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 Science Division to schedule an appointment.)
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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. (Contact the Health Science Division to schedule a test date and time.)
7. 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.
8. Meet requirements for Priority Ranking (See I, II, III and IV).

Additional requirements:

9. 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.
10. 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 1413 (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.

Additional Information

1. 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.)
2. Turn in the admission checklist to the Health Science Enrollment Specialist/Advisor with an original signature and date.
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.
C. Complete BIOL 2301/2101 or 2302/2102 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.
C. Complete BIOL 2301/2101 or 2302/2102 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.
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 2301/2101 or 2302/2102 must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1413.

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.
*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 2301/2101 or 2302/2102 must be successfully completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1413.

*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 and Bossier
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 Science Enrollment Management Specialist by the first Monday in April:

1. All Basic Admission Criteria (pg. 1) 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 Science Re-Entry Counseling Interview form”. Call Health Science Division office to schedule an appointment.
3. A personal guidance conference with the Chair or designated faculty member of the Health Science 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.

**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 Science 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

BIOL 2320/2120, PSYC 2301, and BIOL 2301/2101 or 2302/2102 must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1413 (Basic
students). BIOL 2301/2101, 2302/2102, and 2320/2120, PSYC 2301 and 2314 must be completed prior to enrollment in
RNSG 1327. (Transition students).

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THIS CHECKLIST MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HEALTH SCIENCE ENROLLMENT SPECIALIST/ADVISOR WITH AN
ORIGINAL SIGNATURE AND DATE AS NOTED BELOW.

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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 Science 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 Science Enrollment Management Specialist.

NOTE FOR ALL APPLICANTS: The faculty of the Health Science 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.
Associate Degree Nursing (Basic)

Tuition and Fees
$4,658.00 (In District)
$7,405.00 (Out of District)

Books
$2,100.00

Other Expenses:

- 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 $ 45.00
- Total: $539.00

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:

- 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 $ 45.00
- Total: $539.00

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

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