Pre-Nursing

Tennessee Transfer Paths

TBR Community Colleges to UT and TBR Four-Year Universities

Community College Area of Emphasis: Pre-Nursing

Because of the varying entry points for acceptance/entrance into baccalaureate nursing programs and the different structures of nursing curricula, community college students who wish to transfer to university programs are advised to follow a freshman-year curriculum, as prescribed below, applicable to all university nursing majors. By completing this one-year plan of studies and then transferring before the sophomore year to a university, community college students will be on par with prospective nursing students who began the freshman year at a public university in Tennessee. Community-college students who pursue this plan will then be eligible at the earliest opportunity to compete for acceptance to a four-year nursing program leading to the award of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Please note that the completion of the pre-nursing community-college curriculum and the subsequent courses taken at a university do not guarantee acceptance into a baccalaureate nursing program. Nursing is a highly competitive major, and only the most highly qualified students are admitted. The specific requirements for admission to university nursing programs may be found in the catalogs of the various universities.

Freshman Year Curriculum

- ENGL 1010 - English Composition I 3 Credits
- ENGL 1020 - English Composition II 3 Credits
- SPCH 1010 - Fundamentals of Speech Comm 3 Credits
  OR
- other approved speech communication course
- PSYC 1030 - General Psychology 3 Credits
- SOCI 1010 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credits
- BIOL 2010 - Anatomy and Physiology I 3 Credits
- BIOL 2020 - Anatomy and Physiology II 3 Credits
- MATH 1530 - Probability/Statistics 3 Credits
- History 6 Credits

Total: 32 Credits***

Notes:

Additional course requirements: The Tennessee Board of Regents requires that students either demonstrate the appropriate skill levels in math, reading, and/or writing before enrolling in college-level courses or enroll in appropriate co-requisite experiences with college-level courses to develop competency in those skills while performing college-level work. ACT/SAT scores, COMPASS test scores, or other relevant information determine whether a student needs to enroll in co-requisite courses in math, reading, and/or writing (English).

* The University of Tennessee, Knoxville does not accept transfer students. Nursing students are admitted in the freshman year at UTK.

** Community college students may also pursue various RN to BSN programs as a means of attaining the BSN degree. These programs assume the completion of the Associate of Applied Science degree with a major in nursing, licensure as a Registered Nurse, and fulfillment of other criteria. Information concerning these programs is available in university catalogs.

*** Students who plan to attend the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga and the University of Tennessee, Martin are strongly encouraged to complete BIOL 2230 (Microbiology) and CHEM 1110 (General Chemistry I) before transferring to these institutions.