

Field of Study Curriculum for Nursing

The following annotated set of courses, totaling 28 semester credit hours (SCH) of fully transferable and applicable lower-division academic courses, and an additional set of Workforce Education (WECM) nursing courses, make up the Field of Study Curriculum for Nursing:

Academic Courses		
Content Area	Number and type of courses	Texas Common Course Numbering System Equivalents
Anatomy & Physiology	2 courses: A&P I with lab and A&P II with lab	BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 only ¹
Microbiology	1 course: Microbiology with lab	BIOL 2420 OR BIOL 2421
Chemistry	1 course: chemistry with lab	Any 4 SCH ACGM course including lab
Nutrition	1 course: Nutrition & Diet Therapy I	HECO 1322 OR BIOL 1322
Psychology	2 courses: General Psychology and Lifespan Growth & Development	PSYC 2301 AND PSYC 2314
Mathematics	1 course: Elementary Statistical Methods	MATH 1342

Nursing Content Courses

NOTE: Lower-division nursing content is offered at community colleges through one of two general types of programs: Blocked or Integrated. Because of the distribution of content, it is extremely difficult to align curricula from one type of program to another. Students who desire to transfer from a program utilizing one type of program into the other type of program should be prepared to make up some content through a “bridge” course or through the repetition of some content within courses. It is recommended that a student make every effort to avoid transferring from one type of program to the other before completing the associate degree in nursing in order not to lose credit.

Lower-division nursing content courses being transferred from a blocked-curriculum program to another blocked-curriculum program should be applied to the degree on a course-for-course substitution basis, in which the course transferred is applied IN LIEU

OF the course at the receiving institution, even if the number of semester credit hours awarded upon the completion of the course varies between the sending and receiving institutions. The same procedure should be used when a student transfers from an integrated-curriculum program into another integrated-curriculum program.

For Nursing Content Courses, CHOOSE EITHER Blocked Curriculum OR Integrated Curriculum BUT NOT BOTH:

BLOCKED CURRICULUM		
Content Area	WECM Course Rubric & Number	SCH Range (Required Clinical Corequisite)
Fundamentals (including Basic Skills)	RNSG 1413/RNSG 1513 (basic skills incorporated) OR RNSG 1413/1513 PLUS RNSG 1105 / 1205 OR RNSG 1209/1309 PLUS RNSG 1105/1205 OR Any equivalent theory/lab combination	2 to 6 SCH
Mental Health	RNSG 2113/2213	1 OR 2 SCH
Obstetrics/Pediatrics	RNSG 1412/1512 OR RNSG 1251 PLUS RNSG 2201 OR RNSG 2208/2308 PLUS RNSG 2201	4 OR 5 SCH
Medical/Surgical Nursing	RNSG 1331/1431 or 1231 PLUS 1232 PLUS RNSG 1347/1447 or 1247 PLUS 1248 OR RNSG 1341/1441 PLUS RNSG 1343/1443 OR EQUIVALENT with OR without RNSG 1144/RNSG 1244	2 to 6 SCH

OR

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM		
Content Area	WECM Course Rubric & Number	SCH Range (Required Clinical Co-requisite)
Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs	RNSG 1423/RNSG 1523 (basic skills incorporated) OR RNSG 1423/1523 PLUS RNSG 1119/1219 OR RNSG 1222 PLUS RNSG 1223 PLUS RNSG 1119/1219	2 to 6 SCH

Integrated Care of the Client with Common Health Care Needs	RNSG 2404/2504 (basic skills incorporated) OR RNSG 2404/2504 PLUS RNSG 11XX/12XX OR RNSG 2203 PLUS RNSG 2204 PLUS RNSG 11XX/12XX	2 to 6 SCH
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The following notes address special circumstances and are also part of the field of study curriculum:

(1) Wherever possible, courses applied to fulfill field of study curriculum requirements should also be used to satisfy requirements in the general academic core curriculum. Generally, the math course, the biology or chemistry course(s), and one psychology course should be able to fulfill requirements in both curricula.

(2) Courses selected for inclusion in the field of study curriculum are those that are common to most baccalaureate nursing programs.

(3) Completion of the field of study curriculum shall not prevent a receiving institution from requiring additional courses/content for specific degree programs.

(4) Students should not be required to repeat courses that they have completed successfully.

(5) The academic courses and the unmodified WECM courses that are included in the Field of Study Curriculum for Nursing should transfer immediately upon approval of the field of study curriculum by the Coordinating Board. New WECM courses and courses that need modification should be accepted in transfer as soon as those modifications have been approved by the WECM Maintenance committee and added to the WECM inventory. Implementation of the complete field of study curriculum should not take more than one calendar year following addition of the new and modified courses to the WECM inventory. New or modified WECM courses will be initiated with entering students. Programs may allow sophomore students to continue with the previous curricula to prevent changing courses in the middle of their programs. Full implementation of new and modified WECM courses must be complete within two years after their addition to the WECM inventory.

[\[1\]](#) Prerequisite courses to BIOL 2401/2402 or the equivalent are not required for the Field of Study Curriculum for Nursing.