

# Associate Degree Nursing Program

## Admission Requirements

### Basic Admission Procedure

Candidates for the nursing program are expected to be proficient in communication skills, math, science, computer, and learning skills, as well as have physical and mental abilities to practice nursing. To be considered for admission, the candidate must complete the procedures listed below. (Incomplete files are not considered).

Steps for Admission to be completed by the program application deadline (posted to the TC website).

1. Complete an "Application for Admission" to Texarkana College listing Nursing as your major.
2. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above on all college-level work.
3. A grade of C or above is required in academic support and nursing courses.
4. TSI met (see advisement staff).
5. A "New Applicant Counseling Interview" form (dated after the first Monday in January). Call the Health Sciences Division Office to schedule an appointment (903-823-3401).
6. An "overall" score of 60 or greater on the TEAS is required for admission to the program. The TEAS score must be within 2 years of the program application date. **A maximum of three TEAS attempts within a 12-month period is allowed.** TEAS exam scores taken at proctored testing sites other than Texarkana College may be submitted. A minimum of **15 days is required** between testing attempts to allow for remediation of content. Students may go on-line to pay for and schedule the TEAS test at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).
7. The student must achieve a score of "proficient" level or greater on the reading portion of the TEAS to be considered for admission.
8. Attend a mandatory information session. Register online or with the Enrollment Specialist (903) 823-3351.
9. An official high school transcript, GED score, or transcripts from all colleges attended. High school seniors must submit a current transcript with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) by the program application deadline.
10. A current physical examination on the "Nursing Physical Examination" form, negative drug screen and satisfactory Texas Board of Nursing background check. NOTE: The physical includes proof of childhood immunizations, including a completed Hepatitis B vaccine series (which takes a minimum of 6 months to complete), a meningitis vaccine (unless age 22 or above), as required by Texas law, and a TB skin test or negative chest x-ray. 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 completing their interview.
11. American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider course (AHA/BLS/HCP), Must be current throughout enrollment in the program. The course must be completed prior to enrollment in RNSG 1413 (Basic Students) and RNSG 1327 (Transition Students). Students are encouraged to take the course after May for the year of acceptance or after the "Conditional Acceptance" is received to ensure the course is current throughout enrollment. Contact the Business and Community Education Office regarding registration for the course.

## Additional Information

1. If all required documentation (TB test/CPR/drug screen/fingerprinting) is not submitted by the deadline, the student will be **removed from the “Conditional Acceptance” list and will have to reapply to the program.** The “Conditional Acceptance” spot will be forfeited.
2. If a declaratory order is required by the Board of Nursing (BON) for a prior offense on the criminal background check, the applicant will be given until **July 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain clearance from the BON, otherwise the “Conditional Acceptance” to the program will be revoked.**
3. If low grades earned early in the applicant’s college career are making the GPA less competitive, the student is encouraged to see Second Chance Policy in the TC Catalog/Handbook.
4. Turn in the Admission Checklist to the Enrollment Advisor with an original signature and date.
5. Applications are accepted from the first Monday in January through the first Friday in March.

## Process for Selection of Students

### 1. Points System:

- a. Students applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program will be ranked according to the “Points System Admission Process” (Appendix A). Students will be accepted until all available spots are filled. Students not accepted will be placed on an alternate list. Alternate list applicants may be admitted if another student’s “Conditional Acceptance” is forfeited or revoked, provided they have met the other application requirements.

### 2. Notification of Selected Applicants

- a. Selected applicants will be sent notification of their “Conditional Acceptance” pending receipt of the required documentation to the Health Sciences Enrollment Advisor.
- b. Applicants who were not selected initially will be placed on an alternate list.
  - i. In the event of cancellations or forfeitures, eligible applicants from the alternate list will be notified.
  - ii. The alternate list will be maintained until the current class begins the semester.
  - iii. Applicants who are not selected for admission and those that decline a position must re-apply to the program to be considered for admission.
  - iv. Any questions regarding the status of an application should be directed to the Health Sciences Enrollment Advisor.

## **Re-Entry Admission Procedure**

A student who withdraws from the program, for whatever reason, will be required to fulfill all admission requirements before the request to re-enter will be considered. Associate Degree Nursing students must re-enter within 2 years to retain credit for nursing courses. A student who fails a course in the major or who withdraws while failing will be permitted one additional opportunity to enroll in the program. Testing may be required as part of the re-entry process. Recommendations such as pre-entrance preparatory study, auditing courses, and assessment of reading skills, etc. may be part of the re-entry process.

The Admissions Committee will determine the status for admission upon successful completion of any recommendation and meeting testing requirements. Re-entry into the Basic or Transition cohort will be dependent on performance during prior enrollment, re-entry points tool ranking, Admission committee review and space availability in the cohort/program. The student is expected to re-enter and pass the course, which was failed (as well as co-requisite courses for that semester) before taking the next course unless the Admissions Committee makes exceptions. The student accepted for re-entry will be under the current policy and procedures of the Health Science program at the time of re-admission. Students who have exited the program before completion and are interested in returning are recommended to seek employment in a health agency during the interim period.

## **Re-Entry Procedure**

Candidates for readmission to the nursing program, in advance of return, are expected to manage those circumstances that prevented previous success. As such, the applicants for readmission must, by the midterm date of the semester prior to the one the student wishes to enter:

1. Complete all the requirements for basic admission.
2. Complete the guidance interview form for re-entry to the Health Sciences Division.
3. Have a conference with the Health Sciences Division Dean or designee regarding goals and plans.

The student accepted for re-entry will be expected to follow current policy and procedures of the Health Sciences program at the time of re-admission. Any student dismissed from the program as a result of clinical failure related to safety or ethical issues, is not eligible for re-entry into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Students who are unsuccessful in the ADN basic program will be able to apply for the ADN transition program after successful completion of a Vocational Nursing program and one year of employment as a VN. If unsuccessful in a transition course, a student is not eligible for readmission into the Transition program. The student is eligible for application to the ADN Basic Program.

Students applying for re-entry to the Associate Degree Program will be required to complete testing and remediation requirements to be considered for re-entry into the program.

Students applying for re-entry to 1st semester may have individualized success plans required for re-admission. The individualized plan may include, but is not limited to, mandatory exam reviews with faculty, regardless of the exam grade earned, to identify strategies to improve the student's understanding of course concepts required for successful completion of the semester.

Students applying for 2nd semester re-entry will be required to take a Fundamentals of Nursing final exam and score a minimum of 75% to be considered for re-entry. Students achieving the passing score on the exam may also have an individualized success plan, instituted with the course faculty, to reinforce course concepts and improve their understanding of course material required for successful completion of the semester.

Students applying for re-entry to 3rd semester will be required to take the ATI Fundamentals exam (given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program). Students scoring the minimum requirement of Proficiency Level 1 will complete remediation as outlined in the ATI Mastery Policy. Students scoring a Proficiency Level 2 or above are not required to complete remediation. Remediation must be submitted by the due date to be considered for re-entry.

Students applying for re-entry to the 4th semester will be required to take the ATI Medical Surgical exam (given in the 3rd semester of the program). Students scoring the minimum requirement of Proficiency Level 1 will complete remediation as outlined in the ATI Mastery Policy. Students scoring a Proficiency Level 2 or above are not required to complete remediation. Remediation must be submitted by the due date to be considered for re-entry.

Re-entry to the program, at any point, is subject to space availability and the use of the Reentry Points Tool to achieve an objective point value used to rank students based on academic performance and testing scores.

### **Transfer Procedure**

Transfer candidates should submit paperwork for transfer no later than the midterm date of the Fall or Spring semester prior to entry.

#### Paperwork for transfer includes:

1. All Basic Admission Requirements (pg. 1), including the TEAS Assessment (passing results of the TEAS taken within two years of application may be accepted).
2. A “New Applicant Counseling Interview” completed with the Dean or designated faculty member of the Health Sciences Division.
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.**

## Transition Candidates

**Students who have been unsuccessful in the Basic ADN will be able to apply for the ADN Transition program after successful completion of a VN program and one year of employment as a vocational nurse. If unsuccessful in a transition course, a student is not eligible for readmission into the Transition program. The student is eligible for application to the ADN Basic Program.** Degree Requirements: A minimum of 60 semester hours of credit with a 2.0 GPA, A grade of “C” or above in academic support and nursing courses, and a passing score on a comprehensive exit exam. Students must see policy in Health Sciences Student Handbook for details.

**Candidates must be a licensed vocational nurse with one year of employment as a vocational nurse.**

### Paperwork for transition includes:

The following items should be on file with Health Sciences Enrollment Advisor by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in March:

1. All Basic Admission Criteria must be met.
2. An official transcript from the Vocational Nursing program.
3. A copy of the LVN/LPN license.

## Associate Degree Nursing Point System Admission Process

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

### A. GPA ON ALL COLLEGE LEVEL WORK

RANGE		POINTS
3.75 --- 4.0	25	
3.5 --- 3.74	24	
3.25 --- 3.49	23	
3.0 --- 3.24	22	
2.76 --- 2.99	21	
2.51 --- 2.75	20	
2.5	19	
No history of W's, D's or F's within last 5yrs	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### B. TEAS V PROCTORED ASSESSMENT:

Applicants who have met the proficient test scores will be further evaluated on the point system criteria.

TEAS V Categories	Proficient	Advanced	Exemplary	POINTS
OVERALL	60-79% = 5pts	80-91% = 10pts	92-100% = 15pts	
Reading	69-79% = 5pts	80-91% = 10pts	92-100% = 15pts	
*Science (not required)	>/= 58% = 5pts			
*If a student scores at or above the proficient level, a total of 5pts will be given.				<b>TOTAL</b>

### C. NON-NURSING COURSES:

ID	COURSE NAME	SEMESTER YEAR COMPLETED	A	B	C	POINTS
2301	A & P I		10	7	4	
2302	A & P II		10	7	4	
2320	Microbiology		10	7	4	
2301	General Psychology		10	7	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>						

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**D. POST SECONDARY CERTIFICATE (must be verified) or DEGREE**

CERTIFICATE RECEIVED	INSTITUTION	YEAR	POINTS
CNA or EMT			1
LVN or Paramedic			2
Associate Degree			3
Bachelor's Degree			4
Master's Degree			5

**E. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Completed Application Process	POINTS
Application Complete & Copy of ALL Required Immunizations	Max point = 1
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	

\*Specific scores will be determined annually by the nursing program based on the national norm and program attrition data.

- Points will be awarded for applicants who meet the minimum score requirements for the TEAS V for Overall score and Reading.
- If 2 or more students have the identical point count total, the science score will be the deciding factor. If further validation is needed, Math scores will be utilized.
- Applicants who do not meet the ADN required cut score will be further evaluated for licensed vocational nurse program.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

5/1/2021

## RE-ENTRY: Associate Degree Nursing Point System Admission Process

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

### A. GPA ON ALL COLLEGE LEVEL WORK

RANGE		POINTS
3.75 --- 4.0	25	
3.5 --- 3.74	24	
3.25 --- 3.49	23	
3.0 --- 3.24	22	
2.76 --- 2.99	21	
2.51 --- 2.75	20	
2.5	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### B. GPA ON ALL NURSING (RNSG) COLLEGE LEVEL WORK

RANGE		POINTS
3.75 --- 4.0	25	
3.5 --- 3.74	24	
3.25 --- 3.49	23	
3.0 --- 3.24	22	
2.76 --- 2.99	21	
2.51 --- 2.75	20	
2.5	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>		

### C. EXAM SCORING: Scoring is according to standardized proficiency levels.

ATI Proctored Exam Score	Minimum score of Level One required for re-entry	Level Two		Level 3	POINTS
<b>Written 100 item Exam Score</b>	<b>Minimum grade 75% required for re-entry</b>	<b>75-80%</b>	<b>81-89%</b>	<b>90-100%</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester re-entry (Paper Fundamentals 100 item exam)	0	2	3	4	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester re-entry (ATI Fundamentals proctored exam)	0	2		4	
4 <sup>th</sup> Semester re-entry (ATI Adult Medical-Surgical proctored exam)	0	2		4	
<b>TOTAL</b>					

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**D. COMMITTEE REVIEW OF RE-ENTRY APPLICATION, STUDENT FILE & RNSG COURSE WORK.**

		POINTS
Admit with no conditions	5	
*Admit with conditions	3	
Not recommended for re-entry	0	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		

\* For re-entry into the associate degree nursing program, the committee requests that the student comply with each recommendation highlighted or written below:

review all unit exams	utilize all available nursing media	reduce work hours
child care management	dependable transportation	plan structured study times
set priorities	practice NCLEX style questions weekly	prepare finances
OTHER:		

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