

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY



ROBERT E. SMITH
SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Accredited by the National Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and by the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WEB-ENHANCED PROGRAM

Full-time Study - 5 semesters ■ Part-time Study Available

Students applying to this program are not yet nurses. Graduates of this program are prepared to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam and function as a registered nurse upon successful completion of the exam.

VISION

Robert E. Smith School of Nursing...Transforming Healthcare in the Mississippi Delta and beyond...one exceptional nurse at a time!

MISSION

The mission of the Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing is to transform healthcare in the Mississippi Delta and beyond by preparing graduates to be nurse leaders at the baccalaureate, master, and doctoral levels through excellence in education, evidence-based research, interprofessional practice, practice, and multidimensional partnerships in a diverse society.

ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at Delta State University Robert E. Smith School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036, (202)887-6791

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Robert E. Smith School of Nursing combines study in the liberal arts, life sciences and Behavioral sciences with the study of nursing to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The purposes of the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing are to prepare practitioners of nursing to meet the health care needs of the people of Mississippi and to provide a foundation in the study of nursing sufficient to support advanced study should the student elect to continue an education beyond the baccalaureate level. Students who receive the BSN from Delta State are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as registered nurses (RN).

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Delta State University is committed to a policy of equal employment and educational opportunity. Delta State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the University.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE GENERIC BSN:

Qualified students are admitted to the school each Fall semester.

Admission is competitive.

1. Apply to Delta State University and meet admission requirements as outlined in the Delta State University Undergraduate Bulletin.
2. Earn an ACT composite score of 21 (18 if taken prior to October, 1989).
3. Make a grade of "C" or better in all non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses. Any course receiving a score less than a "C" may be repeated only once to remain competitive in admission selection process.
4. Complete **all** non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses as outlined in the Delta State University Undergraduate Bulletin or this brochure with a 2.5 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale.
5. Complete a scheduled Admission Assessment Exam with an overall score of 80. This exam can be taken twice in an admission cycle.**
6. Submit the following information to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing by **March 1** prior to the first semester in which nursing courses begin.
 - A. Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Baccalaureate Program application.
 - B. American College Test (ACT) score.
 - C. Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. A student entering the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing wanting to receive credit for prior nursing course(s) from another program must submit a request and credit be negotiated before admission to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing and not after the student is enrolled.
 - D. Three current (<1 year) letters of professional/academic reference (at least one must be academic) using the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing forms and criteria.
 - E. Progress report of academic standing for any required courses in progress at date of application.

****Exceptions to the noted admission requirements may be considered by the Undergraduate Nursing Program Committee.**
7. Prior to enrollment in the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing, students must comply with Mississippi Legislative statues and regulations regarding criminal background checks by having fingerprints taken at an approved health care agency (not a police or sheriff's department) and a criminal background check completed. Any cost of this requirement will be the student's responsibility.
8. After being accepted for admission, each student will be required to submit a completed health and immunization form provided by the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing, evidence of personal health insurance, and American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare provider certification.

NON-NURSING (PRE-REQUISITE) SUPPORT COURSES**All non-nursing (pre-requisite) support courses must be passed with a "C" or better**

COURSE	SEM. HRS.
BIO 230 Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIO 231 Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIO 217 Microbiology	4
CIS 205 Microcomputer Applications	3
COM 101 Public Speaking	3
ENG 101 English Composition	3
ENG 102 English Composition	3
FCS 345 Nutrition	3
Fine Arts Elective (ART 101, 212, 401, 402; MUS 114, 115, 116; THE 225)	3
History Elective (100 or 200 level)	3
Human Dev./Behavioral Sci. Elective (PSY 307, 313, 403; FCS 326; CEL 300)	3
Literature	3
MAT 104 College Algebra	3
PSY 101 General Psychology	3
SOC 101 Principles of Sociology	3
Humanities Elective (Additional Fine Art Elective; Additional History; Additional Literature; or Introduction to Philosophy)	3
Statistics (MAT 300; PSY 331)	3
BIO 100 Principles of Biology (Prerequisite for BIO 230, 231, 217 at Delta State)	4
CHE 101 and CHE 103 (Prerequisite for BIO 230, 231, and 217 at Delta State)	5

*To meet graduation requirements, students must also satisfy a Writing Proficiency requirement which may be achieved by any one of the following:

- A. A score of 3 or higher on the CAAP Writing Essay Examination **OR**
- B. A passing score on the writing examination required for education licensure **OR**
- C. ENG 300 (Students who receive a grade of No Credit may not take it again) **OR**
- D. ENG 301 (with a "C" or better) **OR**
- E. A score of 3.5 or higher on the writing portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

BSN Full-time Plan of Study

Junior 1 – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 302 Fundamentals of Client Care	3
NUR 332 Fundamentals of Client Care Practicum	3
NUR 303 Health Assessment	3
NUR 333 Health Assessment Practicum	1
NUR 312 Basic Pathophysiology	3
NUR 313 Communications in Nursing	2
Junior 2 – Spring Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 304 Pharmacology	3
NUR 305 Nursing the Adult Client I	4
NUR 335 Nursing the Adult Client I Practicum	3
NUR 314 Health Policy & Ethical Decision Making	3
NUR 320 Nursing Informatics	3
Junior 3 – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 306 Nursing the Adult Client II	4
NUR 336 Nursing the Adult Client II Practicum	3
NUR 307 Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing	3
NUR 337 Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing Practicum	1
NUR 309 Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
Senior 1 – Spring Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 401 Maternity Nursing	2.5
NUR 441 Maternity Nursing Practicum	1.5
NUR 403 Community Health Nursing	2.5
NUR 443 Community Health Nursing Practicum	1.5
NUR 405 Pediatric Nursing	2.5
NUR 445 Pediatric Nursing Practicum	1.5
Senior 2 – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 402 Management of Client Care	3
NUR 442 Management of Client Care Practicum	3
NUR 406 Nursing Preceptorship	4
NUR 408 Nursing Synthesis	3

BSN Part-time Plan of Study

Junior – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 303 Health Assessment	3
NUR 333 Health Assessment Practicum	1
NUR 312 Basic Pathophysiology	3
Junior – Spring Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 304 Pharmacology	3
NUR 314 Health Policy & Ethical Decision Making	3
Junior – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 302 Fundamentals of Client Care	3
NUR 332 Fundamentals of Client Care Practicum	3
NUR 313 Communications in Nursing	2
Junior – Spring Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 305 Nursing the Adult Client I	4
NUR 335 Nursing the Adult Client I Practicum	3
NUR 320 Nursing Informatics	3
Junior – Fall Semester	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 306 Nursing the Adult Client II	4
NUR 336 Nursing the Adult Client II Practicum	3
NUR 307 Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing	3
NUR 337 Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing Practicum	1
NUR 309 Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
Senior 1 – Spring Semester (Full-time)	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 401 Maternity Nursing	2.5
NUR 441 Maternity Nursing Practicum	1.5
NUR 403 Community Health Nursing	2.5
NUR 443 Community Health Nursing Practicum	1.5
NUR 405 Pediatric Nursing	2.5
NUR 445 Pediatric Nursing Practicum	1.5
Senior 2 – Fall	Sem. Hrs.
NUR 402 Management of Client Care	3
NUR 442 Management of Client Care Practicum	3
NUR 406 Nursing Preceptorship	4
NUR 408 Nursing Synthesis	3

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPUTER AND INTERNET ACCESS

- Students are taught by nursing faculty or special guest lecturers.
- Fundamental Skills check-offs are face to face with a faculty member – providing immediate feedback and a personal learning environment for the student.
- Our Skills and Simulation Labs prepare students for the hands-on client care situations they will face in healthcare facilities. The Skills Lab includes a variety of mannequins, supplies and equipment – including mannequins with abdominal/heart/lung sounds, wounds, and nursing care applicability.
- All of our classrooms boast high technology capabilities that provide an interactive learning environment.
- Our building boasts wireless internet capabilities and provides a friendly, comfortable, non-intimidating learning environment. Students are provided with a computer lab, printer, copier, student lounge (with refrigerator, microwave, and coffeepot) and access to a wide variety of textbooks, models, equipment and supplies for use with projects/reports/presentations.