



## Registered Nursing

**What should be my major** - Nursing schools have no preference regarding which major you choose as long as you do well and complete the nursing prerequisite course requirements. Texas A&M does not have a pre-nursing major, so choose one that interests you and allows you to be successful while in school.

**Earning your BSN** - There are three ways to earn a BSN.

1. **Traditional BSN:** This program is for traditional degree-seeking undergraduate students who want to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This normally takes 2 years. You can do this either by:
  - Option #1- Completing only the A&M core and pre-nursing prerequisite courses and then transferring into a nursing program to receive your BSN degree.
  - Option #2- Completing your A&M undergraduate degree and then entering a nursing program to receive your BSN degree. With this option, you will have 2 degrees, the one from A&M and your BSN.
2. **Accelerated BSN:** This is a fast-track program for students who already have a bachelor's degree, but who are not already RNs. These programs typically take 12-16 months to complete.
3. **RN-BSN:** This program is for current RNs with an associate's degree (ADN) who wish to obtain a bachelor's degree.

**Applying to nursing school** - While each school has their own specific way for students to apply to their program, these are common to most of them.

- Completion of prerequisites before first day of classes
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, 3.0-3.5+ to be competitive
- Minimum 3.0 math/science GPA, 3.5+ to be competitive
- HESI test score, 75 in each section, 90+ cumulative to be competitive
- TEAS test score, 65 minimum, 80+ to be competitive
- Apply through NursingCAS (most programs)
- Apply Texas (if you are applying for a Second-Degree program)

**HESI vs TEAS** - These are formal standardized nursing entrance exams. Some programs require the HESI, while others require the TEAS. Both tests include the following subjects: anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, English grammar, reading comprehension, and mathematics. Institutions may limit how many times you can reattempt to take these exams per application period, so check with the programs you are interested in for more details. Programs will specify which of these subtests are required, so check with them before testing.

Both the HESI and TEAS exams are offered online.

HESI through [ProctorU](#)

TEAS through [Blinn College](#)

**NursingCAS** - This centralized application service allows applicants to apply to multiple nursing programs through submitting one application. They will also have up-to-date admission requirements and deadlines for each school in their service. [Click here](#) to find out if your school participates in NursingCAS. NursingCAS also has a landing page which is a great way to search for what programs are open during the applicant's desired application cycle. [Click here](#) to access the NursingCAS landing page.

Please note: All prerequisites and information are subject to change at any time without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain up to date on all requirements by checking the program websites and attending information sessions.

**Nursing Prerequisite Courses for TAMU CON-** By the application deadline, applicants must have completed a minimum of 40 prerequisite course credit hours of the 59 hours required. Of those 40, 12 credit hours must be from the following nursing science courses: Lifespan Psychology (3), General Psychology (3), Statistics (3), Chemistry (4), Anatomy and Physiology I and II (8), and Microbiology (4). TAMU CON will take the highest math grade (college algebra or higher) Some nursing schools, you need to complete ALL your prerequisites prior to applying, for example UT Health Houston. Click here for a detailed [Texas A&M College of Nursing Prerequisite List](#)

**Common Nursing Prerequisites-** Please note: All prerequisites and information are subject to change at any time without notice. It is your responsibility to remain up to date on all requirements by checking the program websites and attending information sessions. All programs require different prerequisite courses for admission. There are 7 common prerequisite courses that many nursing programs require for applicants. BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, CHEM 119, BIOL 206, NUTR 202, PSYC 225 and STAT 201. However, you must check the nursing school you are applying to for an official list of courses required.

Course	TX Common Course Number	TAMU Course Number	Semester Hours
*Anatomy & Physiology I & II	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 319 & 320	8
*CHEM I	CHEM 1405 or 1411	CHEM 119	4
English I & II	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 103 & 104	6
Government	GOVT 2305 & 2306	POLS 206 & 207	6
History	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 105 & 106	6
Math (College Algebra)	MATH 1314	Math 102 (or higher)	3
*Microbiology (Intro)	BIOL 2420 or 2421	BIOL 206	4
*Nutrition	BIOL 1322	NUTR 202	3
*Philosophy (Intro)	PHIL 1301 or 2306	PHIL 111 or 251	3
*PSYC (Intro)	PSYC 2301	PSYC 107	3
*PSYC (Lifespan)	PSYC 2314	PSYC 225	3
*SOC I (Intro)	SOCI 1305	SOCI 205	3
*Statistics	MATH 1342	STAT 201	3
Visual/Performing Arts	TX Core Approved	TX Core Approved	3

**\*Common Prerequisite Courses –** Check with each nursing program for specific course requirements.

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## Texas Nursing Programs

[Abilene Christian University](#) (T)- Abilene  
[Angelo State University\\*](#) (T) – San Angelo  
[Arizona College](#) (H) - Dallas  
[Baylor University\\*](#) (H) - Dallas  
[Chamberlain College of Nursing](#) (H) – multiple locations  
[Concordia University Texas\\*](#) (T) - Austin  
[East Texas Baptist University](#) (T) - Marshall  
[Galen College of Nursing](#) (E) – San Antonio  
[Hallmark University](#) (T) – San Antonio  
[Houston Christian University](#) (E) - Houston  
[Howard Payne University](#) (T) - Brownwood  
[Lamar University](#) (H) - Beaumont  
[Letourneau University](#) (T) - Longview  
[Midwestern State University\\*](#) (H) – Wichita Falls  
[Patty Hanks Shelton](#) (E) - Abilene  
[Prairie View A&M University](#) (T) - Houston  
[Sam Houston State University](#) (T) - Huntsville  
[Schreiner University](#) (T) - Kerrville  
[South University](#) (E) – Round Rock  
[Southwestern Adventist University](#) (T) - Keene  
[Stephen F. Austin State University](#) (T) - Nacogdoches  
[Tarleton State University](#) (H) – Stephenville  
[Texas A&M International University](#) (H) - Laredo  
[Texas A&M University\\*](#) (H) – College Station (traditional) and Round Rock (second degree)  
[Texas A&M University-Commerce](#) (H) [Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi\\*](#) (H)  
[Texas A&M University-Texarkana](#) (N) - Texarkana  
[Texas Christian University\\*](#) (T) – Ft. Worth  
[Texas Lutheran University\\*](#) (T) - Sequin  
[Texas State University](#) (T) – Round Rock  
[Texas Tech Health Science Center](#) (N) – Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, \*Lubbock, Odessa, and San Antonio  
[Texas Tech Health Science Center\\*](#) (H) - El Paso  
[Texas Woman's University](#) (T) – Denton, Katy  
[University of Houston\\*](#) (T) – Sugar Land  
[University of Mary Hardin-Baylor](#) (H) - Dallas  
[University of St. Thomas\\*](#) (H) - Houston  
[University of Texas at Arlington \(UTA\)\\*](#) (T) - Twelve locations across Texas  
[University of Texas](#) (N) - Austin  
[University of Texas](#) (alternate MSN entry) (N) - Austin  
[University of Texas \(UTEP\)](#) (T) - El Paso  
[UTHealth](#) (E) - Houston  
[UTHealth San Antonio\\*](#) (T)  
[University of Texas at Tyler](#) (T)  
[UTMB Health](#) (T) - Galveston  
[University of Texas Permian Basin](#) (T) - Odessa  
[University of Texas Rio Grande Valley \(UTRGV\)\\*](#) (H) - Edinburg  
[University of the Incarnate Word\\*](#) (T) – San Antonio  
[Wayland Baptist University](#) (T) – San Antonio  
[West Coast University](#) (E) - Richardson  
[West Texas A&M University](#) (H) - Canyon  
[Western Governors University \(WGU\)](#) (H) – BCS and multiple other locations  
[Western Tech](#) (T) – El Paso

**Required Admission Test: H = Hesi; T = Teas; E = Either; G = GRE; N=None \*Second Degree programs offered**

## Texas Accelerated (Second Degree) BSN Programs

	<a href="#">Angelo State</a>	<a href="#">Baylor</a>	<a href="#">Concordia</a>	<a href="#">MSU Texas</a>	<a href="#">Texas A&amp;M</a>	<a href="#">TAMU-Corpus Christi</a>	<a href="#">Texas Christian</a>	<a href="#">Texas Lutheran</a>	<a href="#">TTUHSC El Paso</a>	<a href="#">TTUHSC @Lubbock</a>	<a href="#">UH @ Sugar Land</a>	<a href="#">UIW</a>	<a href="#">UTHS C@SA</a>
<b>Classes begin</b>	May	May	January, May, & August	May	January	May	August	February, June, & September	August & January	January	January	January, May, & August	May
<b>Months to complete</b>	15	12	16	15	15	16	19	16	16	12	12	16	15
<b>Admission Exam</b>	TEAS	HESI	TEAS	HESI	HESI	HESI	TEAS	TEAS	HESI	None	TEAS	TEAS	None
<b>Location</b>	San Angelo	Dallas	Dallas/Austin	Wichita Falls	Round Rock	Corpus Christi	Ft. Worth	Seguin	El Paso	Lubbock	Sugar Land	San Antonio	San Antonio

The accelerated program requires a bachelor's degree, completion of their schools' core curriculum, and their programs pre-nursing prerequisite courses.

<b>Prereqs</b>													
A&P I/II	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHEM I	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Microbiology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NUTR	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PSYC (Intro)	✓	✓		✓	✓ <sup>2</sup>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PSYC (Lifespan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SOCI (Intro)		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
STAT	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Add'l Prereqs	Research Methodology	See footnote 1	Medical Spanish for Healthcare Professionals	Pathophysiology	Intro Biology I & Ethics <sup>2</sup>	See footnote 3	Pathophysiology	Pathophysiology	Pathophysiology	Pathophysiology & see footnote 4			CHEM II & Ethics

<sup>1</sup>Baylor also requires an American, British, or World literature course, two bible-based courses (will accept a world religion course for one of these), and a course in World History, Western Civilization, survey course in American History, or History of the American Woman.

<sup>2</sup>Texas A&M also requires Intro Biology I and an Ethics course. They will take core humanity in place of ethics or an additional social science (PSYC, SOCI) in place of general psychology if degree conferred.

<sup>3</sup>Texas A&M CC will accept either Intro to SOCI or Intro to PSYC, and they encourage a medical terminology course.

<sup>4</sup>Texas Tech HSC in Lubbock also requires an Intro Nursing course and Comm. in Nursing.

Texas Common Course Nursing System – Use the link [here](#) to see course numbers at other institutions compared to the TAMU course number.  
Students are responsible to check with each program for changes in curriculum requirements.

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