
Southern Arkansas University

The University is located in Magnolia, which has a population of approximately 13,000. The city is in the southwestern part of the state on Highways 79 and 82. Magnolia is a growing town in the heart of a farming, timber, and oil producing area.

SAU is fully accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, National Association of Schools of Music, and National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission. In addition, the University is a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. Credits earned at SAU may be transferred to colleges anywhere in the nation.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, age, color, sex, disability, or national origin, be denied admission to or employment at Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, or be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity sponsored by the University.

For More Information

All inquiries and requests for admission forms should be directed to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 9382, Magnolia, AR 71754-9382, or call 870.235.4040 or 800.332.7286; e-mail: muleriders@saumag.edu. We encourage you to visit the SAU campus and personally meet our faculty and students. Tours may be arranged if you will notify the Office of Admissions two or three days in advance of your visit and inform them of your specific interests.

Purpose of the Program

Baccalaureate nursing education prepares the graduate for entry into professional practice as a generalist who cares for persons as individuals, members of family/groups, and as communities in both structured and unstructured health care settings.

University Admission Requirements

1. Request, complete, and return an enrollment application to the Office of Admissions, SAU, Magnolia campus or apply online at: www.saumag.edu/apply.
2. SAU Department of Nursing follows the Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model for Nursing for transfer credits in nursing.
3. Courses taken at Community Colleges are not counted as part of the 40 junior/senior hours required for graduation at SAU.

Department of Nursing Admission Requirements

1. Be admitted to SAU with regular or conditional admission status and/or maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA at SAU.
2. Be a graduate from a NLN accredited Associate Degree Program or diploma program.

3. Students are encouraged to complete all general education requirements prior to enrolling in upper division nursing courses.
4. Students who have completed SPCH1113: Speech, PHIL2403: Philosophy, and SOC3183: Statistics may be allowed to enroll in the upper division nursing courses.
5. Have transcripts evaluated by nursing faculty if transferring from another college or university.
6. Of the total hours earned toward graduation, no more than 25 percent may be "D" grades. The University does not accept "D" hours from other schools.
7. Possess an unencumbered state license to practice in the state in which the clinical experiences will be obtained.
8. Have proof of Hepatitis B vaccination, TB screening, and current American Heart Association CPR certification.
9. Submit a completed Department of Nursing BSN application form postmarked between January 15 and April 30 for fall semester nursing class and between August 15 and November 15 for spring semester class.
10. Application forms may be obtained from the Nursing Department or from our Web site www.saumag.edu/nursing.
11. Mail application and a copy of all unofficial transcripts to:

Southern Arkansas University
Department of Nursing
Attention: RN-BSN Program Application
P.O. Box 9406
Magnolia, AR 71754-9406

You Deserve a Quality Education

Program of Study for Full-time RN to BSN Completion Students

Fall = 15 hours

SPCH 1113 - Speech

PHIL 2403 – Philosophy

SOC 3183 – Statistics

HIST 2013 or 2023 – U.S. History **OR**

HIST 1003 or 1013 – World History (Must have 3 hours of World history and 3 hours of U.S. History/American Govt.)

ENGL 2213 – Literature I **OR**

ENGL 2223 – Literature II **OR**

Foreign Language

Spring = 16 hours

3 hours electives from the following:

SOC 1003 – General Anthropology **OR**

ECON 2003 – Microeconomic Principles **OR**

GEOG 2003 – Intro to Geography **OR**

SOC 2003 - Intro. Soc. **OR**

PSCI 2003 – American Government: National

Consult with advisor for other possible electives

CHEM 1013/1011 – Gen. Chemistry I/Lab*(If not completed in ADN program)

ENGL 3043 – Advanced Composition

HS 1403 – Health Science **OR**

PHED 1501 – Concepts of Phys. Act. **&**

2 semester hours of PHED 1001 – 1491

HIST 2013 or 2023 – U.S. History **OR**

HIST 1003 or 1013 - World History (Must have 3 hours of World History and 3 hours of U.S. History/American Govt.)

Fall = 15 hours

NURS 3001 – RN-BSN Orientation

NURS 3003 – Health Assessment

NURS 3043 – Intro. to Nursing Research

NURS 3013 – Issues and Trends

NURS 3035 – Community Health Nursing**

Spring = 13 hours

NURS 3053 – The Business of Health Care

NURS 4015 – Leadership & Management**

NURS 4065 – Advanced Adult Health**

** Nursing courses with a clinical component include a 1:1 credit hour to contact hour ratio for theory and a 1:3 credit hour to contact hour ratio for clinical learning experiences. For example, a five hour credit nursing course consists of 3 credit/3 contact hours of theory and 2 credit/6 contact hours of clinical learning experiences a week. Students are required to complete an average of 6 contact hours a week of clinical experiences over a 15 week semester or 90 clinical hours.

RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM



DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

