Upper-Division BSN Application Eligibility Requirements

For consideration of admission to the upper-division nursing program, an applicant must meet the following requirements by the application deadline:

- Be admitted and have an active student status with UT Arlington Office of Admissions and Records (uta.edu/admissions) at the time of application. Admission to UT Arlington is dependent upon receipt of official transcripts from outside institutions, if applicable.
- Earn a minimum 2.75 GPA in the two GPAs calculated in the selection process (refer to the Upper-Division BSN Selection Process section).
- Complete all 16 lower-division prerequisite natural science hours (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and General Chemistry).
- Once accepted, an applicant must complete all lower-division prerequisite courses marked with * (refer to “Lower-Division Prerequisite Courses” on reverse side) before STARTING the first semester of the upper-division nursing program. Applicants accepted for the spring term must have required coursework completed prior to winter intersession.
- Complete the Math, Science, Reading, English and Language Usage sections of the TEAS Exam. Applicants must score at minimum in the proficient range of 58.7% - 77.3% overall and in each section. The TEAS can be retaken every 30 days with a maximum of three (3) times in a year. TEAS scores are valid for two (2) years and must be valid at the application deadline.
- Submit English Language Requirement documentation, if required. The College of Nursing requirement differs from that of UT Arlington. A high school diploma and/or a bachelor’s degree or higher earned in the United States exempts a documentation requirement. If not exempt, academic advisors can provide additional exemptions and/or documentation requirements. Additional information is also available on the "Bachelor of Science in Nursing Policies (pre-licensure);" English Language Requirement policy (uta.edu/conhi).
- Complete all required immunizations and criminal background check by the BSN application deadline. Additional information is available on the College of Nursing and Health Innovation website (uta.edu/conhi).
- Complete and submit the Campus-Based BSN application (uta.edu/conhi).

**TEAS and BSN APPLICATION DEADLINES:**
Fall entry: January 15  Spring entry: June 1

Upper-Division BSN Selection Process

The selection process is based on a scoring system. Applicants with the highest points will be accepted until the available admission spaces are filled. The point values for each criteria in the ranking process are as follows:

The two (2) GPAs listed below. Each of the two GPA's (Natural Science and Overall) have a maximum value of 4.0. The sum of the natural science GPA and the overall GPA are combined as a composite score. A maximum overall GPA score of 8.0 can be earned.

1. Prerequisite natural science (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and General Chemistry).
2. BSN lower-division prerequisite courses including the upper division elective.

**Additional Considerations:** Each additional consideration has a point value of .5. Additional considerations will be added to the composite GPA score for a combined “total score”. A max total score for campus-based BSN applicants is 10.5. The additional considerations are as follows:

- Thirty (30) or more College of Nursing and Health Innovation lower-division prerequisite credit hours earned at UT Arlington.
- Twelve (12) or more College of Nursing and Health Innovation lower-division prerequisite natural science credit hours earned at UT Arlington.
- Admission to UT Arlington as a First-Time Freshman. Applicants must have completed all lower-division natural sciences and two out of the three pre-nursing courses at UT Arlington by the application deadline. All lower-division natural sciences and all pre-nursing courses must be completed at UT Arlington before starting the upper-division program.
- Previous baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree.
- United States Military Veteran, Reservists, or member of the National Guard.
- Nine (9) hours of UT Arlington ROTC courses (must be active in ROTC).
- Pathophysiology and Pharmacology. Students may receive either priority or an additional consideration.
  - Students who have completed both non-expired Pathophysiology (NURS 3366) and Pharmacology (NURS 3365) courses on their first attempt with earned grades of B or higher by the application deadline, will be given priority in the ranking; OR
  - Students who have successfully completed either non-expired Pathophysiology (NURS 3366) or Pharmacology (NURS 3365) on the first attempt with an earned grade of B or higher by the application deadline, will receive an additional consideration. The student MUST complete the second course during the application semester with a grade of B or higher or the consideration will be removed and the student will be waitlisted.

The GPAs and additional considerations earned by the BSN application deadline will be used in the ranking. Applicants will be ranked and admitted based on space availability. Admission to the upper-division nursing program is highly competitive.

Policies For Undergraduate Nursing Students

- It is each applicant’s responsibility to read, understand, and comply with this document and UT Arlington’s:
  - “Bachelor of Science in Nursing Policies (pre-licensure)” (uta.edu/conhi). These policies are specific to UT Arlington’s College of Nursing and must be adhered to when different from UT Arlington policies.
  - Undergraduate Catalog (uta.edu/catalog).

- Supplemental Resources:
  - UT Arlington College of Nursing and Health Innovation website (uta.edu/conhi).

Applicants accepted into the upper-division nursing program must adhere to the BSN Student Handbook (uta.edu/conhi).
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Campus-Based Program

Lower-Division Prerequisite Courses (70 credit hours)

Any student not in violation of a UT Arlington or College of Nursing policy is eligible to register and complete the following courses:

**NATURAL SCIENCE**
- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II a 8
- Microbiology a 4
- General Chemistry 4
- **Total: 16 credit hours**

**ENGLISH**
- Composition I & II 6
- Literature (sophomore-level or higher) 3
- Technical Writing 3
- **Total: 12 credit hours**

**HISTORY & GOVERNMENT**
- American History I & II 6
- U.S. Government and Texas State & Local Government 6
- **Total: 12 credit hours**

**UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE**
- Three hours of a junior- or senior-level elective 3
- **Total: 3 credit hours**

* Must be completed with a grade of C or higher within the first two (2) attempts. Visit the "Bachelor of Science in Nursing Policies (pre-licensure)" Two Attempt Policy section (uta.edu/conhi). Additionally, all lower-division prerequisites marked with * must be completed before STARTING the first semester of the upper-division program. Applicants accepted for the spring term must have required coursework completed prior to winter intersession. All lower-division prerequisite courses must be completed prior to graduation.

a Although not used in the upper-division nursing program GPA selection process, Biology I for Nursing Students (BIOL 1345) is a prerequisite course requirement in order to register for Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2457) and Microbiology (BIOL 2460) at UT Arlington.

b UT Arlington’s Contemporary Mathematics (MATH 1301) is preferred.

c The pre-nursing courses (Introduction to Professional and Clinical Concepts in Nursing, Pathophysiology, and Pharmacology) must be taken at UT Arlington unless pre-approved by UT Arlington’s College of Nursing. For details related to transferring in the pre-nursing courses, visit the "Bachelor of Science in Nursing Policies (pre-licensure)" UT Arlington Transfer Student Policy section (uta.edu/conhi).

d Pharmacology and Pathophysiology must be completed within three (3) years of the application deadline.

e Prerequisite course requirements in order to register for Pharmacology and Pathophysiology are Anatomy and Physiology I & II and General Chemistry. It is strongly recommended that Pathophysiology and Pharmacology be taken in separate terms and Pathophysiology be completed first.

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**
- Introduction to Psychology 3
- Developmental Psychology (Lifespan) 3
- Sociology, Intro to Public Health, or Anthropology 3
- **Total: 9 credit hours**

**FINE ARTS & MATHEMATICS**
- Fine Arts (Theory courses in Architecture, Art, Dance, Music, or Theater) 3
- Contemporary Mathematics or College Algebra b 3
- *Statistics 3
- **Total: 9 credit hours**

**PRE-NURSING**
- Introduction to Professional and Clinical Concepts in Nursing c, d, e 3
- Pharmacology in Nursing Practice c, d, e 3
- Pathophysiologic Processes: Implications for Nursing c, d, e 3
- **Total: 9 credit hours**

*Note: Refer to the University Catalog for all prerequisite course requirements and information. If taking lower-division prerequisites outside of UT Arlington, college equivalency charts are available at www.uta.edu/conhi/students/bsn-equivalency.php

Upper-Division Nursing Courses (51 credit hours)

A student must apply to the upper-division nursing program, be accepted and satisfy the program requirements as outlined in the BSN Student Handbook (uta.edu/conhi) to be eligible to register for these courses. All upper-division nursing courses listed below are required and delivered on the UT Arlington campus with clinical experience in the DFW Metroplex area. Additional program expenses apply.

**JUNIOR I**
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyles 3
- Holistic Health Assessment 3
- Clinical Nursing Foundations 6
- **Total: 12 credit hours**

**JUNIOR II**
- Nursing Research 3
- Nursing of Adults 6
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 3
- Nursing of Older Adults 2
- **Total: 14 credit hours**

**SENIOR I**
- Nursing of Adults with Complex Needs 5
- Nursing of Children and Adolescents 3
- Nursing of the Childbearing Family 3
- Role Development in Professional Nursing Seminar 1
- **Total: 12 credit hours**

**SENIOR II**
- Health Policy, Legal Aspects, and Informatics in Nursing 3
- Nursing Leadership and Management 3
- Population and Community Health Nursing 4
- Capstone: Transition to Professional Nursing 3
- **Total: 13 credit hours**

**Degree Plan Total: 121 credit hours**