

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

NURSING (LVN TO RN BRIDGE) Rio Grande Valley

Join a Tradition of Excellence

Located in the Medical Center area, this is a program dedicated to educating professional, registered nurses (R.N.) since 1903. The Baptist Health System supports the Associate degree and emphasis is on working extensively with patients in or outside of hospitals. Students complete approximately 12 credit hours of designated basic college courses in the biological sciences at an accredited college of their choice prior to entering the School. The nursing program is completed in 4 semesters, including one semester of general education courses if needed. Graduates are eligible to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses. The program is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), approved by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas and licensed by the Texas Workforce Commission.

Our Success is Measured by Yours

The School has a history of consistently high pass rates on the national licensure examination, and graduates are highly respected and desired by employers throughout the city, state, and nation. Classes are small, permitting attention to individual student learning needs. The entire faculty is educated at the master's level with nursing expertise in their teaching fields. The relationship with the Baptist Health System allows students to learn in some of the most modern and well-equipped hospitals in the Southwest.

Make a Difference with a Career in Nursing

Registered Nurses have the opportunity to make a difference in many lives. R.N.'s promote health, prevent disease, help patients/families cope with illness, and work in a wide variety of settings. Nurses should be caring and sympathetic, able to accept responsibility, make decisions, and work with and supervise others. They need physical and emotional stability to cope with human suffering, emergencies, and other stress. Salaries generally range from \$50,800 (entry-level) to \$106,530 (head nurses/clinical specialists.) In May 2018, the median annual wage for registered nurses was \$71,730. Today's job prospects in the San Antonio and Rio Grande Valley region are good, with employment opportunities expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the demand for Registered Nurses is expected to grow by 12% from 2018 to 2028. (www.bls.gov/ooh/)

Student Financial Assistance

- Federal student financial aid is available for those who qualify
- Tuition discount for Tenet employees and Baptist School of Health Professions Alumni
- Additional scholarship opportunities may be available through local, state and national organizations. Please check the website www.bsHP.edu for current lists.

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The website provides a virtual tour and information on tuition and fees, admissions requirements, financial aid and careers. In addition, you can review our Academic Catalog and consumer information, such as our security report and student outcomes/placement.

Start Dates & Application Deadlines

Summer 2020 - February 1st
Fall 2020 - June 1st

Typical LVN-RN BSHP RGV Schedule

- Week 1 of every 8-week course - 2 day Orientation & Skills Lab on BSHP campus in San Antonio
- Mon-Sun: Online coursework - Complete weekly reading, assignments & view weekly assigned lecture videos
- Clinical: One 12-hour clinical day (Rio Grande Valley location) each week on either Friday or Saturday (6:30AM - 6:30 PM). Some courses may require a Thursday or Sunday clinical day. Prep for Clinical will be at clinical location the day prior to scheduled clinical day



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Admissions Requirements

- Anatomy & Physiology I (4 semester credit hours)
- Anatomy & Physiology II (4 semester credit hours)
- Microbiology (4 semester credit hours)

Prerequisite courses must meet the following criteria:

- Must be taken at an accredited college or university prior to applying.
- Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- Must be taken with a lab component (4 semester credit hours).
- 7-year expiration date unless you are working in direct patient care.

**** Applicants for the LVN to RN bridge program must hold a valid, unencumbered LVN license. All other applicants may apply to the traditional RN (AAS Nursing) program. ****

TEAS VI Entrance Exam

Applicants must register for and pass the TEAS VI Entrance Exam with the following minimum scores:

- **Reading:** 69
- **Math:** 63.3
- **Science:** 45.8
- **English:** 60

Retesting policy:

Applicants can take the TEAS test no more than two times in a 6 month period AND must wait a minimum of 30 days before testing a second time AND have a maximum of 3 total attempts.

Curriculum Plan

| Semester I (16 weeks) | Credit Hours | Clock Hours - Lecture | Clock Hours - Lab | Clock Hours - Clinical |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| ENGL 1301: Composition I* | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| MATH 1314: College Algebra* | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| SOCI 1301: Introduction to Sociology* | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| HPRS 2321: Medical Law and Ethics* | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| PSYC 2314: Lifespan Growth & Development* | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>240</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>0</i> |
| Semester II (16 weeks) | Credit Hours | Clock Hours - Lecture | Clock Hours - Lab | Clock Hours - Clinical |
| RNSG 1343: Complex Concepts of Adult Health | 3 | 40 | 16 | 0 |
| RNSG 1262: Complex Adult Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| RNSG 1301: Pharmacology** | 3 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| RNSG 2213: Mental Health Nursing | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| RNSG 2260: Mental Health Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>120</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>192</i> |
| Semester IV (16 weeks) | Credit Hours | Clock Hours - Lecture | Clock Hours - Lab | Clock Hours - Clinical |
| RNSG 2201: Care of Children and Families | 2.5 | 32 | 16 | 0 |
| RNSG 2262: Care of Children and Families Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| RNSG 2208: Maternal/Newborn Nursing & Women's Health | 2.5 | 32 | 16 | 0 |
| RNSG 2263: Maternal/Newborn Nursing & Women's Health Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| RNSG 2207: Adaptation to the Role of the Professional Nurse | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>96</i> | <i>32</i> | <i>192</i> |
| Semester V (16 weeks) | Credit Hours | Clock Hours - Lecture | Clock Hours - Lab | Clock Hours - Clinical |
| RNSG 2331: Advanced Concepts of Adult Health | 3 | 40 | 16 | 0 |
| RNSG 2261: Advanced Concepts Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| RNSG 2230: Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| RNSG 2221: Management of Clinical Care (Capstone) | 2 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| RNSG 2264: Management Clinical | 2 | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| <i>Subtotal</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>104</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>192</i> |

LVNs entering into the RN program (LVN to RN Bridge) will receive credit for four RN courses (RNSG 1413, RNSG 1260, RNSG 1341, & RNSG 1261) for having their LVN license. Because of this, Semester I will be devoted to completing any remaining general education courses before entering into core RN nursing coursework in Semester II.

*General Education Online Courses