Applying to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program

UT Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) Application Information

UTSA does not offer a BSN program. Students are encouraged to complete their pre-requisites and then apply to the nursing program of their choice. UTHSCSA’s BSN application requirements are listed below.

Traditional BSN: For students who have not yet completed a Bachelor’s degree. Program at UTHSCSA is 24 months long.

To apply:
- Complete 51 out of 60 pre-requisite hours, including all Math/Science pre-requisites with a ‘C’ or better.
- Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 5.0.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (includes all college coursework)
- Minimum Math/Science GPA: 3.0 (includes required math and science pre-requisite coursework only)
- Apply via NursingCAS (see reverse for details).
- Application deadlines:
  - Fall entry: February 1st
  - Spring entry: August 1st

Below is the timeline students often follow when applying to the Traditional BSN Program:

Accelerated BSN: For students who have completed a Bachelor’s degree in any subject. Program at UTHSCSA is 15 months long.

To apply:
- Complete 27 out of 36 pre-requisite hours, including all Math/Science pre-requisites with a ‘C’ or better.
- Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 5.0.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (includes all college coursework)
- Minimum Math/Science GPA: 3.0 (includes required math and science pre-requisite coursework only)
- Apply via NursingCAS (see reverse for details).
- Application deadline:
  - December 15th for entry in May of the following year

Please note: Although both of these programs have minimum GPA requirements, students who are typically admitted have significantly higher GPAs.

More information about UTHSCSA’s BSN programs can be found on their website at: http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

UT Health Science Center San Antonio Pre-requisites (Traditional and Accelerated BSN)

- MAT 1023*: College Algebra
- STA 1053*: Basic Statistics
- BIO 1233: Contemporary Biology (UTSA pre-requisite) OR BIO 1404: Biosciences I (UTHSCSA pre-requisite)
- BIO 2053 & BIO 2051*: Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
- BIO 2063* & BIO 2061*: Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
- BIO 1053* & BIO 1061*: Microbiology & Lab
- BIO 2043* OR NDT 2043*: Nutrition
- CHE 1004*: Chem for Allied Science OR CHE 1103*: General Chemistry I
- CHE 1014*: Organic Chem for Allied Science OR CHE 1113*: General Chemistry II
- PSY 1013: Introduction to Psychology
- PSY 2503: Developmental Psychology
- SOC 1013: Introduction to Sociology

Additional Pre-requisites (Traditional BSN Only)

- WRC 1013: Freshman Composition I
- WRC 1023: Freshman Composition II
- 2 of the following: HIS 1043, HIS 1053 and HIS 2053
- POL 1013
- POL 1133
- Art Core (approved from Texas core)
- PHI 2123 OR PHI 3213: Ethics

* Indicates courses considered in Math/Science GPA

Special Program: Facilitated Acceptance to Nursing School (FANS)

This 2 + 2 Program offers exceptional students guaranteed acceptance into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at UTHSCSA.

Requirements include:
- Completion of all pre-requisite coursework (excluding dual credit and AP coursework) at UTSA.
- Math/Science GPA: 3.6 or higher
- Overall GPA: 3.5 or higher
- TEAS scores: see advisor

Because FANS coursework is demanding, student should consult with an advisor about program eligibility.
Health Professions Advising

Newly-admitted UTSA students are assigned an advisor (called a primary advisor) based on their major. For pre-nursing students, who are often undeclared, advising takes place in Student Placement Advising Center. However, as students completing pre-requisites and not pursuing a degree at UTSA, they are encouraged to meet with a Health Professions Advisor as early as possible to ensure proper nursing pre-requisites are taken.

When to meet with a Health Professions Advisor:
- Orientation
- At least once per academic year to discuss coursework and current competitiveness for nursing programs
- One semester prior to applying for a BSN program

What to expect from a Health Professions meeting:
- Course selection
- Discussion of GPA competitiveness
- Testing and Application timeline
- Majors related to Nursing
- Health Professions Pathways

Websites and Resources

The Health Professions Office keeps resources in our office for student use. In addition, here are some websites which offer insight into the nursing profession, programs and applications:
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing: www.accn.nche.edu
- American Nurses Association: www.ana.org
- Texas Nurses Association: www.texasnurses.org
- National Student Nurses Association: www.nsna.org
- American Academy of Nursing: www.aannet.org
- National League for Nursing: www.nln.org
- Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow: www.nursesource.org
- TEAS Testing Information: www.teastest.org
- TEAS Testing Resources: www.atitesting.com
- Nursing Schools in Texas: www.texashotjobs.us

UT Health Science Center offers regular information sessions about their programs. A list of these dates is available here: http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/openHouse.asp

University of the Incarnate Word offers a workshop on how to apply through NursingCAS: http://www.uiw.edu/nursing/bsn/traditionalapply.html.

Shadowing/Volunteering/On-Campus Involvement

Because of the holistic admissions process currently in place for medical schools, students are encouraged to complete health care-related and volunteer experiences to solidify their commitment to the profession of medicine. Additionally,

Ways to get involved:
- UHPO keeps a list of volunteer opportunities in the San Antonio area in our office and on our website, located here: http://www.utsa.edu/healthprofessions/volunteer.html.
- UTSA student organizations participate in service activities. Information about getting involved on-campus can be found on RowdyLink: https://utsa.collegiatelink.net/.
- Students are encouraged to volunteer or shadow nurses at clinics and hospitals to gain understanding of daily nursing responsibilities.
- Students pursuing nursing pre-requisites are encouraged to apply for leadership roles in their community and on-campus to develop necessary communication and teamwork skills.
- Attend UTSA’s Health Professions Day, held each February, to meet with representatives from various nursing schools.

Additional UTHSCSA Application Information

TEAS Test
- TEAS Version 5.0 is required by UTHSCSA prior to program application. The TEAS test consists of content about reading, writing, math and science.
- When registering for the TEAS test (via www.atitesting.com), prospective nursing students should also register with PSI, which releases test scores digitally to NursingCAS.
- The TEAS test may be taken more than once per application cycle. However, if taken more than once in a given cycle, UTHSCSA only considers the first attempt score in admissions decisions.

NursingCAS
- NursingCAS is a centralized application service for students applying to nursing schools. All transcripts, test scores and other application information should be sent directly to NursingCAS, not the nursing programs themselves.

Admissions Factors
- UTHSCSA considers applicants on four factors: TEAS score, Math/Science GPA, Overall GPA, Application Questions.