

Students applying in fall 2020 for acceptance into pre-nursing beginning spring 2021 and all subsequent semesters, this criteria applies.

Students applying in the fall 2019 for acceptance into pre-nursing for spring 2020 and for students applying in spring 2020 for acceptance into pre-nursing for fall 2020 other admission criteria applies (see other form).

Explanation of Application Process and Course Requirements

The process to apply for admission is a two-step, competitive process. The two-step process to enter the nursing program is separate from, and in addition to, the application to Tarleton. **Admission by Tarleton and the School of Nursing are required.** To be considered for nursing program admission, the individual **MUST** meet admission requirements and submit application materials to Tarleton and the School of Nursing by the specified deadlines. Due to issues with program capacity (limited faculty resources, clinical space, and lab space), meeting minimum requirements for each step is necessary, but not sufficient, to gain program admission. Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) may apply for the BSN program of study in Stephenville.

Step I Selection for Tarleton Three Preadmission Nursing Courses (NURS 2355, 2360, and 2150)

1. Admission to Tarleton State University.
2. Completion of at least 50 general education and non-nursing prerequisite credits from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum grade of "C".
3. Achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 on completed designed English and Science prerequisite courses (ENGL 1301 & 1302, CHEM 1407, BIOL 2401, 2402, and BIOL 2420).
4. Completion of **all four** required science courses (CHEM 1407, BIOL 2401, 2402, and BIOL 2420) is necessary to be considered for preadmission (pre-nursing) courses. This means if applying to start pre-nursing courses in the fall, **all four science courses must be completed by the spring** semester before. If applying to start pre-nursing courses in the spring, all four science courses must be completed by the fall semester before.

Step II Nursing Program Application Process While Taking Preadmission Nursing Courses

1. Completion of the 56 general education and prerequisite credits from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum grade of a "C". All courses (except an upper level elective) are to be completed prior to the first class day.
2. Achieve a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) in A&P I & II, Chemistry, Microbiology, Freshman English I & II, Nursing Pathophysiology, Concepts, and Communication & Professional Nursing
3. Achieve one of the following:
 - HESI A2 score ≥ 80 (A&P, Math, English-Vocabulary, Grammar, Reading- Also required to take Critical Thinking and Learning Styles)
 - SAT math and verbal/reading only combined score ≥ 1180
 - ACT score ≥ 24

Only scores from within 5 years and submitted directly from an authorized testing center will be accepted.

4. Be eligible for RN licensure upon graduation. Must receive criminal background clearance by the Texas Board of Nursing and answer *no* to eligibility questions or receive a Declaratory Order before acceptance (see part IV of the School of Nursing application for more details).

Residency points are added after subtotal points are ranked in descending order. Students with the highest points and on-time submission of application will be accepted until the available admission slots are filled. **Admission to the nursing program is highly competitive and admission is not guaranteed.** The point calculation worksheet is located at www.tarleton.edu/nursing.

For Step I, submit Permission to Register for Preadmission Courses form to the Nursing Office by **March 15 to be considered for fall admission** or **October 15 to be considered for spring semester** (process information and form are available online at www.tarleton.edu/nursing).

For Step II, in addition to being eligible for RN licensure, submit all application materials by **March 15 to be considered for fall admission** or **October 15 to be considered for spring semester**. The application process is located at www.tarleton.edu/nursing.

GENERAL EDUCATION, PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS, and UPPER LEVEL ELECTIVE – 59 HOURS

TSU REQUIRED	HOURS
COMMUNICATION: *ENGL 1301,*1302	6
COMM 1311, 1315, 2302	3
MATH: MATH 1342 Statistics	3
LAB SCIENCE: *BIOL 2401 A&P I, *BIOL 2402 A&P II	8
*CHEM 1407 Chemistry	4
*BIOL 2420 Microbiology	4
VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (SEE CATALOG FOR LISTING)	3
LITERATURE OR PHIL 1301	3
HIST 1301, 1302 US History	6
GOVT 2305, 2306 US and Texas Government	6
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: PSYC 2301	3
FYS (Freshman Year Seminar)	1
NURS 1100 Transitioning To University Studies	3
PSYC 3307 Lifespan Development	3
HECO 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
Upper Level Elective (Nursing or Selected)	3

*The required entry level GPA of 3.0 is based on the 6 courses marked by an asterisk.

**Advising Guide
NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS – 61 HOURS**

Semester/Courses	Credit Hours	Semester/Courses	Credit Hours
Nursing Prerequisite – Freshman Year & Sophomore I		Nursing Prerequisites – Sophomore II	
Note: Admission to the nursing program is contingent on successful completion of all general academic requirements & the three Sophomore II pre-nursing courses) with grade of “B” or better. <u>Must be selected to take preadmission courses (see first page of this handout).</u>		NURS 2355 Nursing Foundational Concepts and Competencies (3,0)	3
		NURS 2360 Nursing Pathophysiology (3,0)	3
		NURS 2150 Communication and Professional Nursing	1
		Nursing Prerequisite Semester Credit Hours	7
		Complete Application for Nursing & Prerequisite courses	
		Level II	
Level I – Nursing program admission required	3	NURS 3521 Lifespan Healthcare Delivery II (3,6)	5
NURS 3300 Pharmacology in Nursing (2,3)	5	NURS 3302 Maternal and Child Health Nursing (2,3)	3
NURS 3510 Lifespan Healthcare Delivery I (3,6)	3	NURS 3303 Behavioral Health Nursing (2,3)	3
NURS 3322 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (2,3)	2	*NURS 3360 Family and Community-Based Nursing (2,3)	3
NURS 3270 Nursing Synthesis I (1,3)		NURS 3180 Nursing Synthesis II	1
Level I Semester Credit Hours	13	Level II Semester Credit Hours	15
		Level IV	
Level III		NURS 4394 Preparation for Professional Nursing	3
NURS 4630 Lifespan Healthcare Delivery III (3,9)	6	NURS 4425 Population & Global Perspectives in Nsg (3,3)	4
NURS 4350 Nursing Leadership in Healthcare (2,3)	3	NURS 4498 Trans to Professional Practice (1,3)	4
NURS 4245 Healthcare Informatics (2,0)	2	NURS 4190 Synthesis for Professional Nursing Practice (0,3)	1
*NURS 4318 Nursing Research, Inquiry, and Evidence-Based Decision-Making (3,0)	3		
Level III Semester Credit Hours	14	Level IV Semester Credit Hours	12

*Writing intensive courses

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Tarleton State University, a member of The Texas A&M University System, provides student-focused, value-driven educational experience marked by academic innovation and exemplary service, and dedicated to transforming students into tomorrow’s professional leaders. With campuses in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Midlothian and online, Tarleton engages with its communities to provide real-world learning experiences and to engage societal need while maintaining its core values of integrity, leadership, tradition, civility, excellence and service.

The nursing baccalaureate and masters programs at Tarleton State University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, and (202)887-6791. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is also fully accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing.

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