

# Program of Study for Full-time BSN Students

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 1

ENGL 1113 Composition 1 .....	3
Math 1023 College Algebra.....	3
SPCH 1113 Intro to Public Speaking.....	3
HIST 1003 OR 1013 World History I or II .....	3
GSTD 1002 Freshman Seminar .....	2
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>14</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 2

ENGL 1123 Composition II.....	3
Math 1001 Math/Allied Health.....	1
OR Unrestricted Elective	
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HIST 2013 or 2023 U.S. History I or II.....	3
Foreign Language OR .....	3
ART 2013 Art Appreciation OR	
HUM 2003 Film Appreciation OR	
MUS 2013 Music Appreciation OR	
THEA 2003 Theatre Appreciation OR	
ENGL 2213 Lit I or ENGL 2223 Literature II	
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>11</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 3

BIOL 2063/2061 Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab.....	4
CHEM 1011/1013 College Chemistry/Lab.....	4
OR	
CHEM 1023/1021 Univ. Chemistry/Lab.....	4
PHIL 2043 Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics .....	3
PSYC 2003 General Psychology.....	3
ENGL 2213 OR 2223 World Lit I or II.....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>17</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 4

BIOL 2073/2071 Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab.....	4
BIOL 2003 Nutrition & Diet.....	3
BIOL 3613/3611 Microbiology for Nursing .....	4
and Allied Health/Lab	
OR	
BIOL 3023/3021 General Microbiology/Lab.....	4
PSYC 3223 Developmental Psychology .....	3
SOC 3183 Statistics .....	3
OR	
MATH 3043 Introduction to Applied Probability and Statistics....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>17</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 5

NURS 3206 Nursing Care I – Foundations .....	6
NURS 3101 Intro to Pharmacology .....	1
NURS 3103 Gerontological Nursing.....	3
NURS 3093 Techniques of Health Assessment .....	3
NURS 3303 Pathophysiology for Nurses .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>16</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 6

NURS 3083 Foundation of Mental Health Nursing.....	3
NURS 3412 Pharmacology II .....	2
NURS 3403 Nursing Research for Evidence-based Practice.....	3
NURS 3307 Nursing Care II – Acute Care .....	7
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>15</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 7

NURS 4207 Nursing Care III – Childbearing/Pediatrics .....	7
NURS 4121 Pharmacology III .....	1
NURS 4092 Contemporary Issues and Ethics in Nursing .....	2
NURS 4105 Foundations of Community Health Nursing.....	5
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>15</b>

## COF\*/COS\* - Semester 8

NURS 4307 Nursing Care IV – Complex Care.....	7
NURS 4123 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts .....	3
NURS 4205 Leadership and.....	5
Management in Nursing Practice	
<b>Total Semester Hours.....</b>	<b>15</b>

\*COF – Cohort starting in fall  
\*COS – Cohort starting in spring

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## Department of Nursing Bachelor of Science in **NURSING**



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## Southern Arkansas University

Southern Arkansas University is located in Magnolia, Ark., which has a population of approximately 11,500. Nestled in a quiet and beautiful part of south Arkansas, SAU is a great place to call home and to study a broad range of academic programs, including some unique offerings to the state and region. Along with boasting a complete college experience on campus, the University is a short drive from outdoor activities and is central to many regional hubs, such as Texarkana, Shreveport, and Little Rock. Established in 1909, SAU has built on its dedication to student achievement and continues to develop its culture of caring by providing personal tour visits, faculty and staff who are passionate about student success, and a caring campus community.

SAU is fully accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. SAU also maintains specialized accreditation from AACSB International, Commissions on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, Council for Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP), Council on Social Work Education, Commissions on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education, and the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing).

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, or be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity sponsored by the University.

## General Information

- The undergraduate admission application can be completed online by following: <https://web.saumag.edu/apply>.
- We encourage you to visit the SAU campus and personally meet our faculty and students. You may schedule a tour here: <https://web.saumag.edu/tour>.
- All inquiries regarding admission can be directed to the Office of Admissions by calling (870) 235-4040 or emailing: [muleriders@saumag.edu](mailto:muleriders@saumag.edu).

### The Department of Nursing offers:

1. BSN Program
2. Online RN to BSN Program

## 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. Complete the on-line admissions application.
2. SAU Department of Nursing follows the Arkansas Nursing Articulation Model for transfer credits in nursing.
3. Courses taken at community colleges are not counted as part of the junior/senior hours required for graduation at SAU.

The Department of Nursing is fully accredited by the ACEN and approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

All interested parties (students, graduates, and other parties associated with the program) may contact the ACEN to express any statement of concern at the following address:

**Accreditation Commission  
for Education in Nursing**  
3343 Peachtree Road, NE  
Suite 850  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
or call 1 (404) 975-5000  
[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

An applicant who has been arrested, charged with, convicted of, pled guilty or no contest to, or been sentenced for any criminal offense in any state may not be eligible to attend clinical experiences or receive/hold a license issued by any state board of nursing. Please visit the Arkansas State Board of Nursing at [www.arsdn.org](http://www.arsdn.org) (Nurse Practice Act of the State of Arkansas: Sub Chapter 3-Licensing Section 17-87-312) to review these regulations or the appropriate state board of nursing website where you anticipate licensure.

### Outcomes:

**Graduates licensure NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate:**  
All graduates (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)..... 96.97%

**Graduates' employment rate within 6 months of obtaining a license:**  
2018..... 100%

## Program Admission Requirements

1. Be eligible for admission to Southern Arkansas University. Admission to Southern Arkansas University does not mean automatic admission to the nursing program.
2. Have transcripts evaluated by nursing faculty if transferring from another college or university.
3. Recognize that priority ranking will be given to students who have successfully completed all non-nursing courses applied toward the BSN degree.
4. Have a minimum 2.85 GPA (Grade Point Average) in NSCCs. The GPA for admission to the department will be calculated based on NSCCs completed at the time of application. All science NSCCs ever taken will be included in the calculation of the GPA at the time of application.
5. NSCCs and courses applied towards the BSN degree must be completed with a C or better. Students with Ds or Fs in these courses will not be admitted.
6. Students repeating a NSCC more than three times will not be accepted into the program.
7. Submit a TEAS score of 75% or greater. Students will have to allow two weeks minimum between attempts of the TEAS. All TEAS scores must be submitted by the application deadline.
8. Hepatitis B and flu vaccinations, TB screening, and current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification will be required.
9. To comply with mandate from clinical agencies, students must have a background check, driving history check, child maltreatment check, long term care check, and urine drug screen yearly at the expense of the student.
10. Online applications and deadlines for applications to the program are located on the nursing website.
11. More information may be obtained by calling the Department of Nursing Administrative Assistant at (870) 235-4331.
12. Submit application, TEAS scores, ACT scores, and a copy of all unofficial transcripts to:

**SAU Department of Nursing**  
<https://web.saumag.edu/nursing>