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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Second Degree Option (52 semester hours)

The Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and has full approval status from the Texas Board of Nursing. The program is a pre-licensure option for students who already hold a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. Upon approval by the Texas Board of Nursing, graduates of this program will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Academic Major	Hours
Nursing 3108, 3214, 3220, 3304, 3305, 3307, 3309, 3317, 3410, 3414	28
Nursing 4212, 4221, 4302, 4307, 4322, 4325, 4404, 4411	24

Other Requirements

Biology 2420	4
Biology 2323/2123 and 2324/2124 or Health Science Professions 2301/2101 and 2302/2102	8
Chemistry 1306/1106	4
Communication 1315	3
Creative Arts:	
Arts 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, Honors 2302, Music 1306, 1310, 1313, Theatre 1310	3
English 1301, 1302, or 2311	6
Health Science Professions-Nutrition 4315	3
History 1301, 1302	6
Language, Philosophy, and Culture:	
Cultural Competence 2323, English 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2329, 2331, 2341 History 2311, 2312, 2322, Philosophy 1301, 2306	3
Mathematics 1314, 1324, 1332	3
Political Science 2305, 2306	6
Psychology 2301, 2315	3
Psychology 2304	3
Statistics	
Health Science Professions 4337, Mathematics 1342 *, 3321, Psychology 2321	3

In addition, students must have completed a 3-hour research methodology course in their first baccalaureate degree program.

B.S.N. Second Degree Option Full-time Suggested Course Schedule (52 semester hours)

1st Term - Maymester - 4 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 3108	1
Nursing 3305	3

2nd Term - Summer 1- 6 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 3304	3
Nursing 3309	3

3rd Term - Summer II - 6 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 3214	2
Nursing 3414	4
Nursing 3309 (continued from Summer I)	

4th Term - Fall Semester - 15 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 3220	2
Nursing 3307	3
Nursing 3317	3
Nursing 3410	4
Nursing 4307	3

5th Term - Spring Semester - 14 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 4212	2
Nursing 4221	2
Nursing 4302	3
Nursing 4322	3
Nursing 4411	4

6th Term - Summer I - 7 Semester Credit Hours

Nursing 4325	3
Nursing 4404	4

7th Term - Summer II

Nursing 4404 (continued from Summer I)	
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Admission to the Initial Licensure Programs

The student pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (generic or second degree option) must first apply to Angelo State University if not already a university student. Once all requirements for regular University admission are met, the student can apply to the Department of Nursing for admission to the Nursing Program. The application process for the University and the Nursing Department are two separate application processes. Admission to the University does not guarantee admission to either option of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs.

Physical/Mental Performance

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, students must be able to meet and maintain the following performance requirements:

- Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify cyanosis, absence of respiratory movement in patients, and to read small print on medication containers, physician orders, monitors, and equipment calibrations.
- Hearing ability with auditory aids to understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face and to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells from patients, and stethoscope sounds originating from a patient's blood vessels, lungs, and abdomen.
- Nursing students must be able to provide general care including: physical ability to stand for prolonged periods of time, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lift patients, and move from room to room or maneuver in limited spaces.
- Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form. Ability to write legibly and correctly in patient's chart for legal documentation. Students must be able to process and accurately convey information about the patient in a timely manner.
- Manual dexterity to use sterile techniques and insert catheters.

* Mathematics 1342 may be used to fulfill the Mathematics or Statistics requirement but not both.

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- Ability to prepare and administer IV, PO, SQ, and IM medications.
- Ability to function safely under stressful conditions, adapting to ever-changing clinical situations involving patient care.

Eligibility for RN Licensure

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) licenses Registered Nurses in accordance with very strict guidelines. The BON requires that a person complete a nursing education program at an accredited college. Also, the BON has identified certain circumstances that may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas. A person may petition the BON for a declaratory order as to the person's eligibility for license if the person is enrolled or planning to enroll in an educational program that prepares a person for an initial license as a registered nurse. Answering "yes" to any of the following questions will necessitate a person to petition for a Declaratory Order. More information may be found on the BON website.

Have you ever been cited or charged with any violation of the law? Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations). This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, Pls must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations.

- Do you have any criminal charges pending, including unresolved arrests?
- Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
- Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Generic and Second Degree B.S.N. programs are both highly competitive. For a candidate to be considered, a fully completed application packet is due to the Department of Nursing on or before the published deadlines. The Generic B.S.N. application deadlines are February 1st for fall admission OR August 31st for spring admission. The Second Degree B.S.N. application deadline is October 1st.

Applications will not be considered complete and will not be evaluated until all the following required information has been submitted. Submission of documents to the Department of Nursing is the responsibility of the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be considered in the selection process.

Meeting pre-acceptance requirements does not guarantee admission to the Generic or Second Degree B.S.N. programs.

B.S.N. Second Degree Pre-Admission Requirements:

- I. Prospective students must apply to the university before applying to the B.S.N. Second Degree Program. All requirements for regular admission to Angelo State University must be met.
- II. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree.
- III. Completion of, or enrollment in, the following prerequisite courses:
 - A. Biology 2323/2123 - Human Anatomy and lab or Health Science Professions 2301/2101 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and lab.
 - B. Biology 2324/2124 - Human Physiology and lab or Health Science Professions 2302/2102 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II and lab.
 - C. Mathematics core (options: 1332 - Contemporary Mathematics, 1324 - Finite Mathematics or 1314 - College Algebra).
 - D. Psychology 2301 - General Psychology or PSY 2315 - Psychology of Adjustment.
 - E. Psychology 2304 - Developmental Psychology.
 - F. Chemistry 1306/1106 - Chemistry for the Health Professions
 - G. Biology 2420 - Microbiology with lab.
 - H. Health Science Professions 4315 - Nutrition and Dietary Supplementation.
 - I. English 1301 - English Composition.
 - J. English 1302 - Writing across the Curriculum or English 2311 - Introduction to Technical and Business Writing.
 - K. Language, Philosophy and Culture (options: ENGL Literature, PHIL 1301, 2306, CUL 2323, or HIST 2311, 2312, 2322).
 - L. History 1301 - History of the US to 1865.
 - M. History 1302 - History of the US, 1865 to Present.
 - N. Political Science 2305 - Federal Government.
 - O. Political Science 2306 - Texas Government.
 - P. Statistics (options: HSP 4337, MATH 3321, 1342 or PSY 2321).
 - Q. Creative Arts (options: ARTS 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, MUSI 1306, 1310, 1313, TH 1310, or Honors 2302).
 - R. Research Methodology (3 credit hours).
 - S. Communication 1315 - Public Speaking.
- IV. Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (includes all college coursework)
- V. Minimum Math/Science GPA: 3.0 (includes required math and science pre-requisite coursework only).
- VI. All sciences must be within 10 years of the start of the nursing program. Sciences include CHEM 1306/1106, BIOL 2323/2123 and BIOL 2324/2124 or HSP 2301/2101 & HSP 2302/2102, and BIOL 2420.
- VII. Completion of TEAS Examination.

The Department of Nursing requires a Nursing Admissions Assessment test for students applying for any B.S.N. track option. Exam results are used to determine readiness for admission and future success in the nursing program. Students may take and submit results from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS, version V or higher) exam as part of meeting the admission requirements for the program.

Applicants will be allowed a total of two attempts for the TEAS exam, regardless of the number of applications to the nursing program. However, applicants must wait a minimum of 30 days in between attempts and the second attempt must be a different form. Combining scores from both attempts will NOT be considered. Only the most current attempt will be used to consider qualification. Applicants must earn the minimum (see below) subject scores or higher on either the first attempt or if necessary their second attempt to qualify for evaluation for admission.

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TEAS Minimum Requirements: Must make 70% or higher on reading section AND a 70% or higher on math section to qualify for consideration. For qualified candidates, all sections of the TEAS are evaluated and considered during the admission process.

Meeting pre-admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the Second Degree B.S.N. Program.

Additional requirements upon admission to either program include the following:

- Successful completion of federal background check, including fingerprinting, will be required upon admission.
- Drug screening will be conducted upon admission prior to the first clinical learning experience.
- Submission of complete immunization records will be required upon admission.
- Provider-level CPR certification will be required upon admission.
- Documentation of health insurance will be required upon admission.

Selection Process

A number of factors, including the regulatory agencies' requirements, availability of clinical sites, and university resources dictate the number of candidates who can be accepted into the B.S.N. programs. Because the number of applications exceeds the number of candidates that can be accepted into the program, each complete application submitted by the published deadline meeting the above pre-acceptance requirements, will be evaluated by a faculty committee utilizing an objective scoring system. Points are awarded in a number of areas including:

- Non-nursing curriculum course work grade point average (GPA).
- Number of non-nursing semester credit hours completed with a "C" or better.
- 500-600 word Personal Statement addressing the three following questions:
 - How has your life experiences shaped who you are today? Include any activities such as community, volunteer, military, healthcare, etc. that you feel make you a strong candidate.
 - How do you see yourself contributing to the profession of nursing?
 - Why should you be admitted to this program?
- Grades in pre-requisite science courses.
- Number of withdrawals and failures on transcripts.

Technical Requirements

The Department of Nursing at Angelo State University recommends students have high-speed, broadband (cable modem or Digital Subscriber Line) Internet connection. While not required, subscription to a broadband service will improve the speed of delivery. Students taking online courses should have access to a computer that meets the minimum requirements listed in the Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook.

Standards for Progression in the B.S.N. Degree Programs

The following standards must be maintained by each nursing student in order to progress in the Generic or Second Degree Nursing Programs:

- Proof of current health insurance.
- Compliance with all rules and regulations outlined in the Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook and the current Angelo State University Catalog.
- Successful completion of each required nursing course with a grade of "C" or higher.
- An overall grade point average of 2.50 or better on the 4.00 scale.
- Current CPR certification.
- Validation of Texas Department of Health immunization requirements for students enrolled in health related courses must be on file in the departmental office prior to clinical assignments.
- Ability to meet requirements of area health agencies related to criminal background checks and other screenings (e.g. drug) that may be required of specific agencies.
- Demonstration of safe performance in the clinical laboratory at all times.
- Adherence to the Code of Ethics of the American Nurses Association.
- Compliance with all rules and regulations of the current Nurse Practice Act of the State of Texas when in the performance of duties in the Nursing Program.
- Compliance with the Angelo State University Honor Code.
- Compliance with all requirements of the clinical facility while engaged in student clinical experiences. These include, but are not limited to, criminal background checks and drug screening. The student is responsible for all costs associated with these requirements.

Should a nursing student be dismissed for failure to maintain any of these standards, the student may appeal the dismissal to the Dean of the Archer College of Health and Human Services after meeting with the Chair of the Department of Nursing.