

RN-BSN-MSN Nurse Leader 2026-2027 Official Degree Plan

Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) Requirements

HCU's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum guides students to more fully know and make known:

- **God**, the Creator and Redeemer, as he has revealed Himself in his Son, by the Holy Spirit, through the Scriptures and His World. *Core outcomes:* Biblical literacy ¹, Christian wisdom ², and theological proficiency ³.
- **God's Creation** by examining and engaging with the design, intricacy, and coherence of his world. *Core outcomes:* Scientific ⁴, quantitative ⁵, and aesthetic literacy ⁶.
- **Humans as God's Image Bearers** by investigating and celebrating human dignity, interdependence, and flourishing through their status as created, purposeful beings. *Core outcomes:* Investigation and celebration of human dignity ⁷, interdependence ⁸, and flourishing ⁹ through the cultivation of charity, humility, and verbal literacy.

For more information about the mission and philosophy of our Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, please visit the [Core Curriculum website](#).

COURSES	OUTCOMES	HOURS
CHRI 3300 Introduction to Bible and Theology	1 2 3 7 8 9	3
PHIL 1313 Introduction to Philosophy or SOCI 1313 Principles of Sociology (<i>choose one</i>)	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
CHEM 1404/1004 Introduction to Chemistry with Lab*	2 4 5 6	4
MATH 1313 College Algebra (<i>or higher</i>)*	2 4 5 6	3
ART 2343 Art Appreciation or MUSI 1331 Music Appreciation (<i>choose one</i>)	2 6 8 9	3
ENGL 1313 Composition and Literature I*	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 1323 Composition and Literature II*	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
ENGL 2315 Great Works of Literature I or ENGL 2325 Great Works of Literature II (<i>choose one</i>)	1 2 3 6 7 8 9	3
GOVT 2313 American and Texas Government	2 7 8 9	3
COMM 1323 Rhetoric and Public Speaking	2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2311 Western Civilization I	1 2 6 7 8 9	3
HIST 2312 Western Civilization II, or HIST 2313 US History to 1877, or HIST 2323 US History from 1877 (<i>choose one</i>)	2 3 6 7 8 9	3
PSYC 1313 General Psychology	1 2 3 4 7 8 9	3
Total LACC Hours		40

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

* Course must be completed with "C" or higher

Major Requirements

All undergraduate courses required for major must be completed with "C" or higher.

All graduate courses required for major must be completed with "B" or higher.

COURSES	HOURS
ADN Program Completion	45
PSYC 2301 Introductory Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
NURS 3305 Informatics and Evidence Based Practice	3
NURS 3309 Pharmacology	3
NURS 3316 Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3423 Health Assessment	4
NURS 4415 Community Population Health	4
NURS 4417 Nursing Leadership	4
Total Major Hours	69
Required Undergraduate Elective Hours	6
Bridge Courses	
NURS 5300 Theory Integration	3
NURS 5307 Advanced Healthcare Informatics	3
Total Bridge Course Hours	6
Total Hours in Undergraduate Degree BSN Awarded at 121 Hours	121
MSN Courses	
NURS 5302 Leadership for Quality, Safety, and Health Policy	3
NURS 5309 Research Integration	3
NURS 5400 Organizational Theory and Culture	4
NURS 5401 Nurse Leader Residency	4
NURS 5416 Leadership Roles and Operations	4
NURS 5418 Healthcare Finance	4
NURS 5426 Healthcare Operations Immersion	4
NURS 5430 Advanced Pathophysiology-Pharmacology-Health Assessment	4
Total Hours in Graduate Degree MSN Awarded at 30 Hours	30

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Additional Graduation Requirements (BSN)

1. At least 121 total credit hours, including 30 credit hours of upper-level (3000 or higher) courses.
2. Community Life and Worship (CLW) credits: 80 credits required for graduation (at least 50 credits must be CLW-A earned through worship events, up to 30 credits may be CLW-B earned through community life events). CLW events offered each semester are listed on the [Spiritual Life CLW website](#).
3. At least 30 credit hours or 25 percent of the total credit hours required for an undergraduate degree (whichever is greater) must be earned at HCU, including at least 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major with a grade of "C" or better in each course.
4. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 with no grade below "C" in courses required for the major or as noted on the degree plan.
5. Once admitted and enrolled at HCU, no more than 18 credit hours may be transferred from another institution. Students should consult with their academic advisor prior to enrolling in courses at another institution.

Additional Graduation Requirements (MSN)

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above with no grade below a "B".
2. The student must complete the degree within five years.

Filing a Degree Plan

All RN-BSN-MSN students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the end of their first semester of enrollment. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Students should apply for graduation through the HCU student self-service portal at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date for the BSN and MSN degree. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

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 and processed by the Office of Academic Records.

Student Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

Office of Academic Records Use Only

Processed By: _____

Date: _____