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PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- 1. Practice nursing in a professional, ethical, and legal manner.
- Analyze comprehensive patient assessment data and make complex and prioritized clinical decisions utilizing the nursing process.
- 3. Provide a safe environment for clients, self, and others.
- Practice nursing that is client centered, caring, culturally sensitive and based on the physiological, psychosocial and spiritual needs of clients.
- Integrate information technology resources into the provision of client care.
- Provide health-related education to restore health and promote optimal wellness.
- Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care to promote continuity of client care.
- Use leadership skills in the management of safe, quality client care. Promote quality improvement by participating in the implementation of care-related plans to improve health care services.

Master of Science in Nursing

- Analyze and apply multidisciplinary research and evidence to healthcare issues and the promotion of evidence-based practice.
- Apply the nursing research process to appraise existing knowledge and to the development of new knowledge and the promotion of evidence-based practice.
- 3. Disseminate nursing knowledge to a multidisciplinary team within the health care system to improve health care safety and quality outcomes for individuals, families and communities.
- Promote care and service that acknowledges and respects the diversity among individuals and groups.
- 5. Apply leadership principles to promote positive change in health care and policy on local, state, national and global levels.
- Develop effective strategies to address the ethical issues inherent in clinical practice, education, and research.
- Use information systems and technology to implement quality improvement initiatives and support decision-making.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Majors: B.S.N. Nursing

R.N. to B.S.N. Nursing

Master: M.S.N. Nursing

Nursing/Business-M.S.N./M.B.A. (See Graduate Catalog for more information)

Pre-Professional: Pre-Nursing

GENERAL INFORMATION

History

The SWOSU Division of Nursing was established in 1976 under the Department of Biological Sciences. The program was the first rural baccalaureate nursing program in Oklahoma. With growth and expansion, the Division of Nursing was integrated into the School of Health Sciences in 1978, along with the School of Pharmacy and the Division of Allied Health. In 2003 as part of University reorganization, the Division of Nursing became the School of Nursing and was placed under the newly created College of Professional and Graduate Studies.

Accreditation/Memberships

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) and is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. It also is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Council of Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs of the National League for Nursing.

Instructional Resources

Qualified faculty engage in teaching, research, community service, clinical practice and consultation, and offer a quality instructional program. Formal lectures, seminars, small group discussions, guest lecturers, computer-assisted instruction, laboratory demonstration/practice, and scheduled clinical experiences are the methods of instruction utilized to insure the student of a high quality instructional program.

Instructional facilities are varied in order to enhance learning experiences. Among those utilized are Weatherford Regional Hospital; Alliance Health, Clinton; Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City; St. Anthony Hospital, OU Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Integris Southwest Medical Center, and Mercy, Oklahoma City; Headstart Programs, day care, and senior citizen centers; area health departments, schools, home health care agencies, and other sites.

Financial Information

Financing the professional nursing program is the responsibility of the student. Application for financial aid is through the Office of Student Financial Services. Additional sources of financial aid are available after the student is accepted into the major.

Fees and Charges

The following fees and charges are the financial responsibility of the student:

Travel/Transportation: Travel and transportation to all learning sites.

Uniforms: Uniforms and other equipment as necessary for clinical practicum.

Immunizations/Screenings: Certain immunizations and screenings are required for clinical courses.

Admissions to Pre-Professional Component

The pre-nursing program at SWOSU is open to registered nurses seeking a B.S.N. and high school graduates and college transfer students who have not completed the pre-nursing curriculum for the baccalaureate degree in nursing. All students must qualify for admission to the University before entry into the pre-nursing curriculum.

Regulations concerning admission and credit transfer to Southwestern Oklahoma State University are listed elsewhere in this catalog or may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

Admission to the Professional Nursing Component Non-Registered Nurse Students

Students are admitted to the professional component of the nursing major each fall term. Satisfactory completion of all preprofessional requirements to the nursing major is required of all generic (non-R.N.) students before consideration for admittance to the upper level. Certain pre-professional and general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A listing of these courses is available from the Department of Nursing. A retention grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) is required for consideration for admission to the professional component. Application forms are available each December from the Department of Nursing. The application deadline is the first Monday of February. The student will receive official notification regarding acceptance by the end of the spring semester.

Application and Selection

The faculty of the Department of Nursing establish the operating policies and methods of applicant selection.

The Admissions Committee relies heavily on objective criteria such as quality and consistency of academic performance. Preprofessional requirements, admission testing results, and GPA are among the factors considered.

The Department of Nursing selects the best-qualified students. High motivation, scholastic excellence, and interest in and for a progressive nursing profession are perceived as desirable characteristics for future members of a health care team. The number of applicants accepted will reflect the appropriate student-faculty ratio to meet the program goals and the availability of appropriate clinical resources.

Advanced Standing Examinations (Pre-Professional)

Advanced standing examinations are a means by which a student may receive credit for certain courses by examination. Advanced Standing Examinations and College Level Examinations Program (CLEP) tests are available for challenge of some courses in the prenursing curriculum. No more than 31 hours in the lower division may be challenged and applied toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Registered Nurse Students

Southwestern Oklahoma State University admits registered nurses (R.N.'s) from either diploma or associate degrees in nursing programs who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The R.N. student may receive credit through advanced standing for 31 hours of upper division nursing coursework. Advanced standing is accomplished through articulation under the statewide articulation plan. All R.N. students must meet University admission requirements. Faculty believe the R.N. student has demonstrated adequate knowledge of pre-professional coursework to obtain either an associate degree or a diploma in nursing. Therefore, the faculty believe that the R.N. student need not be constrained by the prescriptive schedule designed for the generic student. The R.N. student's education may therefore be facilitated by allowing the student to take pre-professional courses at any time and in any sequence prior to graduation.

Application and Selection (R.N. to B.S.N.)

The registered nurse student may make application for admission to the Nursing program any time after official admission to the University. Criteria for admission to the nursing R.N. to B.S.N. program include a retention GPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) for all previous college/university work and a current nursing license as a registered nurse. Applicants for the R.N. to B.S.N. program with permanent residences other than Oklahoma must contact the Department of Nursing to determine eligibility. The procedure for admission to the Nursing program and the application deadlines are available from the Department of Nursing.

Preference of non-nurse applicants is given in the selection process to Oklahoma residents who have completed their Pre-Nursing course requirements at SWOSU; Oklahoma residents completing their Pre-Nursing course requirements at other universities and colleges; and other citizens and permanent residents of the United States who have completed their Pre-Nursing course requirements at SWOSU.

After acceptance into the Nursing program, the student plans the completion of the B.S. in Nursing degree with an assigned nursing faculty advisor. R.N.'s may take pre-professional courses in any sequence. Upper division nursing courses can be taken in any sequence with the exception of NURS-4603 Bridging Nursing Paradigms, which must be taken the first semester of nursing course work and NURS-4693 Issues and Concepts for Professional Nursing which must be taken in the final semester of nursing course work. A grade of "C" must be achieved in certain pre-professional courses. The R.N. must complete the degree within five (5) years following acceptance into the Nursing program. All R.N. to B.S.N. students attend class sections open to registered

nurses only. All courses are taught online and are designed specifically for the R.N. returning for a baccalaureate degree.

Application and Selection (M.S.N.)

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program is for nurses who have graduated with a bachelor's degree or diploma from an accredited nursing program (CCNE, CNEA, or ACEN, formerly NLNAC), or those who are in the last semester of their BSN degree. To verify that your program is ACEN accredited, please visit their website at http://www.acenursing.net/. To verify CCNE accreditation, go to http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccneaccreditation/accredited-programs. To verify CNEA accreditation, go to http://www.nln.org/accreditation-services/nln-cnea-accredited-programs. Applicants who do not reside in Oklahoma should first ensure that they are a resident of a SARA-approved state: http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions

All MSN students must meet University admission and Graduate admission requirements. The MSN curriculum builds upon previous nursing and general education coursework. The program is designed to support educational mobility and to strengthen professional growth and leadership abilities of nurses who already have a foundation in the profession.

Application to the nursing program may be made at any time after official admission University: to the http://www.swosu.edu/admissions/apply. Criteria for admission to the nursing BSN to MSN program include a retention GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for all previous college/university work. Prospective students must possess a registered nursing license or obtain one within their first semester of coursework. Applications by those who are in their last semester of Bachelor's Degree nursing programs are welcomed, however, students must submit proof of licensure prior to application or within their first semester of coursework. Qualified applicants are admitted to the program on date of completed and approved application. Applications will be retained only for the application cycle in which they were initiated. For example, students who apply for spring admission, but who does not complete the process and enroll for spring or notify the school in writing of their wish to defer admission to summer, would need to make a new application to be considered for future admission. Please note the application must be completed and the applicant must be enrolled by the deadline, or the applicant may not attend classes until the next semester.

After acceptance into the nursing program, the student will be assigned a faculty advisor, who will contact the student to develop a plan of study for program completion. The student must complete the MSN degree within five (5) years after beginning the nursing program.

Retention and Promotion of a Student in Nursing

- Retention of a nursing student in good standing is dependent upon:
 - Maintenance of a retention grade point average of 2.00 or better.
 - b. Maintenance of a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better in nursing courses.
 - c. Earning a "C" or better in each prerequisite.
 - d. Earning a "C" or better in each nursing course.
- 2. In order for a student to receive a passing grade in any nursing course, the student must receive a "C" or better in both clinical/laboratory experience and theory. If the clinical/laboratory experience takes place in more than one facility, there must be a passing grade ("C" or better) for the student's performance at each facility.

3. Policy concerning promotion: If at the end of a semester, a student fails to maintain a retention grade point average of 2.00 AND a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in all nursing courses, the student will be placed on academic probation. (See the Department of Nursing Student Handbook regarding details of retention and promotion.)

Advisement

Each student enrolled in pre-nursing and/or the professional component is assigned a faculty advisor. The faculty advisor assists the student in developing, following, and updating, as necessary, the individual curriculum plan for each student. The student, however, has final responsibility for adherence to curriculum requirements.

Requirements for Graduation

Each student must meet University requirements for a bachelor's degree. The minimum number of credit hours required for graduation is 124 semester hours, the last 30 hours of which must have been completed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Each M.S.N. student must meet University requirements for a master's degree. The number of credit hours required for an M.S.N. in any of the three tracks is 33 hours. All hours must have been completed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Requirements for Licensure to Practice Profession

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Nursing is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year.

Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

- A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
- A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States:
- 3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
- 4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
- 5. Approved deferred action status; or
- A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony convictions. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

Careers in Nursing

Since health care delivery is constantly changing, the role of the nurse in the delivery of health care continues to change. Emphasis in nursing is placed on the changing role of the professional nurse. Men and women who enter the nursing profession have numerous opportunities as generalists in a variety of settings, as well as have a foundation to continue in graduate education for specialized areas of nursing.

Careers in nursing cover many diversified areas. Nurses today work with many different individuals and groups, such as, infants, children, adults, and the elderly in a variety of settings including hospitals, communities, schools, homes, clinics, industry, prisons and military installations, both home and abroad.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

	GENE	RAL EDUCATION (Min. 40 hours)	GE Elective0-3
Courses t	hat are	required. Courses that are recommended.	Students who meet the computer proficiency by exam or HS course
		9	must choose an additional GE course from any category.
ENGL	1113	English Composition I	
ENGL	1213	English Composition II	REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GRADUATION
COMM		Introduction to Public Speaking OR	Minimum credit hours for graduation124
TECH	3143	Technical Presentations (if permitted by degree	Minimum credit hours in the liberal arts & sciences
		program)	Minimum credit hours in upper-division
Quantitat	tive Rea	soning3	(3000/4000 courses)40
Select one	course t	rom the three that are bolded.	Minimum credit hours (3000/4000 courses)
MATH	-	Mathematical Concepts	in major completed at SWOSU8
MATH		Mathematical Applications	Minimum credit hours at SWOSU (15 of the last 30)30
MATH		Elementary Statistics	Minimum Grade Point Average in all coursework2.00
MATH		Functions and Modeling	Minimum Grade Point Average in major2.00
MATH		College Algebra	
		numbered math course	NURSING MAJOR
	_		(NURS.BSN) (Old Code No. 502)
	-	3	
Select one		W.C. W	Pre-Professional Requirements24
HIST		U.S. History to 1877	ALHLT 2453 Medical Terminology*
HIST		U.S. History since 1877	ALHLT 4355 Microbiology w/Lab*
Americar	ı Gover	nment3	BIOL 3704 Human Anatomy w/Lab*
POLSC	1103	American Government & Politics	BIOL 3904 Human Physiology w/Lab*
Science		7-8	NURS 2212 Introduction to Professional Nursing*
		rom Life Science and one course from Physical	PSYCH 2433 Psychological Statistics*
		ce course must be a lab science.	OR ALHLT 3043 Health Statistics w/Lab*
		4	OR any 3 credit hour statistics course*
BIOL		Biological Concepts w/Lab	PSYCH 3213 Developmental Psychology or a lifespan
BIOL		Current Issues in Biology	growth and development course*
BIOL		Principles of Biology I w/Lab	Professional Requirements60
		,	MAJOR PROFESSIONAL
-		e4	NURS 3126 Community Nursing*
		Astronomy	NURS 3126 Community Nursing Clinical*
CHEM		General Chemistry w/Lab	NURS 3156 Fundamentals of Nursing*
GEOL		Physical Geology w/Lab	NURS 3156L Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical*
PHY		Basic Physics I w/Lab	NURS 3236 Acute and Chronic Care I*
PHY	1063	General Physics (or a higher numbered	
		chemistry or physics course)	
SCI		Concepts of Physical Science Lab	NURS 3256 Child Health Nursing*
SCI	1513	Conc of Phy Science (can be taken w/wo lab)	NURS 3256L Child Health Nursing Clinical*
Humaniti	ies and	Social Science12	NURS 3273 Nursing Research*
		rom each sub-category and one additional course	NURS 3283 Pharmacology*
		ory below.	NURS 4143 Challenges Nurses in Today's HC Systems*
	_	3	NURS 4286 Nursing Leadership* NURS 4286L Nursing Leadership Clinical*
GEOG		World Cultural Geography	NURS 4286L Nursing Leadership Clinical* NURS 4346 Acute and Chronic Care II*
HIST		B World History	
HUM		Introduction to Humanities	
		3	NURS 4356 Family Health*
ART	1223		NURS 4356L Family Health Clinical*
COMM	1263		NURS 4376 Psychosocial Nursing*
LIT	2333		NURS 4376L Psychosocial Nursing Clinical*
LIT	2413		NURS 4383 Personal Health Promotion of the Nurse*
MUSIC	1013		NURS 4383L Personal Hlth Promotion of Nurse Clinical*
MUSIC	1103		Total Hours124
MUSIC	1123		R.N. to B.S.N. pre-professional and professional requirements will vary from
PHILO	1453	•	traditional student requirements. R.N.'s should contact the Department of
		nan Sciences3	Nursing for course substitutions/transfer information.
ASL	2163		R.N. to B.S.N.
ECONO			(NURSR.BSN) (Old Code No. 504)
ECONO			(NORSK.DSN) (Old Code No. 304)
ENTRP			Courses may be taken in any sequence unless otherwise indicated
FINAN	2113		R.N. to B.S.N. Pre-Professional Requirements21-22
		8	ALHLT 2453 Medical Terminology
ITAL	1004		ALHLT 4355 Microbiology
KINES	1133	* *	BIOL 3704 Human Anatomy
LATIN PSYCH	1054 100 :	, , ,	BIOL 3904 Human Physiology
			PSYCH 2433 Psychological Statistics
SOCIO	1003	65	OR ALHLT 3043 Health Statistics
SPAN	1054		OR NURS 4502 Statistics for Nursing Research
TECH	1223	B Technology and Society	OR any 3 credit hour statistics course
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COMSC 1	023 Con	nputers and Info Access, or a department-assigned	(continuou on none page)
		sfies the Computer Proficiency in the major, or the	
SWOSU P	roficien	cy Exam, or HS course clearly defined to meet our	

PSYCH 3213 Developmental Psychology OR a lifespan growth and development course

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Free Electives3			
Articulation credits			
Professional Requirem	nents R.N. to B.S.N. Students30		
NURS 4603	Bridging Nursing Paradigms†		
NURS 4613	Evidence-Based Practice		
NURS 4623	Wellness Through Health Promotion		
NURS 4633	Ethics and Caring		
NURS 4643	Theory and Practice Elective		
NURS 4653	Nursing Informatics		
NURS 4663	Comm Nrsng Across the Hlth Continuum		
NURS 4673	Contemporary Nursing Leadership		
NURS 4683	Advanced Physical Assessment		
NURS 4693	Issues & Concepts for Prof Nursing‡		
Total Hours	124		

^{*}A grade of C or better is required in these courses †Must be taken first semester of nursing coursework ‡Must be taken last semester of nursing coursework

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FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
1051 SWOSUConnect* (1)	1004 General Chem w/Lab (4)
1003 General Psychology (3)	1023 Comp/Info Access (3)
1004 Biological Concepts w/Lab (4)	1213 English Comp II (3)
1043 or 1053 U.S. History (3)	2453 Medical Terminology (3)
1113 English Comp I (3)	xxx3 Humanities Course (3)
Quantitative Reasoning Course (3)	
Total (17)	Total (16)

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
1033 World History (3)	2212 Intro to Nursing (2)
1103 American Gov & Politics (3)	3213 Developmental Psych (3)
1103 Intro to Humanities	3704 Human Phys w/Lab (4)
OR 1033 World History (3)	4355 Microbiology w/Lab (5)
2433 Psych Stats	xxxx Elective (2-3)
OR 3043 Health Stats (3)	
3704 Human Anatomy w/Lab (4)	
Total (16)	Total (16-17)

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
3126 Community Nursing (6) 3156 Fundamentals of Nursing (6) 3283 Pharmacology (3)	3236 Acute and Chronic Care (6) 3256 Child Health Nursing (6) 3273 Nursing Research (3)
Total (15)	Total (15)

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
4143 Challenges Nurses in Today's HC Systems (3) 4346 Acute & Chronic Care II (6) 4356 Family Health (6)	4286 Nursing Leadership (6) 4376 Psychosocial Nursing (6) 4383 Personal Health Promotion of the Nurse (3)
Total (15)	Total (15)

^{*}First time entering SWOSU students need to take 1051 SWOSUConnect.