



College of Nursing RN to BSN Program Policies

In addition to UT Arlington academic policies (www.uta.edu/catalog), the College of Nursing requires all RN to BSN students understand and adhere to the following:

- Students must have a minimum **2.5** prerequisite GPA (excluding the Upper Division elective grade) to be admitted into the RN to BSN program.
- Students who do not have the prerequisite GPA are permitted to take general courses until they acquire the minimum 2.5 GPA.
- A minimum of **19** nursing licensure credit hours, leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing, is required for admission into the College of Nursing RN to BSN program. A minimum of **28** nursing licensure credit hours are required to satisfy the nursing licensure component of the BSN degree. Students deficient in nursing credits may take up to three additional nursing courses (9 credit hours) to attain the needed minimum 28 nursing credit hours.
- Academic Partnership Online Program: Students must be licensed as a Registered Nurse in order to receive a grade in NURS 3345 Professional Nursing. An incomplete "I" will be entered until the student is licensed and completes the course. Incompletes will be converted to a grade of "F" at the end of the next long semester.
 - **Students cannot enroll in additional nursing coursework until NURS 3345 Professional Nursing is successfully completed. NURS 4685 Capstone is the last course of the program and can only be taken with one (1) general course or elective course or NURS 4465 Vulnerable Populations.**
- Campus Based Program: Students must be licensed as a registered nurse prior to enrolling in ANY of the RN to BSN curriculum
- Courses transferred with a grade of "D" are not accepted. If a grade of "D" was earned, students may retake the course at a local community college or with UT Arlington.

Progression

- Students who do not successfully complete the prerequisite in the current start date will be dropped from the next-level course, even if the courses are taken concurrently (e.g. If dropping ENGL 2338, students must also drop N3345).
- Students must take ENGL 2338 Technical Writing **prior to OR concurrently with** NURS 3345 Professional Nursing. If concurrently enrolled and the student decides to drop ENGL 2338, the student must be dropped from NURS 3345. Financial penalties will be assessed.
- Students must take NURS 4465 **prior to OR concurrently with** NURS 4685 Capstone. If concurrently enrolled and the student decides to drop NURS 4465, the student must be dropped from NURS 4685. Financial penalties will be assessed.



Failure of Nursing Courses:

- Degree seeking students in the College of Nursing are not permitted to continue in the RN to BSN program, or enroll in additional courses, if they receive any combination of “D” or “F” in three or more nursing courses.
- Transfer students who received a combination of “D” or “F” in three or more nursing courses in a RN to BSN or RN to MSN program at another institution are ineligible for the RN to BSN program.

Drop Policy:

- Students who have enrolled in UT Arlington for the first-time in fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than six courses with a grade of “W” during their entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas institution of higher education and to second baccalaureate degrees. For more information, go to http://wwwb.uta.edu/ses/recordsandregistration/content/student_services/six_course_drop_limit.aspx
- Students must take ENGL 2338 Technical Writing *prior to OR alongside* NURS 3345 Professional Nursing. If student decides to drop from ENGL 2338, the student must be simultaneously dropped from NURS 3345 as well.

Grade Exclusion:

- Students may not exclude upper division nursing courses. The UT Arlington grade exclusion differs from that of the UT Arlington Grade Replacement. For more information, go to the following link http://wwwb.uta.edu/ses/recordsandregistration/content/student_services/grade_exclusion.aspx

Tuition Guarantee- Academic Partnership Online Students:

- Students admitted to a cohort are guaranteed the tuition price in place at the start of their program under the following conditions:
<http://academicpartnerships.uta.edu/tuition/tuition-guarantee.aspx>

International Students:

- International students with either an F1 or J1 visa status are ineligible to participate in the Academic Partnership (online) RN to BSN program. International students are welcome to participate in the RN to BSN campus based program.
- International students interested in the Cooperative Learning course NURS 3100/3200 must have permission to shadow a Registered Nurse for a minimum of 150 hours during the semester in which the course is taken.
- International students with either an F1 or J1 visa status cannot take the Cooperative Learning course NURS 3100/3200 during the first semester of the program.

TOEFL Requirement:

- Students with a native/first language other than English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language to enter the College of Nursing. Please note the College of Nursing has more stringent TOEFL requirements than UT Arlington.
- If the student's native/first language is not English and if he or she does not hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited U.S. institution, the TOEFL exam is required for admission to the College of Nursing even if the student has met one of the stated UT Arlington University exemptions.
- Students may provide documentation of graduation from an English secondary school in their native country or the United States to waive the TOEFL requirement.
- Students who have graduated from a secondary school or college in the following countries are exempt from the TOEFL: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad/Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and United Kingdom.
- Students must have a passing score in order to waive the TOEFL requirement. To view the required scores, visit the UT Arlington Undergraduate Catalog:
<http://www.uta.edu/catalog/>

TSI:

- The Texas Success Initiative has been developed by the state legislature to ensure student success at institutions of higher education. If students are found liable in any area (Reading Writing, and/or Math) they must contact a University College Advisor. For more information, please visit www.uta.edu/TSI
- Students liable in Texas Success Initiatives (TSI) areas of Reading, Writing, and/or Math will not be admitted to the College of Nursing until they are complete in all three areas.
- Students found liable and granted a term exemption by University College will be prohibited from enrolling in any courses until they are complete in all three areas.

Certification Elective:

- Students will be awarded three credit hours of credit for certifications in specialty nursing practice areas. Certifications must be examined by and recognized through a national nursing credentialing agency. Students do not need to hold an active certification to receive credit.
- Students can have more than one certification applied to meet the second elective or fulfill any lower division nursing hours if necessary. This policy only applies to students who are registered nurses.



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Graduation Ceremony:

- All requirements for graduation eligibility must be met in order to walk the stage for graduation.
Students who are unsuccessful in completing all UT Arlington College of Nursing courses and/or other graduation requirements will not be permitted to walk at the graduation ceremony. This includes courses in which an incomplete has been assigned.
- Students who complete Capstone prior to graduation and are concurrently enrolled in a general course, in which the grade has not been recorded, **may** participate in commencement and pinning ceremonies **if** students provide documentation from the professor of the course verifying successful academic progress.