

**Texas Woman's University  
College of Nursing**

**Information Packet for the Following 3 Programs: 100% Online RN BS, RN MS,  
and Post Baccalaureate RN MS Programs**

**100% Online RN - BS Nursing Program (major 55221)**

The RN BS program is designed to facilitate educational mobility for registered nurses who wish to earn the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing.

**Admission, Application, and Program Requirements**

The requirements for admission to the RN BS Program are:

- a current license to practice professional nursing in the USA.
- completion of prerequisites prior to the first class day. (Multicultural Women's Studies – 3 hours must be completed prior to graduation).

Although all prerequisites are strongly encouraged to be completed prior to the start of the nursing program, RN BS students may progress on a part time basis while completing a limited number of Texas Core Curriculum prerequisites. This option does not apply to RN's with a prior bachelor's degree and RN's who are "Core Complete" at a college or university in the State of Texas. Please speak with the RN Coordinator if you have questions as to whether this is applicable to you.

Prerequisite courses which may be taken with the first level of nursing courses (Nursing 3643, Nursing 3612, Nursing 3614) include Visual or Performing Arts, Math 1013 - Quantitative Approach to Introductory Mathematics, Sophomore Literature or Philosophy, and the elective. However all prerequisites must be completed to progress beyond Nursing 3643, Nursing 3612, and Nursing 3614.

- admission to the University. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 on a 4.00 scale on all transferable course work is required. The Undergraduate Application to Texas Woman's University is completed online at <http://www.twu.edu>. The required undergraduate university application fee is \$50.00 (\$50.00 for international students). The application will not be processed without receipt of the fee. When applying for the RN BS Program specify your major as Nursing RN to BS and indicate your preference for Denton, Dallas, or Houston (code 55221), and the semester and year you expect to enter.
- send official transcripts for each college and university attended to:
 

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| Student Records Processing |
| Texas Woman's University   |
| P.O. Box 425649            |
| Denton, TX 76204           |
- complete and mail the *Application for Admission to Upper Division Nursing for the College of Nursing – RN BS Program* for the semester which you are seeking admission. There is **no application fee** to the College of Nursing for registered nurses. The College of Nursing mailing addresses are located on the bottom of the application. Application can be found on the RN-BS webpage at <http://www.twu.edu/nursing/rn-bs.asp>

**Upper Division Nursing**

Twenty-eight semester hours of credit will be awarded to those individuals who are licensed to practice professional nursing in the USA as a registered nurse and who have met the criteria for admission to the College of Nursing. Credit is awarded for Nurs 3813 Pharmacology, Nurs 3025 Women's Health and Family Role Competencies, Nurs 3035 Adult Health Competencies I, Nurs 4615 Mental Health Competencies, Nurs 4055 Child Health Competencies, and Nurs 4045 Adult Health Competencies II.

| The following upper division course requirements are taken at TWU: | Hours    |
|--|----------|
| Biol 4344 Pathophysiology  | 4        |
| Nurs 3643 RN Introduction to Baccalaureate Nursing                 | 3        |
| Nurs 3612 Introduction to Nursing Research                         | 2        |
| Nurs 3614 Nursing Assessment                                       | 4        |
| Nurs 3804 RN with Families and Groups                              | 4        |
| Nurs 4612 Aging  | 2        |
| Nurs 4614 Community Health Competencies                            | 4        |
| Nurs 4803 Leadership   | 3        |
| Nurs 4813 RN High Acuity Nursing                                   | 3        |
| Nurs 4823 Competencies in RN Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing   | <u>3</u> |
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### Deadlines

- April 1 for Fall semester entry
- August 1 for Spring semester entry
- February 1 for Summer semester entry

**[Go to the RN-BS web page for complete information and forms:](http://www.twu.edu/nursing/rn-bs.asp)**

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### **RN to MS Program (major 55224)**

The Texas Woman's University College of Nursing offers registered nurses holding an associate degree or diploma from an accredited program an opportunity to enroll in a program leading to a Master of Science with a major in nursing. Students complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree while completing ten semester hours toward a master's degree. After receiving the bachelor's degree, students complete the remaining requirements for the master's degree. The RN to MS program is designed to facilitate educational mobility for those registered nurses who wish to earn both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees with a major in nursing.

### **Admission and Application Process for the RN MS Program**

Admission requirements for the RN-MS Program are the same as for the Master's Program with a major in nursing, with the exception of the requirement for a bachelor's degree. The requirements for admission to the RN MS Program are:

- current unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the USA.
- complete all prerequisites prior to the first class day. (Multicultural Women's Studies – 3 hours must be completed prior to graduation).
- basic statistics course (included in the required prerequisite coursework).
- minimum B average on all prerequisites for admission to the program.
- minimum grade of C in anatomy and physiology and microbiology.
- minimum B average on all required nursing courses for the associate degree or the diploma in nursing.
- complete the equivalent of one year of full-time experience as a registered nurse prior to enrollment in the first clinical course at the master's level.

- submit GRE (verbal and quantitative scores) or MAT scores to Texas Woman's University Student Records. Information on testing can be obtained at <http://www.gre.org/> for the GRE or <http://www.milleranalogies.com/> for the MAT.
- complete both the Undergraduate and Graduate Applications to Texas Woman's University. Both applications are completed online at <http://www.twu.edu>. If both applications are completed at the same time, a fee of \$50.00 (\$50.00 for International Students) is required for processing. If the applications are submitted separately, two fees are required (\$100.00 and \$100.00 for International Students). Be sure to specify on the university applications that you are applying for the RN MS Program (major code 55224), and indicate your preference for Denton, Dallas, or Houston, and the semester and year you expect to begin the program. Do not specify a practitioner track, etc. at this time.
- pay the University application fee when completing the online application. The application will not be processed without receipt of the fee.
- send official transcripts for each college and university attended to:
 

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- complete and mail the *Application for Admission to Upper Division Nursing for the College of Nursing – RN MS Program* to the campus or center where the student wants to be considered for admission. There is **no application fee** to the College of Nursing for registered nurses. The College of Nursing addresses are located on the bottom of the application. Application can be found on the RN-BS webpage at <http://www.twu.edu/nursing/rn-ms.asp>

**Note:** The Undergraduate and Graduate Applications for admission to the University, GRE or MAT scores and all official transcripts should be submitted as far in advance as possible. Please note the deadlines. Your Undergraduate and Graduate Applications will not be processed until all of the above information is received by Student Records.

### Deadlines

- May 1 for Fall semester entry
- September 15 for Spring semester entry
- February 1 for Summer semester entry

Qualified students will be accepted provisionally by the Graduate School into the RN MS Program. Once the bachelor's degree is conferred the student will advance to unconditional admission status in the Graduate School. Students in this program are subject to policies of the College of Nursing Master's Program and Graduate School at Texas Woman's University.

### Upper Division Nursing

Twenty-eight semester hours of credit will be awarded to those individuals who are licensed to practice in Texas as a registered nurse and who have met the criteria for admission to the College of Nursing. Credit is awarded for Nurs 3813 Pharmacology, Nurs 3025 Women's Health and Family Role Competencies, Nurs 3035 Adult Health Competencies I, Nurs 4615 Mental Health Competencies, Nurs 4055 Child Health Competencies, and Nurs 4045 Adult Health Competencies II.

The following upper division course requirements are taken for the Nurse Educator, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Nurse Practitioner Tracks.

|  | Hours |
|--|-------|
| Nurs 3643 RN Introduction to Baccalaureate Nursing | 3     |
| Nurs 3804 RN with Families and Groups              | 4     |
| Nurs 4612 Aging                                    | 2     |

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| Nurs 4614 Community Health Competencies                          | 4        |
| Nurs 4803 Leadership   | 3        |
| Nurs 4813 RN High Acuity Nursing                                 | 3        |
| Nurs 4823 Competencies in RN Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing | <u>3</u> |
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The following graduate courses complete the baccalaureate degree for those tracks:

|                                    |          |
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|                                    | Hours    |
| Biol 5333 Advanced Pathophysiology | 3        |
| Nurs 5023 Research in Nursing      | 3        |
| Nurs 5644 Advanced Assessment      | <u>4</u> |
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Upon receipt of the baccalaureate degree the student will complete additional graduate course work in the clinical specialty of choice. Contact the Houston RN MS Coordinator for information and course progression on the Nursing/Health Systems Management Track. Please see the College of Nursing web pages for complete information on the [Master's Program](#).

### Prerequisite Courses for the RN BS or RN MS Programs

To be eligible for admission to the RN BS or the RN MS Programs, the registered nurse must complete the required prerequisites. The prerequisites must be completed prior to the first class day. The prerequisites do not have to be completed at the time of application to the University and the College of Nursing.

| Prerequisite Courses  | Hours    |
|---|----------|
| Eng 1013 Composition I  | 3        |
| Eng 1023 Composition II   | 3        |
| Literature or Philosophy  | 3        |
| <b>History 1013 History of the United States, 1492 – 1865</b>         | 3        |
| <b>History 1023 History of the United States, 1865 to the Present</b> | 3        |
| <b>Gov 2013 U.S. National Government</b>                              | 3        |
| <b>Gov 2023 Texas Government</b>                                      | 3        |
| Psy 1013 Introduction to General Psychology                           | 3        |
| <b>Psy 1603 Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)</b>                   | 3        |
| Math 1013 Quantitative Approach to Introductory Mathematics           | 3        |
| <b>Math 1703 Statistics</b>   | 3        |
| <b>NFS 2323 Introduction to Nutrition</b>                             | 3        |
| <b>Chemistry with lab</b>   | 4        |
| <b>Bact 1001 and 1003 Microbiology and Lab</b>                        | 4        |
| <b>Zool 2011 and 2013 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab</b>       | 4        |
| <b>Zool 2021 and 2023 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab</b>       | 4        |
| *Multicultural Women's Studies  | 3        |
| Visual or Performing Arts   | 3        |
| Elective  | <u>2</u> |
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\*Course may be taken before or after admission to upper division nursing courses.

**Bold denotes TWU Nursing Core Curriculum**

### Core Curriculum Transfer Policy

The TWU Academic Affairs, Core Curriculum web site provides a listing of courses approved for Core Curriculum. In accordance with the Texas Education Code, students who have satisfactorily completed a 42 hour core curriculum at an institution of higher learning in Texas are not required to complete the core curriculum at TWU.

### Core Competencies

According to the TWU General Catalog 2009 – 2011 (page 73), each student must pass a 1) computer science course (CSCI 1403 or CSCI 2433) or a competency examination in computer literacy, and 2) a speech course (SPCH 1013, BUS 3513, or DRAM 3493) or document successful completion of two or more evaluated oral

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presentations. Students are encouraged to complete these requirements prior to enrolling in the nursing program. Information about the computer requirement may be found at [http://www.twu.edu/mtsc/computer\\_science\\_literacy\\_exam.htm](http://www.twu.edu/mtsc/computer_science_literacy_exam.htm).

### **Registered Nurses who are Core Complete in the State of Texas and RN's with a Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing major**

Registered nurses who have completed a 42 hour core curriculum at an institution of higher learning in Texas (community college or state supported university) are not required to complete the core curriculum at TWU or the core competencies (speech and computer). Courses that have been previously successfully completed do not have to be repeated. The following prerequisites are required:

| <b>Prerequisite Courses</b>   | <b>Hours</b> |
|---|--------------|
| <b>History 1013 History of the United States, 1492 – 1865</b>         | 3            |
| <b>History 1023 History of the United States, 1865 to the Present</b> | 3            |
| <b>Gov 2013 U.S. National Government</b>                              | 3            |
| <b>Gov 2023 Texas Government</b>                                      | 3            |
| <b>Psy 1603 Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)</b>                   | 3            |
| <b>Math 1703 Statistics</b>   | 3            |
| <b>NFS 2323 Introduction to Nutrition</b>                             | 3            |
| <b>Chemistry with lab</b>   | 4            |
| <b>Bact 1001 and 1003 Microbiology and Lab</b>                        | 4            |
| <b>Zool 2011 and 2013 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab</b>       | 4            |
| <b>Zool 2021 and 2023 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab</b>       | <u>4</u>     |
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**[Go to the RN-MS web page for complete information and forms:](http://www.twu.edu/nursing/rn-ms.asp)**  
**<http://www.twu.edu/nursing/rn-ms.asp>**

### **Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program (major 55223)**

The Texas Woman's University College of Nursing offers registered nurses holding an associate degree or diploma from a nationally accredited program and an earned bachelor's in another field an opportunity to enroll in a program leading to a Master of Science degree with a major in nursing. Various specialty tracks are offered in advanced practice, nurse educator, and nursing administration.

Students accepted into the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program complete 10 to 15 semester hours of identified undergraduate coursework and 10 to 13 hours of graduate course work before progressing to unconditional admission to the graduate program. Students do not receive a Bachelor of Science degree. This program allows the student to begin the Master's Program after two semesters with 10 – 13 graduate hours completed. Students may elect to complete the program on a part-time basis.

Qualified students will be accepted provisionally by the Graduate School into the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program. Once the 10 to 15 hours of identified undergraduate coursework and 10 to 13 hours of graduate course work are completed (dependent on the specialty track selected) the student will advance to unconditional admission status in the Graduate School. Students in this program are subject to policies of the College of Nursing Master's Program and Graduate School at Texas Woman's University.

## Admission and Application Process for the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program

Admission requirements for the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program are the same as for the Master's Degree Program in nursing, with the exception of the requirement for a bachelor's degree in nursing. The requirements for admission to the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program are:

- non nursing bachelor degree from an accredited college or university.
- current unencumbered license to practice professional nursing in the USA.
- completion of all prerequisites prior to the first class day.
- basic statistics course (included in the required prerequisite coursework).
- minimum B average in all prerequisite courses required for admission to the program.
- minimum grade of C in anatomy and physiology and microbiology.
- minimum B average in all required nursing courses for the associate degree or the diploma in nursing.
- complete the equivalent of one year full-time experience as a registered nurse prior to enrollment in the first clinical course at the master's level.
- submit GRE (verbal and quantitative scores) or MAT scores to Texas Woman's University Student Records. Information on testing can be obtained at <http://www.gre.org/> for the GRE or <http://www.milleralogies.com/> for the MAT.
- complete the Graduate Application to Texas Woman's University. The application is completed online at <http://www.twu.edu>. The required Graduate Application fee of \$50.00 (\$50.00 for International Students) is required for processing. Be sure to specify on the Graduate Application that you are applying for the RN MS Post Bacc (major code 55223), desired date of entry, and indicate your preference for Denton, Dallas, or Houston. Do not specify a practitioner track, etc. at this time.
- pay the University application fee when completing the online application. The application will not be processed without receipt of the fee.
- send official transcripts for each college and university attended to:
 

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**Note:** The Graduate Application for admission to the University, GRE or MAT scores and all official transcripts should be submitted as far in advance as possible. Please note the deadlines. Your file for admission will not be processed until all of the above information is received by Student Records.

## Deadlines

- May 1 for Fall semester entry
- September 15 for Spring semester entry
- February 1 for Summer semester entry

## Prerequisite Courses for Admission into the Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program

The following prerequisite courses are required:

| Prerequisite Courses                                     | Semester Hours |
|--|----------------|
| Psy 1603 Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)             | 3              |
| Math 1703 Statistics                                     | 3              |
| NFS 2323 Introduction to Nutrition                       | 3              |
| Chemistry with lab                                       | 4              |
| Bact 1001 and 1003 Microbiology and Lab                  | 4              |
| Zool 2011 and 2013 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab | 4              |
| Zool 2021 and 2023 Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab | 4              |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b>                              | <b>25</b>      |

## Upper Division Nursing

### Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program by Tracks Offered

| Nurse Educator | Nurse Practitioner/CNS | Nursing Systems/Health Systems Management and Minor in HCA |
|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Nurs 3643      | Nurs 3643              | Nurs 3614  |
| Nurs 4614      | Nurs 4614              | Nurs 3643  |
| Nurs 4803      | Nurs 4803              | Nurs 4614  |
| Biol 5333      | Biol 5333              | Biol 4344  |
| Nurs 5023      | Nurs 5023              | Nurs 5023  |
| Nurs 5644      | Nurs 5644              | Nurs 5544  |
|                |                        | Nurs 5013  |
|                |                        | HCA 5223   |

Total 20 semester hours with 27 additional semester hours of graduate coursework to complete the Master's degree.

Total 20 semester hours with 26 – 29 additional semester hours of graduate coursework to complete the Master's degree.

Total 28 semester hours with 29 additional semester hours of graduate coursework to complete the Master's degree.

A Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing will NOT be granted in this program.

**Go to the Post Bacc RN-MS web page for complete information:**

<http://www.twu.edu/nursing/post-baccalaureate-rn-ms.asp>

## Advanced Placement – Nursing Courses Which May Be Challenged

All students in the RN to BS, RN to MS and Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program are eligible to challenge the undergraduate nursing courses. Advanced placement through the challenge examination process offers the registered nurse the opportunity to challenge courses for which the student has gained knowledge through continuing education, life experiences, or academic course work.

The following courses may be challenged by students who are officially enrolled in the course and complete the challenge exam during the first week of the semester.

Nurs 3612: Introduction to Nursing Research\*  
 Nurs 3614: Nursing Assessment Across the Life Span\*  
 Nurs 3804: RN with Families and Groups  
 Nurs 4612: Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family  
 Nurs 4803: The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience  
 Nurs 4813: RN High Acuity Nursing

\*Course may not be available for challenge for the RN-MS or Post Baccalaureate RN MS student. These programs, dependent on the track selected, may require NURS 5023 and NURS 5644.

The RN-BS/MS Programs are offered at the University's main campus in Denton and at the Dallas and Houston Centers.

### [Dallas Center](#)

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 or  
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### [Houston Center](#)

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