

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF NURSING

Admissions Criteria for RN to BSN

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**Application Deadlines**

Summer: February 1

1. Students must be in progress or have completed an Associate degree in Nursing as well as the following 4 Nursing Pre-requisite classes: Anatomy and Physiology I and II (with labs), Intro to Microbiology (with lab), and Probability and Statistics. At least 3 of the 4 pre-requisite math/science classes must be completed prior to the application deadline and the pre-req courses must be less than 5 years old.

**Students are allowed one unsuccessful attempt per pre-requisite math/science; grades below a “C” (C-, D+, D, and F or W/WF) are considered unsuccessful attempts.**

\*Transfer students are responsible for making sure courses taken at other institutions are equivalent to ETSU General Education courses. For further information about transfer equivalency, go to

<https://www.etsu.edu/articulation/equivalencies.php/>

**Students who have already earned an AA/AS or any bachelor’s degree will have completed all of the general education requirements. RN to BSN students are allowed to complete remaining general education requirements while in the RN to BSN program.**

2. **GPA requirements: 3.0 overall gpa and 2.75 in nursing pre-reqs.**
3. Students must apply to the College of Nursing using the Centralized Application System (Nursing CAS). Official Transcripts from all colleges attended (including dual enrollment during high school) must be sent to CAS. Transfer students must also apply for General Admission to ETSU as a Health Professions Nursing Interest (HPNU) applicant. This should be done well in advance of the application deadline and more information can be found on the ETSU Admission’s website (<https://www.etsu.edu/admissions/>).
4. ETSU College of Nursing does NOT require references, a personal statement or professional experience for admission.

# RN to BSN Nursing Class Schedule

## 1<sup>st</sup> semester

Credit Hours

NRSE 2016	Pathophysiology	4
NRSE 2030	Health Assessment	4
NRSE 3010*	Pharmacology	3

\*Students who earn their ADN at a TN Board of Regents schools automatically receive transfer credit for NRSE 3010 Pharmacology.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

NRSE 3525	Health Promotion and Research	3
NRSE 3510	Population, Community, and Public Health Nursing	3
NRSE 3200	Advancing to Professional Nursing Practice	3

## 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

NRSE 4355	Health Care Systems and Informatics for Nurses	4
NRSE 4062	RN Practicum	5
NRSE 4620	Leadership and Professional Practice	3

# Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What is the application deadline for the RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program?**

February 1 for the summer semester; effective Summer 2023, the RN to BSN program will only admit in the Summer. The application will be available online 45 days prior to each deadline.

**2. What application system do you use for the RN to BSN application?**

[Nursingcas.org](https://nursingcas.org) We'll also offer multiple nursingcas information sessions via zoom prior to each deadline. Please check the College of Nursing website for more information or call the front desk at 423 439 4578.

**3. Do I have to have my RN license before I apply?**

Students have one semester to earn a TN RN license and must have successfully completed an Associate's degree in Nursing.

**4. What if I still need to take general education requirements?**

That's fine! Students can complete any remaining general education courses while taking BSN courses.

**5. What are the minimum gpa requirements?**

Students are required to have a 3.0 overall and at least a 2.75 in the four pre-requisite courses.

**6. I want to transfer to ETSU and apply to the nursing program. Where do I send my transcripts?**

The process requires two applications—one to ETSU Undergraduate Admissions and one to the College of Nursing through the Nursing Centralized Application Service ([nursingcas.org](https://nursingcas.org)). Send transcripts to CAS. We suggest contacting an advisor to determine if you are ready and eligible to apply to our program. Below are the links to both the College of Nursing (<https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/>) and ETSU Undergraduate Admissions (<http://www.etsu.edu/admissions/>).

**7. Do courses taken a long time ago still count?**

General education courses and electives do not “expire”. However, you must have completed the pre-req courses within the last five years.

**8. How long does it take to earn the BSN degree?**

Students should expect to complete the nursing courses in three semesters; however, that depends on how many remaining general education courses the student still needs to complete.

1 <sup>st</sup> semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> semester
NRSE 2016	NRSE 3525	NRSE 4355
NRSE 2030	NRSE 3510	NRSE 4062
NRSE 3010*	NRSE 3200	NRSE 4620

\*Students who earn their ADN at a TN Board of Regents schools automatically receive transfer credit for NRSE 3010 Pharmacology.

**9. How much does it cost to attend ETSU?**

ETSU charges per credit hour, so each semester will cost a different amount. There are also course fees, books and supplies that add to the cost. To calculate the approximate tuition (either in state or out of state) go to: <https://www.etsu.edu/paying-for-college/estimator/> to see the cost per credit hour.

**10. Do you offer online classes for this program?**

The RN to BSN is entirely online and students are able to complete any remaining general education courses online as well.

# ETSU RN to BSN Program of Study

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Associate Degree Institution:</b>
<b>E-Number:</b>	<b>Began RN to BSN program:</b>
<b>Senior institution (4-year school) transfer hours:</b>	<b>*ETSU hours (30 ETSU hours required):</b>
<b>Articulation hours to be awarded:</b>	<b>^Remaining senior institution (4-year) elective hours:</b>
<b>*Total senior institution credit hours (50 required):</b>	<b>Total Remaining hours:</b>

## Required Nursing Courses

<u>Course Title</u>		<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Transfer Credit</u>	<u>Completed:</u>		<u>Grade:</u>
NRSE 2016	Pathophysiology	4		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 2030	Health Assessment	4		Sem:	YR:	
+NRSE 3010	Pharmacology	3		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 3200	Advancing to Professional Nursing Practice	3		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 3510	Population, Community, & Public Health Nursing	3		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 3525	Health Promotion & Research	3		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 4355	Health Care Systems & Informatics for Nurses	4		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 4620	Leadership and Professional Practice	3		Sem:	YR:	
NRSE 4062	RN Practicum	5		Sem:	YR:	

Notes:

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Notes:
*Some students require additional elective credit hours to meet ETSU's residency requirement of 30 hours or the 50 hour requirement from a 4 year school.
^ Plan to take at least 3 of your remaining general education courses (9 credits) at ETSU/4-year institution to meet ETSU's senior institution credit hour requirement of 50 hours
+ Students who receive their ADN degree from a TBR school will automatically receive transfer credit for Pharmacology.

## COMPASS CORE & MAJOR PREREQUISITE CHECKLIST

### STRENGTHENING FOUNDATIONS (15-16 CR)

#### **Written Composition (6 cr)**      Both courses in sequence.

- ENGL 1010 Foundations in Writing
- ENGL 1020 Written Communication & Critical Thinking

#### **Oral Communication (3 cr)**      Choose 1 of the following:

- COMM 2025 Fundamentals of Communication
- COMM 2045 Public Speaking
- COMM 2055 Argumentation & Debate

#### **Quantitative Reasoning (3-4 cr)**

*\*See Nursing Prerequisite requirements*

#### **Critical Thinking (3 cr)**      Choose 1 of the following:

- PHIL 2030 Practical Reasoning
- PHIL 2640 Science & The Modern World
- PSYC 1510 Science & Pseudoscience

### CULTIVATE ARTISTIC AWARENESS (3 CR)

Choose 1 of the following:

- ARTA 1030 Art Appreciation
- ARTH 2010 Art History Survey I
- ARTH 2020 Art History Survey II
- BLUE 2150 American Roots Music
- DANC 1500 Introduction to Dance
- DIGM 1600 Applied AI in Digital Media
- MUSC 1030 Introduction to Music
- MUSC 1035 History of Jazz
- THEA 1030 Introduction to the Theatre

### EXPLORING CONNECTIONS (9 CR)

*\*3 credits of history and at least 3 credits of humanities outside of history. The remaining 3 credits may come from either history or humanities.*

#### **Humanities (3 cr)**      Choose 1 of the following:

- ENGL 2030 Literary Explorations
- ENGL 2110 American Literature to 1865
- ENGL 2120 American Literature since 1865
- ENGL 2210 British Literature to 1785
- ENGL 2220 British Literature since 1785
- ENGL 2330 World Literature
- ENGL 2430 European Literature
- ENGL 3150 Literature, Ethics, & Values
- ENGL 3280 Mythology
- ENTC 3020 Technology & Society
- HDAL 2340 Understanding Cultural Diversity
- HUMT 2310 Arts & Ideas I
- PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 2020 Intro to Ethics
- PHIL 2040 Philosophy as Conversation
- PHIL 3140 Environmental Philosophy
- PHIL 3210 Chinese Philosophy
- RELI 2210 Intro to the Study of World Religions
- SRVL 1020 Introduction to Service Learning
- WGSS 2010 Intro to Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies

#### **History (3 cr)**      Choose 1 of the following:

- HIST 1110 World History to 1500
- HIST 1120 World History since 1500
- HIST 2010 United States to 1877
- HIST 2020 United States Since 1877
- HIST 2030 History of Tennessee

#### **Add'l Course from either Humanities/History (3 cr)**

**US History is required for any student who has not fulfilled US History TN Law block in DegreeWorks**

### UNDERSTANDING NATURAL & SOCIAL WORLDS (10-11 CR)

#### **Natural Sciences (4 cr)\*** *See Nursing Prerequisite requirements*

#### **Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 cr)**      Choose 1 of the following:

- ANTH 1240 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
- COBH 1010 Lifetime Behaviors for Healthy Living
- COBH 1020 Introduction to Public Health
- COMM 2090 Interpersonal Communication
- ECON 1050 Economics & Society
- ECON 2210 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2220 Principles of Microeconomics
- EDFN 2310 Developmental Psychology
- HSMP 2100 Health Systems
- PSCI 1110 Intro to Political Science
- PSCI 1120 Introduction to American Government
- PSYC 1310 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 2000 Social Psychology
- PSYC 2500 Behavior Analysis: Theory & Practice
- PSCY 2800 Child Psychological Science
- SOCI 1020 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 2020 Social Problems

### GROWING AS AN INDIVIDUAL & GLOBAL CITIZEN (3-4 CR)

#### **Choose 1 of the following:**

- ASTR 1010 Astronomy I
- ASTR 1020 Astronomy II
- CJCR 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- COBH 1010 Lifetime Behaviors for Healthy Living
- ENGL 2030 Literary Explorations
- ENGL 2110 American Literature to 1865
- ENGL 2120 American Literature since 1865
- ENGL 2210 British Literature to 1785
- ENGL 2220 British Literature since 1785
- ENGL 2330 World Literature
- ENGL 2430 European Literature
- ENGL 3150 Literature, Ethics, & Values
- ENGL 3280 Mythology
- ENVH 3010 Human Ecology and Environmental Education
- FNCE 2220 Personal Finance
- GEOS 1012 Introduction to Cultural Geography
- HDAL 2340 Understanding Cultural Diversity
- HIST 1110 World History to 1500
- HIST 1120 World History Since 1500
- HSMP 2100 Health Systems
- HSMP 3210 Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare
- HUMT 2310 Arts & Ideas I
- MCOM 1030 Media & You
- MKTG 3300 Business Communications
- PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy
- PHIL 2020 Intro to Ethics
- PHIL 2040 Philosophy as Conversation
- PHIL 3140 Environmental Philosophy
- PHIL 3210 Chinese Philosophy
- PSCI 1110 Intro to Political Science
- PSCI 1120 Intro to American Government
- PSYC 1310 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 2000 Social Psychology
- PSYC 2800 Child Psychological Science
- PSCY 3500 Ecopsychology: The Nature-Human Relationship
- RELI 2210 Intro to the Study of World Religions
- SRVL 1020 Introduction to Service Learning
- WGSS 2010 Introduction to Women's Studies

## COMPASS CORE & MAJOR PREREQUISITE CHECKLIST

### NURSING MAJOR PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

*MATH 1530, HSCI 2010/11, HSCI 2020/21 satisfy general education requirements, while HSCI 2230 is a nursing prerequisite ONLY. 3 of the 4 must be completed before application. These courses must be completed within last 5 years.*

#### **Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)**

\_\_\_ MATH 1530 Probability & Statistics non-calculus

#### **Natural Sciences (4 + 8 additional credits for nursing)**

##### **Both courses in sequence.**

\_\_\_ HSCI 2010 / 11 Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab

\_\_\_ HSCI 2020 / 21 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab

\_\_\_ HSCI 2230 / 31 Intro to Micro w/ Lab

#### **\*\*\*Additional Graduation Requirement (Students should complete this course prior to beginning major courses)**

\_\_\_ CSCI 1100/1150 Using Information Technology & Lab OR Proficiency Exam

### **Learning Support**

Learning support requirements can be found in DegreeWorks. These requirements are determined by ACT/SAT subscores and/or Accuplacer tests

Students required to complete **learning support in reading** must enroll in a learning support-designated section (L01-L99) of COMM 2025 during their first 15 credits at ETSU (not including summer). These students are advised by University Advising Center until they fulfill the Learning support reading requirement and then are transitioned to major advisor.

Students required to complete **learning support in writing** must enroll in a learning support-designated section (L01-L99) of ENGL 1010 during their first 15 credits at ETSU (not including summer) unless they are also required to complete learning support in reading.

Students required to complete learning support in mathematics must enroll in a learning support-designated section (L01-L99) of MATH 1530.

Additional info is found at [www.etsu.edu/uac/learningsupport/](http://www.etsu.edu/uac/learningsupport/)