



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY DEGREE PLAN  
**RN TO BSN TO MSN – NURSE LEADER**  
CATALOG YEAR: 2025-2026

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ H#: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates for a single major undergraduate baccalaureate degree must complete a total of at least 121 credit hours along with the following requirements:

- No fewer than 30 semester hours of upper-level (3000 or 4000) courses.
- No more than 6 credit hours in Kinesiology activity courses or other student activity hours will count towards the 121-credit hour requirement.
- Complete the Liberal Arts Core Requirements
- Complete a minimum of 30 hours or 25% of the required hours, whichever is greater, of residency at HCU including at least 12 upper-level hours in the major.
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 with no grade below “C” in courses required for the major.
- If completing a MINOR, at least 9 upper-level hours of residency at HCU included in the minor with a grade of “C” or higher in all courses.

Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, each student MUST:

- Receive prior approval for any courses taken at another institution (up to 18 total credit hours only).
- File a degree plan with the Office of Academic Records before 60 credit hours have been completed.
- File an application to graduate at least one (1) semester before anticipated date of graduation.

LIBERAL ARTS CORE REQUIREMENTS: \*Course must be completed with a “C” or higher

COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
*ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I	3	*MATH 1313 College Algebra or higher	3
*ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II	3	**CHEM 1404 Introduction to Chemistry	4
ENGL 2315 or 2325 Great Works of Literature I or II	3	GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	3	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy	3	Additional History (Choose 1): HIST 2312, HIST 2313, HIST 2323	3
CHRI 3300 Introduction to Bible and Theology	3	ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation	3
		COMM 1323 Rhetoric and Public Speaking	3
		<b>TOTAL HOURS IN LIBERAL ARTS CORE</b>	<b>40</b>

\*\*Can be replaced with BIOL 2304/2104 Human Anatomy and Physiology I or equivalent.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: All courses within major must be completed with a “C” or higher

COURSE #	COURSE NAME	HOURS
<b>ADN PROGRAM COMPLETION</b>		
PSYC 2301	Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
NURS 3316	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3309	Pharmacology	3
NURS 3423/3023	Health Assessment/Clinical	4
NURS 3305	Informatics and Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 4415/4015	Community Population Health/Clinical	4
NURS 4417/4017	Nursing Leadership/Clinical	4
	<b>TOTAL HOURS IN MAJOR</b>	<b>69</b>
	<b>UNDERGRADUATE ELECTIVE HOURS REQUIRED</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>BRIDGE COURSES</b>		
NURS 5300	Theory Integration	3
NURS 5309	Research Integration	3
	<b>TOTAL HOURS BRIDGE COURSES</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>BSN AWARDED WITH 121 TOTAL DEGREE HOURS</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>MSN COURSES</b>		
NURS 5302	Leadership for Quality, Safety, and Health Policy	3
NURS 5307	Advanced Healthcare Informatics	3
NURS 5410	Advanced Patho-Pharmacology	4
NURS 5316	Leadership Roles and Operations	3
NURS 5326	Healthcare Operations Immersion	3
NURS 5318	Healthcare Finance	3
NURS 5322	Advanced Health Assessment and Leadership for Population Health	3
NURS 5400	Organizational Theory and Culture	4
NURS 5401	Nurse Leader Residency	4
	<b>MSN NURSE LEADER AWARDED WITH 30 TOTAL DEGREE HOURS</b>	<b>30</b>

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Community Life and Worship (CLW) points: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 points must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 points may be CLW-B earned through community life events).

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL REQUIREMENTS ON THE DEGREE PLAN. THIS DEGREE PLAN IS NOT VALID UNTIL RECEIVED & PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Office of Academic Records Use Only    Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_