

ARTICULATION/TRANSFER AGREEMENT



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science Degree//RN to BSN¹

PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Applied Science/NURSING



Pellissippi State Community College

<u>FIRST TERM</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SECOND TERM</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>THIRD TERM</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>FOURTH TERM</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
BIOL 2010/11	4	BIOL 2020/21	4	BIOL 2130	4	NRSRG 2640	6
ENGL 1010	3	NRSRG 1360 ⁴	3	NRSRG 2630	6	NRSRG 1340	3
PSYC 1030	3	NRSRG 1620	6	NRSRG 1330	3	NRSRG 2240	2
NRSRG 1710	7	NRSRG 1320	3	COMM 2025	3		
				or COMM 2045			
COLL 1000	1	MATH 1530	3				
TOTAL	<u>18</u>		<u>19</u>		<u>16</u>		<u>11</u>

TOTAL HOURS: 64 COMPLETION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM.

Bridge Program: (To be completed at PSCC) * Students may have to pay out of pocket for classes not in program of study.

	<u>HOURS</u>
ENGL 1020	3
Select one from: ART 2000, 2020; HUM 1010, 1020; MUS 1030; THEA 1030	3
Select one from: GEOG 1012, POLS 1030; PSYC 2130; SOCI 1010, 1040, 2210.	3

TOTAL HOURS: 9

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<u>FALL</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>FALL</u>	<u>Hours</u>
CSCI 1100	3	NRSE 3525 ²	3	NRSE 4355 ²	4
NRSE 2030 ^{2/3}	4	NRSE 3510 ²	3	NRSE 4620 ²	3
NRSE 2016 ^{2/3}	4	HIST 2020	3	NRSE 4062 ²	5
HIST 2010	3				
Select one from:	3	Select one from:	3		
ENGL 2030, 2110, 2120,		ENGL 3150, 3280			
2210, 2220,		ENTC 3020; HIST 1110, 1120;			
2330, 2430,		PHIL 1030, 2020, 2040,			
		2640; RELI 2210			
		NRSE 3200 ²	3		
	<u>17 + (12)³</u>		<u>15</u>		<u>12</u>

TOTAL HOURS: 17+16+11 + (12)³ = 56

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 66+9+56 = 131

¹See attached 'Admission Criteria and Application Procedure' for additional program requirements and information.

²A Cum GPA of 3.0 and the Math/Science GPA of 2.6 is required. College of Nursing policy limits the number of attempts for these courses. Consult the ETSU Undergraduate Catalog, or an ETSU College of Nursing Advisor. The TEAS minimum is 58%.

³Upon completion of NRSE 2030 and NRSE 2016, credit through assessment will be given for: NRSE 2020, NRSE 2310, NRSE 3500, and NRSE 3501 [credit 12 hr]. For additional information, visit www.etsu.edu/nursing. To schedule an appointment with an advisor, please contact, Office of Student Services, (423) 439-4578 or (888)-376-8773.

⁴Upon successful completion of NRSRG 1360, transfer credit will be awarded for NRSE 3010.

For more information, consult with the ETSU College of Nursing at (423) 439-4578 or toll free at 1-888-37-NURSE.

USING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY proficiency required, either by passing a proficiency exam or CSCI 100 completion. See the website <http://www.etsu.edu/uit> for proficiency exam or call (423) 439-6964 for additional information to register.

CHECK WITH NURSING ADVISOR TO MAKE SURE ALL INTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

ETSU COLLEGE OF NURSING ADMISSION CRITERIA:

Admission Policy

Admission to the university as a Health Professions/Nursing Interest (HPNU) major does not assure admission to the major.

1. Applicants must be in progress or have completed all ETSU General Education courses* (or equivalent from a Transfer Institution) including the four (4) Nursing Pre-requisite classes: Anatomy and Physiology I and II (with labs), Intro to Microbiology (with lab), and Probability and Statistics. At least three (3) of the four (4) pre-requisite math/science classes must be completed prior to the application deadline.

Applicants with greater than two (2) unsuccessful attempts to complete all required pre-requisite math/science courses will be ineligible for admission to the College of Nursing. Grades below a "C" (C-, D+, D, and F) are considered unsuccessful attempts.

* Applicants with completed Bachelor's degrees are exempt from taking General Education Requirements (by virtue of the completed degree) but must complete the four pre-requisite math/science courses or equivalents with at least three (3) of the four (4) completed prior to the application deadline.

* 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>. For a list of ETSU General Education requirements go to: <https://www.etsu.edu/uged/gened.php>.

2. A minimum cumulative College Level Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 as computed by East Tennessee State University (excluding developmental coursework) is required.
3. A minimum Math/Science Nursing Pre-requisite GPA of 2.6 as computed by East Tennessee State University is required.
4. A minimum adjusted individual total score of the standard entrance exam of 58 is required.
5. Applicants, with the exception of RN to BSN and Dual Degree, must apply to the College of Nursing using the Centralized Application System (Nursing CAS). RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants must apply to the College of Nursing using electronic or paper application found on the College of Nursing website.
6. Official Transcripts from all higher education institutions must be sent to CAS with the exception of RN to BSN and Dual Degree. RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants must submit official transcripts with the electronic or paper application. Students must also apply for General Admission to ETSU. This should be done well in advance of the application deadline. Detailed instructions and information are available at: <https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/default.php>.
7. Applicants, with the exception of LPN to BSN, RN to BSN and Dual Degree, must submit (electronically) all scores from the standardized entrance exam. The standardized entrance exam

may be taken twice within a two year period, but not twice in the same semester. Scores are valid for two (2) years. Information about scheduling and preparing for the standardized entrance exam can be obtained by contacting the College of Nursing Office of Student Services.

8. ETSU College of Nursing does NOT require references, a personal statement or professional experience for admission.
9. Applicants, with the exception of LPN to BSN, RN to BSN and Dual Degree, are ranked by a point system which includes four (4) areas: Overall GPA (100 points) , Math/Science Nursing Pre-requisite GPA (200 points), Adjusted Individual Total Score of the standard entrance exam (100 points) for a total of 400 possible points. Applicants are admitted in point order. RN to BSN and Dual Degree applicants are ranked by overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and admitted in ascending order. LPN to BSN applicants are ranked by overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and Pre-requisite GPA and admitted in ascending order based on each individual cohort site and total program capacity.
10. Applicants, who are admitted to ETSU as a freshman with a high school GPA of 3.5 or above, ACT cumulative score of 29 or above, and maintain an ETSU overall GPA of 3.2 or higher, will be guaranteed admission to the nursing major. Students must complete the College of Nursing application process and meet all other established admissions criteria.

Progression Policy

All students admitted to the nursing major must earn a minimum grade of “C” (2.0) in each required theory and/or clinical nursing course. Grades of C- and below indicates a nursing course failure. Students in the BSN accelerated 2nd degree program who fail a course will be moved to the traditional program pending space availability (see number 3).

1. Students must achieve an overall average of 75% on all exams (content and final) within a didactic course to pass the course. Points for course assignments other than exams (i.e., quizzes, class assignments, group work) are not calculated into the course grade until the 75% benchmark on exams is attained. Once the 75% benchmark is reached, any additional points earned by the student will be applied to calculate the final course grade. If a student fails to achieve an overall exam average of 75%, the student will receive the letter grade equivalent to the average of the exam scores and be required to repeat the course.
2. If the student withdraws failing from a nursing didactic course or is unsuccessful in a nursing didactic course by earning a grade less than a “C” (2.0), the student will be placed on probationary status in the College of Nursing.* Progression in the nursing program will be suspended pending space availability as determined by the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee). Course availability is not guaranteed, and students may be required to submit documentation of circumstance for consideration.
3. If a student earns less than a “C” (2.0) in two required didactic courses - whether in the same semester or over a period of semesters - he or she is automatically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the Undergraduate Academic Standards Committee one time for readmission to the

program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. This policy applies even if one of the failed courses has been repeated previously with the grade of “C” (2.0) or higher.

4. Students who withdraw failing or earn a grade of less than “C” (2.0) in any one clinical course at any time within the nursing major will be automatically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for academic failure may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis.
5. If a student’s appeal is granted and the student is permitted to return to the program, the following conditions apply:
6. The student is on probationary status until the failed course is successfully completed.*
 1. The student is required to sign an Undergraduate Academic Performance Agreement (UAPA).
 2. Space within the class/clinical course is not guaranteed. The Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) will direct the placement process based on space availability.
 3. Subsequent grades below the grade of “C” (2.0) will result in a second academic dismissal from the program with no option to appeal to the UAS Committee for readmission.
 4. Students will be removed from probationary status when the course is completed successfully and the terms of the UAPA are fulfilled.
7. If a student drops a didactic course that has a co-requisite clinical course, the student must also withdraw from the corresponding clinical course.
8. Students who withdraw from the same nursing course more than once will be academically dismissed from the College of Nursing. Students dismissed from the undergraduate nursing program for repeated withdrawals may appeal to the UAS Committee one time for readmission to the program. Filing an Academic Appeal does not guarantee permission to repeat the course or reinstatement to the BSN program. All appeals are reviewed on an individual basis. If the student is re-instated based upon the outcome of the appeal, the student shall be on probationary status until the course is completed successfully. * Permission to retake the course is not guaranteed and will be determined by the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs (or designee) pending space availability.

*Students not enrolled in a clinical for one or more semesters will be required to take skills validation course ([NRSE 4301](#), [NRSE 4302](#), [NRSE 4303](#), [NRSE 4304](#))

Criminal Background Checks

To progress clinically, students will be required to complete a Criminal Background Check at his or her own expense from a specified vendor. Unfavorable results may result in a student’s inability to continue in clinical courses; review of the contents of the background check and the determination for eligibility for participation at a clinical site will be conducted by affiliated clinical agencies.

Although the College of Nursing does not receive the contents of the background check, documentation of completion is kept with the students Clinical Course Health Requirement file.

Admissions Requirements and Curricula by Program Track

- **Traditional BSN Program:** <https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/default.php>
- **Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/bsn_second_degree.php
- **LPN-BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/lpn_bsn.php
- **RN-BSN Program:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/rn_bsn.php
- **Dual Degree RN-BSN:** https://www.etsu.edu/nursing/undergrad/dual_degree_rn_bsn.php

Required Prerequisite Classes for Nursing Program

- [MATH 1530 - Probability and Statistics - Noncalculus](#) (3 credits)
- [HSCI 2010 - Anatomy and Physiology I](#) (4 credits)
- [HSCI 2011 - Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I](#) (0 credit)
- [HSCI 2020 - Anatomy and Physiology II](#) (4 credits)
- [HSCI 2021 - Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II](#) (0 credit)
- [HSCI 2230 - Introduction to Microbiology](#) (4 credits)
- [HSCI 2231 - Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory](#) (0 credit)
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Equivalent courses can be considered for prerequisite credit, such as a statistics course for Social Science, Human Anatomy and Human Physiology and General Microbiology.

Minimum acceptable grade in above courses is a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Minimum Grade Policy

All students admitted to the nursing major must earn a minimum grade of “C” (2.0) in each required theory and/or clinical nursing course.

General Education Requirements

These requirements include earning 41-42 credits in Communication, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavior Sciences, History, Natural Sciences and Mathematics categories.

Major Specific courses listed in General Education Requirements:

- [HSCI 2010/HSCI 2011](#)
- [HSCI 2020/HSCI 2021](#)
- [MATH 1530](#)

Additional Major Requirements for Admission

- [HSCI 2230/HSCI 2231](#)