

TWU COLLEGE OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
SECOND Bachelor's Degree

Admission Criteria

1. Complete prerequisite coursework. Nursing prerequisite courses in **bold** must be completed **before the application deadline**. All other coursework must be completed **before starting the nursing program**. All science courses must be passed with a grade of **"C" or higher**. Courses can be taken at TWU or transferred from other institutions.
 - **Anatomy & Physiology I (Lecture & Lab)**
 - **Anatomy & Physiology II (Lecture & Lab)**
 - **Microbiology (Lecture & Lab)**
 - **Chemistry (any 4 hours with corresponding lab)**
 - **Developmental Psychology (Lifespan)**
 - **Introduction to Nutrition**
 - **Elementary Statistics**
 - US History I & II
 - US Government
 - Texas Government
2. Minimum eligibility requirements include a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, a nursing prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher, as well as a score of 64 or higher in each TEAS section. Eligible students must complete the entire NursingCAS application and submit a criminal background check through Castlebranch.
3. Admission to the College of Nursing (CON) is highly competitive. As part of the process, the Admissions Committee will review all responses in application, including short answers to questions about leadership experiences and self-assessment of personal traits such as caring, and resilience.

How to Apply

Application Deadlines: Fall Admission: **February 1st** Spring Admission: **August 15th**

1. **Apply to TWU** at www.GoApplyTexas.org as an undergraduate transfer student, selecting "Nursing Entry BS" as your major. Apply at least **six weeks before the application deadline**. Send official transcripts from all previous institutions to both **TWU Office of Admissions Processing** (PO Box 425649, Denton, TX 76204) and **NursingCAS**. All college coursework must be entered into NursingCAS.
2. **Apply to Upper-Division Nursing** through www.NursingCAS.org after TWU admission. Create an account, select the TWU BSN (Pre-Licensure) program, complete all required sections, upload necessary documents, and submit the application fee by the deadline.
3. **Take the TEAS Exam** before the application deadline and upload scores to NursingCAS. The exam is available at **ATI-supported locations**, including **PSI centers** and **TWU Denton**.
4. **Submit Updated Transcripts to TWU and NursingCAS** by the deadline, including grades for any recent courses.

Need to Know

- **Campus Selection:** Upper-division nursing courses are offered at the Dallas, Denton, and Houston campuses. Applicants must select a campus in their NursingCAS application.
- **TEAS Exam Policy:** Applicants are limited to two TEAS attempts per admission cycle, and **scores are not rounded**.
- **Admission Averages:** The average admitted student has a TEAS composite score of 87 and a GPA of 3.70.
- **Previous Coursework:** Coursework from previous degrees will not appear on your TWU transcript but may still count toward prerequisites. For equivalency reviews, contact a College of Nursing Academic Advisor.
- **Application Communication:**
 - All communication regarding your upper-division nursing application will be sent via email through NursingCAS.
 - If additional information is needed, applicants will have five business days (including weekends) to respond.
 - Failure to respond within this timeframe will result in ineligibility for admission.

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Second Bachelor's Degree Option

This option is for those who are seeking initial licensure as a registered nurse (RN) and who have previously earned a bachelor's degree in another field. Coursework from prior degrees may be applied to the prerequisites, if equivalent in content. Contact a College of Nursing academic advisor to have your coursework evaluated. Academic Program Code: NURS.BSPB *Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) noted in italics.*

Lower Division (Nursing Prerequisite & Non-Nursing Prerequisite) Courses

Semester 1	Hours	Semester 2	Hours
MATH 1703 (MATH 1342) Elementary Statistics I	3	HIST 1013 (HIST 1301) US History, 1492-1865	3
1603 (PSYC 2314) Developmental Psych (Lifespan)	3	Chemistry (Any college-level lecture & lab)	4
ZOOL 2011/2013 (BIOL 2101 & 2301, or 2401) <i>Anatomy & Physiology I, lecture & lab</i>	4	ZOOL 2021/2023 (BIOL 2102 & 2302, or 2402) <i>Anatomy & Physiology II, lecture & lab</i>	4
Total Hours	10	Total Hours	11

Lower Division (Nursing Prerequisite & Non-Nursing Prerequisite) Courses

Semester 3	Hours	Semester 4	Hours
POLS 2013 (GOVT 2305) US National Government	3	POLS 2023 (GOVT 2306) Texas Government	3
NFS 2323 (BIOL 1322) Intro to Nutrition	3	HIST 1023 (HIST 1302) US History, 1865-Present	3
BACT 1001/1003 (BIOL 2120 & 2320, or 2420) <i>Microbiology lecture & lab</i>	4	Recommended: Contact a nursing advisor prior to this semester to verify prerequisite completion and discuss application for upper-division nursing.	
Total Hours	10	Total Hours	6

Students must complete the 25-hour nursing prerequisite courses (bolded/italicized above), in addition to the successful completion of a nursing entrance test before applying to the College of Nursing for admission. The remaining prerequisite course work listed above must be completed before beginning the nursing courses below.

Nursing Program at Texas Woman's University (Dallas, Denton or Houston)

Semester 1	Hours	Semester 2	Hours
BIOL 4344 Pathophysiology	4	N 3233 Collaborative Nursing Care of the Adult Population	3
N 3813 Pharmacology	3	N 3232 Collaborative Care of the Adult Population Clinical	2
N 3153 Health Assessment	3	N 3243 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	3
N 3151 Health Assessment Lab	1	N 3241 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family Clinical	1
N 3193 Foundations of Nursing Practice	3	N 4001 Nursing Practice Integration Lab I	1
N 3191 Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical	1	N 3612 Introduction to Nursing Research	2
N 3181 Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab	1	N 4602 The Nursing Experience with Groups	2
		N 4612 Promoting Wellness in the Aging Family	2
		Nursing Elective	2
Total Hours	16	Total hours	18

Nursing Program at Texas Woman's University (Dallas, Denton or Houston)

Semester 3	Hours	Semester 4	Hours
N 4043 Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Needs	3	N 4803 The Nursing Leadership and Management Experience	3
N 4042 Nursing Care of the Adult with Complex Needs Clinical	2	N 4012 Community Health Nursing in Population Health	2
N 4053 Concepts of Pediatric Nursing	3	N 4111 Community Health Nursing in Population Health Clinical	1
N 4091 Concepts of Pediatric Nursing Clinical	1	N 4052 Integrated Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice	2
N 4063 Mental Health Nursing	3	N 4023 Integrated Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice Clinical	3
N 4041 Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1	N 4032 Nursing Practice Integration Lab III	2
N 4022 Nursing Practice Integration Lab II	2		
Total Hours	15	Total Hours	13



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TO: All Nursing Majors
RE: Requirements for Clinical Placement and Subsequent Registered Nursing Licensure

Clinical Placement

All potential students seeking entrance to the TWU College of Nursing Upper Division program should be aware of requirements necessary for clinical placement during the nursing curriculum and subsequent requirements for licensure. Nursing students gain expertise in nursing care by attending required clinical experiences at hospitals and other clinical agencies in community. By providing direct patient care throughout the nursing curriculum, the student develops necessary knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities in order to competently perform as a registered nurse applicant upon graduation. When students are placed in clinical agencies to complete necessary course work each semester, the students must comply with strict entrance criteria, to include, but not limited to, criminal background screening and drug testing, imposed by that particular clinical agency. TWU College of Nursing must ensure and verify that each student placed in a clinical facility meets those requirements. Currently, students **MUST** meet very specific identification requirements (valid ID) in order to have drug testing and criminal background screening to attend clinical experiences and successfully pass clinical courses in the curriculum. The following list contains the only acceptable identification necessary for the drug testing and criminal background screening. **One of the following will be required of all students who have been admitted to upper division nursing before a clinical placement can be offered. You must present one of these forms of identification on the day designated as nursing orientation.**

- Unexpired US/Texas Driver's License with photo
- Unexpired United States passport with photo
- Unexpired Foreign passport with Student Visa and photo
- United States State ID [Texas ID] issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles with photo
- United States Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with identifiable photo
- Unexpired United States military ID card for active duty, reserve, or retired personnel with photo

Background Checks for Texas Board of Nursing

Per Senate Bill (SB) 1058, criminal background checks are **mandatory** for all students accepted for enrollment in a nursing education program. These checks, initiated by the Texas Board of Nursing, are

intended to identify individuals who, due to criminal convictions, would be ineligible to sit for the NCLEX exam upon completion of an approved nursing education program. **Those who believe they might have eligibility issues to be found through a criminal background check that could prevent them from taking the licensure examination upon completion of a nursing program are required to complete a Declaratory Order application.** The Declaratory Order process permits the Board of Nursing to make decisions regarding an applicant's eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program. **This process must be fulfilled before a clinical placement can be granted in any clinical nursing course.**

The Declaratory Order application can be found on the Texas Board of Nursing website (below):

https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp

Testing Center Requirements for Licensure Testing (for graduates seeking RN licensure)

Future nursing graduates should also know that PSI (the testing company assigned to provide NCLEX-RN examinations required for licensure) requires a valid ID containing an identifiable photo and signature. For more information on requirements for testing for licensure, go to:

<https://www.ncsbn.org/cps/rde/xchg/ncsbn/hs.xsl/1221.htm>

SAMPLE Weekly Schedule for a Junior 1 Nursing Student - Traditional Program - at TWU

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
6:00 AM		Peer Tutoring for Pathophysiology, 6-8a	Peer Tutoring for Assessment, 6-8a					
7:00 AM								
8:00 AM		Pharmacology Lecture, 9a-12p	Pathophysiology Lecture, 8:30a-12:30p	Assessment Lab, 8a-12p	Concepts Clinical, 6a-2p	Use this time to STUDY!	Use this time to STUDY!	
9:00 AM								
10:00 AM								
11:00 AM								
12:00 PM	Use this time to STUDY!	Peer Tutoring for Pharmacology, 12-2p						
1:00 PM			Concepts Lecture, 1-4p	Use this time to STUDY!				
2:00 PM		Assessment Lecture, 2-4p						
3:00 PM								
4:00 PM								
5:00 PM			Peer Tutoring for Concepts, 4:30-6:30p					
6:00 PM					Visit clinical hospital to receive info for clinical the next day.			
7:00 PM								

This schedule is based on a student that has not completed Pathophysiology before their first semester of nursing school. This student has a Wednesday morning Assessment Lab and a Thursday clinical. Clinical and Assessment labs will vary for each group. Twenty-five (25) hours of suggested weekly study time is also factored in.

Peer Tutoring is not mandatory but is highly suggested and days and times are subject to change each semester. This was given to you to provide you an idea of what your schedule will be like during your 1st semester of Nursing school at TWU.