ACADEMIC MAP TO BSN DEGREE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING 2026-2027

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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Effective Fall 2026

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YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
UNIV 1000 The University Experience			1	
English 1010 (Comp & Rhet I)			3	
Math*			3	
BIOL 2250/2251 (A & P I, and Lab)	⚑		4	
BIOL 2210 (Microbiology)	⚑		3	

Semester Credits _____

Co-requisites will increase your total hours for the semester, so be sure you DO NOT take more hours than you know you can manage successfully!

SEMESTER 2	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ENGL 1020* Composition & Rhetoric II			3	
Math*			3	
BIOL 2260/2261* A & P II and Lab	⚑		4	
Chemistry 1070 (Intro Chemistry)	⚑		3	
***NURB 2180 BSN Student Success (3-3-0)**	⚑		3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

Important Information to know!

By the end of this semester you should have:
- Taken the TEAS exam and earned 2.7 nursing GPA
- Applied for NURB 3030 & 3050
- Possibly applied for clinicals, depending on the semester you are taking 3030 & 3050

You should be in close contact with your advisor to have a plan in place for these dates and deadlines!

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 1	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
ALHE 1020 Medical Terminology	⚑		2	
ENGL 2110 Intro to Literature			3	
COMM 1010 Oral Communication			3	
NURB 3030 Intro to Nursing as Profession (3-3-0) ♡	⚑		3	
NURB 3050 Pathophysiology (3-3-0) ♡	⚑		3	

Before entering nursing courses, student MUST meet ALL criteria listed in the special admission polices found in the University Catalog.

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

Things to remember as you head Into clinicals:

- GPA still matters as you must make a C or better in all clinical courses to continue to the next level
- *There is still help available if you struggle, remember to ask EARLY and don't wait until you are behind.*

SEMESTER 2- 1st Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NUTR 1030 General Nutrition			3	
NURB 2170 Dosage Calculation (2-2-0) ♡			2	
NURB 3040 Foundations of Nursing (3-3-0) ♡			3	
NURB 3041 Foundations Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
NURB 3060 Health Assessment (3-3-0)			3	
NURB 3061 Health Assessment/Skill Lab (3-1-6) ♡			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

Start of Clinicals ▶▶▶▶▶

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1- 2nd Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 3130 Adult Health (4-4-0) ♡			4	
NURB 3141 Adult Health Practicum (4-0-12) ♡			4	
NURB 3150 Pharmacology in Nursing (3-3-0) ♡			3	
History****			3	
FA 1040 Exploring the Arts			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2- 3rd Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 3220 Child Health (2-2-0) ♡			2	
NURB 3221 Child Health Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
NURB 3230 Women's Health (2-2-0) ♡			2	
NURB 3231 Women's Health Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
NURB 3160 Research in Nursing (3-3-0) ♡			3	
Social Science*			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 4

SEMESTER 1- 4th Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 4120 Complex Nursing Care (4-4-0) ♡			4	
NURB 4121 Complex Nursing Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
NURB 4130 Psych/Mental Health (3-3-0) ♡			3	
NURB 4131 Psych/Mental Health Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
Behavioral Science***			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 2- 5th/Final Level Clinicals	Milestones	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
NURB 4220 Community Health Nursing (3-3-0) ♡			3	
NURB 4221 Community Health Practicum (2-0-6) ♡			2	
NURB 4231 Transition to Prof. Practice (4-0-12) ♡			4	
NURB 4230 Healthcare Management (3-3-0) ♡			3	
NURB 4950 Special Topics ♡			3	

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 120

* Math acceptable course sequences 1020-1060, 1020-1090, 1020-2010, or 2100-2110
** Selected from: Anthropology1510, 2020; Economics 2000; Political Science 2010, Geography 1010, 1020
*** Selected from: Psychology 1010, Psychology 2050, or Sociology 1010
****Selected from: History 1010, 1020, 2010, or 2020
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***All grades in ENGL, MATH, BIOL, and CHEM courses must be a "C" or higher to receive credit for the program requirements**

⚑ **Indicates a Milestone**
Should be taken in order to stay on track for graduation.

♡ **MUST take each of these classes within the semester they are listed.**

YOU'VE FINISHED!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Semester Credits = 120 | General = 50 | Nursing = 70

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.