prevention, health promotion, illness care and restoration of health.
4. Utilize critical thinking skills to evaluate the outcomes of nursing care.
5. Serve as client advocates by providing health education and in monitoring and promoting access to cost-effective care.
6. Encourage lifelong learning and create a foundation for graduate study.
7. Integrate professional values, and ethical, moral, and legal aspects of nursing into practice in a variety of structured and unstructured settings.





STUDENT POLICIES

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(APPLIES TO UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS)

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UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



TRADITIONAL BSN TRACK

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This track is for the University of Houston student interested in nursing. The primary educational objective of the [Traditional BSN Track](#) is to produce graduates for professional nursing practice who can draw upon knowledge from biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, and nursing to critically analyze human responses to actual and potential health problems and provide appropriate nursing interventions.

Requirements for all candidates pursuing the Traditional BSN degree are listed in the [UH Catalog](#) under College of Nursing and on the [College of Nursing Traditional BSN Track web page](#).

[Pre-nursing students](#) must apply to the College of Nursing major and are not considered nursing students.

Pre-Nursing Pathway

Semester 1 Fall				Semester 2 Spring			Total
YEAR 1	ENGL 1301	First Year Writing I	3	ENGL 1302	First Year Writing II	3	
	BIOL 2301	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIOL 2302	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	
	BIOL 2101	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	BIOL 2102	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1	
	MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	NUTR 2332	Introduction to Human Nutrition	3	
	HIST 1301	The US to 1877	3	MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3	
	SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3	PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	3	
	Semester Hours		16			16	32
YEAR 2	Semester 1 Fall			Semester 2 Spring			Total
	GOVT 2306	U.S. & Texas Constitution & Politics	3	GOVT 2305	US Govt: Congress, Pres., & Courts	3	
	BIOL 2320	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	3	Core	Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3	
	BIOL 2120	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors Lab	1	Core	Creative Arts	3	
	HIST 1302	The US Since 1877	3	Elective	#1000-4000	3	
	CHEM 1305	Foundations of Chemistry (no lab req'd)	3				
	HDFS 2314	Introduction to Human Development and Interventions	3				
	Semester Hours		16	Semester Hours		12	28

COLLEGE OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Major

	Semester 1			Semester 2			Total
JUNIOR YEAR 3	NURS 4521	Community Health	5	NURS 3312	Fundamental Concepts of Care	3	
	NURS 3311	Health Assessment	3	NURS 3313	Fundamentals Concepts Clinical	3	
	NURS 3310	Professional Role Development & Practice Issues	3	NURS 4322	Policy, Politics, and Ethics in Professional Nursing Practice	3	
	NURS 3315	Pathophysiology	3	NURS 4211	MH Concepts of Care	2	
				NURS 4213	MH Care Clinical	2	
				NURS 3314	Pharm	3	
	Semester Hours		14	Semester Hours		16	30
	May-Mester Summer (Select One Course)			Nursing Elective	4210, 4212, 4214, 4216, 4218, 4220, or 4297	2	
			Semester Hours		2	32	
SENIOR YEAR 4	Semester 1			Semester 2			Total
	NURS 4215	Maternal, NB, & WH Concepts of Care	2	NURS 4318	High Acuity Concepts of Care	3	
	NURS 4217	Maternal, NB, & WH Clinical	2	NURS 4419	High Acuity Clinical	4	
	NURS 4316	Med/Surg Concepts of Care	3	NURS 4219	Pediatric Concepts of Care	3	
	NURS 4417	Med/Surg Clinical	4	NURS 4312	Leadership/Management	3	
	NURS 4314	Research/EP	3				
	Semester Hours		14	Semester Hours		14	28
							120

RN TO BSN TRACK

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RN TO BSN TRACK

This track is for the registered nurse with an associate's degree or diploma in nursing. The primary educational objective of the [RN to BSN Track](#) is to increase the career and educational opportunities available to registered nurses in the University's service region. Graduates of the program will have a broader understanding of the nursing profession and will bring that understanding to the practice of nursing in their places of employment. Graduates will be prepared to assume some leadership and management roles.

The requirements that apply to all candidates for Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree are listed in the [UH Catalog](#) under College of Nursing and on the College of Nursing [RN to BSN web page](#).

RN TO BSN TRACK REQUIREMENTS		
Core Curriculum Requirements	Component Area	Hours Required
	Communication	6
	Mathematics	3
	Life & Physical Sciences	6
	Language, Philosophy, & Culture	3
	Creative Arts	3
	American History	6
	Government/Political Science	6
	Social/Behavioral Sciences	3
	Component Area Option	6
Nursing Field of Study	Content Areas	TCCNS
	Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2301/2101 or 2401 and BIOL 2302/2102 or 2402
	Microbiology	BIOL 2320/2120 or BIOL 2420 (or BIOL 2321/2121 or 2421)
	Chemistry	Any 4 SCH Course including Lab
	Nutrition	BIOL 1322 or HECO 1322
	Psychology	PSYC 2301 and PSYC 2314
Mathematics	Math 1342	
Advanced Placement Horus	<p>Upper Level BSN Curriculum</p> <p>Students will be given 33 hours of credit for successful completion of nursing courses from Associate Degree in Nursing or diploma program & subsequent RN licensure.</p>	

RN TO BSN NURSING CURRICULUM

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
NURS 3310	Professional Role Development and Practice Issues	3
NURS 3311	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 3315	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 4312	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 4314	Nursing Research	3
NURS 4322	Policy and Ethics in Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 4520	Concept Integration in Patient Care Management	5
NURS 4521	Community Health Nursing	5
NURS 4210, 4212, 4216, 4218, 4220, or 4297	Nursing Elective (Select One Course)	2
TOTAL		30



SECOND DEGREE BSN TRACK

SECOND DEGREE BSN PROGRAM

The primary objective of the [Second Degree BSN Track](#) is to produce graduates for professional nursing practice who can draw upon knowledge from the biological sciences, social sciences, humanities and nursing to critically analyze human responses to actual and potential health problems and provide appropriate nursing interventions.

The Second Degree bachelors program is a twelve-month intensive full-time program for people holding bachelors or masters degrees in other fields who want to become registered nurses (RNs). This program is designed to facilitate a career change for the more mature and experienced student.

The requirements that apply to all candidates for Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing are listed in the [UH Catalog](#) under College of Nursing and on the College of Nursing [Second Degree BSN web page](#).

SECOND DEGREE BSN COURSE SCHEDULE

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
Semester 1 - Spring		
NURS 3230	Nursing Professional Role I	2
NURS 3247	Pharmacology for Collaborative Nursing Practice	2
NURS 3440	Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	4
NURS 3631	Nursing Process for Symptom Management	6
NURS 3633	Clinical Nursing Practice I	6
Semester 2 - Summer		
NURS 4312	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 3337	Reading and Interpreting Scientific Literature	3
NURS 3634	Clinical Nursing Practice II	6
NURS 3636	Nursing Process for Collaborative Practice I	6
NURS 4210, 4212, 4214, 4216, 4220, or 4297	*Nursing Elective (Select One Course)	2
Semester 3 - Fall		
NURS 4322	Policy and Ethics in Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 3735	Clinical Nursing Practice III	7
NURS 3737	Nursing Process for Collaborative Practice II	7
NURS 4314	Nursing Research	3

*One nursing elective required for degree

FACULTY INFORMATION

Click here to visit the CON website faculty page and learn more about undergraduate faculty, including their qualifications, professional expertise, clinical and research interests, publications, and contact information.



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