

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

**Advanced Placement for RN BS Program, RN MS Program,
and Post Baccalaureate RN MS Program**

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.

Advanced Placement – Nursing Courses Which May Be Challenged

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

The course faculty will provide access to the course syllabus and exam review sheet once an application to challenge has been received. The syllabus and review sheet should be received by the RN one month prior to the start of the semester allowing time for the RN to be successful in the challenge exam.

*Course not available for challenge for the RN-MS or Post Baccalaureate RN MS student. Degree plans for these programs require NURS 5023 and NURS 5644.

The Challenge Examination

The challenge exam may include a

1. comprehensive exam (multiple choice, matching, true and false, short answer and/or essay questions).
2. demonstration of a desired skill or skills.
3. written case study report.
4. scholarly paper.

College of Nursing Grading Scale

A score of 72% (out of a possible 100%) on the examination is required to receive a passing grade in the course. Students who score 72 and above will receive the grade made on the challenge examination at the end of the semester. The letter grade will be as follows:

Percent Score	Letter Grade
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
72 – 79	C

Students may take the challenge examination only one time. Students who score less than 72 on the examination will be required to take and complete the course in the semester in which they are enrolled. Students who choose not to continue in the course will need to withdraw from the course prior to the last day to drop without penalty (see [academic calendar](#)). If the student withdraws after the last day to drop without penalty, the grade of “WF” is assigned and is subject to the College of Nursing Academic Policies.

Option to Continue in the Course

A student who passes the challenge examination and wishes to take the course in hopes of receiving a higher grade may do so in the same semester of the challenge exam. Students electing this option must submit a signed statement of intent to continue in the course to the course faculty within a week following the notification of the challenge examination grade. Failure to submit this written intent on time will forfeit the student's right to continue in the course. Students electing to continue in the course will receive the grade earned and not the grade made on the challenge exam. If during the semester the student decides not to continue in the course, the student will receive the grade earned on the challenge examination.

Students with Disabilities

If you anticipate the need for reasonable accommodations to meet the requirements of this course, you must register with the office of Disability Support Services (CFO 106, 940-898-3835, dss@twu.edu) in order to obtain the required official notification of your accommodation needs. Please plan to meet with me by appointment or during office hours to discuss approved accommodations and how my course requirements and activities may impact your ability to fully participate.

Application Deadlines to Course Faculty

To challenge a course, you must mail in the application form to the course faculty by the deadline. The mailing address is located on the bottom of the application.

Fall Semester Challenge	July 15 th
Spring Semester Challenge	November 15 th
Summer Semester Challenge	April 15 th

Application for Advanced Placement

See attached