

APPLICATION DATES

February 1 – First Monday in April

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TEXARKANA COLLEGE Checklist for Associate Degree Nursing Applicants

GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA REQUIRED OF ALL ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

Candidates for the Nursing Program are expected to be proficient in communication skills, math, science, computer, and learning skills as well as to have the physical and mental abilities to practice nursing. Candidates are advised to check each item to ensure that they have met the criteria. (If the file is not complete, the applicant will not be considered.)

GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC, TRANSITION, TRANSFER AND RE-ENTRY

CANDIDATES: Must have the following on file with the Health Occupations Enrollment Management Specialist by the first Monday in April.***

- _____ 1. Register for MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION with Enrollment Management Specialist, (903) 823-3351.
- _____ 2. A college Application for Admission indicating Nursing as your major.
- _____ 3. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale) or above on all college-level work.*
- _____ 4. A “New APPLICANT COUNSELING INTERVIEW” form (**dated after February 1 for Basic and transition applicants**). (Call Health Occupations Division office to schedule an appointment.)
- _____ 5. TSI Met
- _____ 6. Score of at least 75% on reading, math and grammar sections of the A-2 Admission Assessment test. All 3 sections must be passed on the same test, and the test must be taken at Texarkana College. (Call Testing Center to schedule a test date and time.)
- _____ 7. Two semesters of high school chemistry with a grade of “C” or higher within the last 5 years. In substitution, CHEM 1405 or CHEM 1411 and 1412 with a grade of “C” or higher within the last 5 years. (An accept decision may be made if candidate has CHEM 1411; however, CHEM 1412 must be completed before starting RNSG 1513 (Basic) and 1327 (Transition).**
- _____ 8. An official high school transcript, GED scores or transcripts from all colleges attended. High school seniors must submit a current transcript with an overall “B” average by the application deadline.
- _____ 9. Meet requirements for Priority Ranking (See I, II, III and IV).

Additional requirements:

- _____ 10. **A current physical examination on the Nursing Physical Examination form, negative drug screen, and satisfactory background check. NOTE: The physical includes proof of childhood immunizations, including a completed hepatitis B vaccine series which takes a minimum of 4 months, as required by Texas law, and a TB skin test or a chest x-ray or documentation of follow-up.. This is required after notification in writing of “Conditional Acceptance” into the Nursing Program.**

The applicant must bring proof of having at least begun the Hepatitis B series when having the interview.

- _____ 11. American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider course. (AHA/BLS-HCP). Must be current throughout enrollment in the program. Must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1513 (Basic students) and RNSG 1327 (Transition students). Basic students are advised not to take AHA/BLS-HCP prior to May of the year of acceptance or may take after “Conditional Acceptance”. Contact the Continuing Education office regarding registration.

* If low grades are earned early in the college career making the GPA less competitive, applicants may ask about the “Second Chance” Policy. (See Second Chance Policy in Texarkana College catalog.)

** Chemistry must be in date at the time the file is reviewed for admission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure his/her files are kept current and sciences are in date. See Important Information Related to Acceptance, p. 4.

*** Transition, Transfer, and Re-entry candidates - See additional requirements on pages 2 and 3.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF STUDENTS

I. Priority Ranking

- A. All applicant files will be ranked according to Priorities I-IV.
- B. Applicants from Priority I will be selected first; if spaces remain, applicants will be accepted from Priority II, III, and IV successively.

II. Notification of Selected Applicants

- A. Selected applicants will be sent notification of their acceptance and asked to return written acceptance or non-acceptance of the position by a specified postmark date. Acceptance must be returned certified or by delivery confirmation via U.S. mail.
- B. If the written acceptance is not returned to the Enrollment Management Specialist on or before the specified postmark date, the applicant's name will be removed from the list, and the applicant must re-apply to be considered for the next year.
- C. Applicants who were not selected will be placed on an alternate list.
 - 1. In the event of cancellations eligible applicants will be notified.
 - 2. The alternate list will be maintained until the class begins in the fall semester.
 - 3. Applicants who are not selected and those who decline must re-apply the next year to be considered for admission.
 - 4. Any questions regarding the status of an application should be directed to the Enrollment Management Specialist.

CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIES I-IV ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRIORITY I

- A. Meet the general admission criteria.
- B. Complete a minimum of ten semester hours of required Associate Degree Nursing general education courses with a 3.0 or higher GPA. CHEM 1405 is not included in the ten hour minimum requirement.
- C. Complete BIOL 2401 or 2402 with a grade of "C" or higher.
- D. Reside in the geographic service area. **(See next page)**
- E. After meeting Priority I A, B, C, and D criteria, candidates will be ranked in order from those who have completed the greater number of semester hours of Associate Degree Nursing general academic support courses to those with the fewest within Priority I.

PRIORITY II

- A. Meet the general admission criteria.
- B. Complete a minimum of ten semester hours of required Associate Degree Nursing general education courses with a 2.5-2.99 GPA. CHEM 1405 is not included in the ten hour minimum requirement.
- C. Complete BIOL 2401 or 2402 with a grade of "C" or higher.
- D. Reside in the geographic service area. **(See next page)**
- E. After meeting Priority II A, B, C, and D criteria, candidates will be ranked in order from those who have completed the greater number of semester hours of associate degree nursing general academic support courses to those with the fewest within Priority II.

PRIORITY III

- A. Meet the general admission criteria.
- B. Complete a minimum of nine semester hours of required Associate Degree Nursing general education courses with a 2.5-2.99 GPA. CHEM 1405 is not included in the nine hour minimum requirement.
- C. Reside in the geographic service area. **(See next page)**
- D. After meeting Priority III A, B and C criteria, candidates will be ranked in order from those who have completed the greater number of semester hours of Associate Degree Nursing general academic courses to those with the fewest within Priority III. BIOL 2401 or 2402 must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1513.

PRIORITY IV

- A. Meet the general admission criteria.
- B. Complete a minimum of nine semester hours of required Associate Degree Nursing general education courses with a 2.5-2.99 GPA. CHEM 1405 is not included in the nine hour minimum requirement.
- *C. Reside outside the geographic service area.
- D. After meeting Priority IV A, B and C criteria, candidates will be ranked in order from those who have completed the greater number of semester hours of Associate Degree Nursing general academic courses to those with the fewest within Priority IV. BIOL 2401 or 2402 must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1513.

*Geographic service area includes these counties:

Texas – Bowie, Cass, Red River, Marion, Morris, Titus

Arkansas – Miller, Columbia, Hempstead, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Nevada, Sevier

Louisiana – Caddo

Oklahoma – McCurtain

TRANSITION CANDIDATES

The candidate must be a licensed vocational nurse, or a recent graduate from a vocational nursing program and eligible to take the licensure examination. **Students who have been unsuccessful in the Basic Associate Degree Nursing Program or Transition Program previously are NOT eligible for the Transition Program.**

TRANSITION CANDIDATES must have the following on file with Health Occupations Enrollment Management Specialist by the first Monday in April:

- _____ 1. All Basic Admission Criteria (pg. 1), including Chemistry, must be met.
- _____ 2. An Official Transcript from the Vocational Nursing program.
- _____ 3. A copy of the LVN/LPN license. Recent graduates of Vocational Nursing programs who have not taken the Licensure Exam must show the license before they register for the Transition Nursing Courses.

*RE-ENTRY CANDIDATES

Re-entry into the program will be considered on a space available basis only. A student who leaves the program for any reason will be permitted one other opportunity to re-enroll. Under extenuating circumstances, the student may petition the Admissions Committee for an additional admission. Re-entry candidates, no later than Midterm of the Fall or Spring semester prior to re-entry, must have on file with the Enrollment Management Specialist:

- _____ 1. All General Admission Criteria (pg. 1), including the A-2 Admission Assessment.
- _____ 2. A completed "Health Occupations Re-Entry Counseling Interview form". Call Health Occupations Division office to schedule an appointment.
- _____ 3. A personal guidance conference with the Chair or designated faculty member of the Health Occupations Division regarding goals and plans.
- _____ 4. Priority will be given to those who reside in the geographic service area.

NOTE: Students must re-enter within 2 years to retain credit for nursing courses. Some remedial work may be required prior to re-admission. The 5-year limit on Anatomy and Physiology and Chemistry may be waived by receiving a score of 75% or higher on the A-2 science components.

TRANSFER PROCEDURE

Transfer candidates, no later than midterm of the Fall or Spring semester prior to entry, must have on file with the Enrollment Management Specialist:

- _____ 1. All General Admission Requirements (pg. 1), including the A-2 Admission Assessment.
 - _____ 2. A "New Applicant Counseling Interview". (Call Health Occupations Division office to schedule an appointment.)
 - _____ 3. An official transcript, and nursing course syllabi, or outlines with earned grades.
 - _____ 4. Written permission and the address of the previous school of nursing for Texarkana College to obtain a letter of reference.
- (Late applications may result in delay of transfer process)

NOTE: Credit will not be granted for nursing courses taken more than 2 years prior to application. Some remedial work may be required prior to admission as a transfer student.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED TO ACCEPTANCE

RNSG 1201, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301, BCIS 1305, and BIOL 2401 or 2402 must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1513 (Basic students). RNSG 1201, BIOL 2401, 2402, 1322 and 2420, PSYC 2301 and 2314, and BCIS 1305 must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1327. (Transition students).

Chemistry, Pharmacology and biological science courses taken more than 5 years ago are not counted as required courses for priority ranking and must be repeated with a grade of "C" or higher. Repeating Chemistry, and/or Anatomy and Physiology may be waived for students **whose sciences were taken more than 5 years ago** if the applicant scores 75% or higher on the chemistry and Anatomy and Physiology components of the A-2 assessment.

THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE WITH AN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND DATE AS NOTED BELOW.

_____ I am aware that acceptance to Texarkana College and enrollment in general education courses does not constitute admission to the Nursing Program.

_____ I am aware that it is my responsibility to complete the appropriate admission requirements by the stated deadlines.

_____ I am aware that Texarkana College Health Occupations Division requires state-mandated immunizations, drug testing and background check as pre-admission criteria.

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be mailed to all candidates after the deadline. You may be placed on the alternate list and admitted later, if space is available. Any questions regarding a student's status after the deadline should be directed to the Health Occupations Enrollment Management Specialist.

NOTE FOR ALL APPLICANTS: The faculty of the Health Occupations Division reserves the right to alter the curriculum and admission policies whenever change is deemed necessary. Notification to all enrolled students who have completed the application process will constitute means to effectuate policy changes.

Texarkana College Nursing Programs
*Approximate Expenses

Associate Degree Nursing (Basic)

Tuition and Fees		\$4,658.00 (In District)
		\$7,405.00 (Out of District)
Books		\$2,100.00
Other Expenses:		\$ 539.00
BLS Course	\$ 60.00	
Uniforms	\$150.00	
Accessories	\$150.00	
Nursing Club/yr	\$ 36.00	
Liability Insurance	\$ 50.00	
Mid-Curricular Exam	\$ 48.00	
Exit Exam	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	
Total:	\$539.00	
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TOTAL (Approximate)		\$7,297.00 (In District)
		\$10,044.00 (Out of District)

Associate Degree Nursing Program (Transition)

Tuition and Fees		\$5,081.00 (In District)
		\$7,601.00 (Out of District)
Books		\$1,900.00
Other Expenses:		\$ 539.00
BLS Course	\$ 50.00	
Uniforms	\$150.00	
Accessories	\$150.00	
Nursing Club/yr	\$ 36.00	
Liability Insurance	\$ 50.00	
Mid-Curricular Exam	\$ 48.00	
Exit Exam	<u>\$ 45.00</u>	
	\$539.00	
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TOTAL (Approximate)		\$7,520.00 (In District)
		\$10,040.00 (Out of District)

*These estimates do not include developmental courses or chemistry.

Graduation Expenses	
NCLEX Review	\$275.00
NCLEX Testing	\$200.00
State Fees/Licensure	
AR -	\$122.00
TX -	\$139.00

Disability Act Statement:

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3283, or go by the Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Department located in the Administration building for personal assistance.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

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