

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)- LVN to BSN Entry, Waco Campus

Department of Post Licensure Nursing, School of Nursing

Program Information and Admission Criteria

Welcome to the School of Nursing, Department of Post Licensure Nursing. Nursing is a healthcare career that it is high demand. Tarleton proudly offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree. The information in this document outlines the application, course requirements, and nursing curriculum for the Department of Post Licensure Nursing, LVN to BSN entry located in Waco, Texas at. More information can be found at www.tarleton.edu/nursing.

The process to apply for admission is a competitive process. The application process to enter the nursing program is separate from, and in addition to, the application to Tarleton State University. Admission to Tarleton and the School of Nursing are required. To be considered for the nursing program admission, the individual must meet admission requirements and submit application materials to Tarleton and the School of Nursing by specified deadlines. Nursing program admission is highly competitive and meeting minimum requirements for each step is necessary, but not sufficient, to gain program admission. Qualified applicants will be ranked and admitted based upon available capacity for the nursing program.

Admission Requirements for LVN to BSN Entry (Waco)

Nursing Program Application Process

Admission to the nursing program is highly competitive and admission is not guaranteed

1. Completion of the 56 general education and prerequisite credits from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.8 and a “C” or better in each course. All courses (except an upper-level elective) are to be completed prior to the first class day.
2. Achieve a minimum 2.8 and a grade of “C” or better in each designated prerequisite course: A&P I & II, Chemistry, Microbiology, Freshman English I & II
3. Achieve the following:
 - a. HESI A2 score ≥ 80 (A&P, Math, English-Vocabulary, Grammar, Reading- Also required to take Critical Thinking and Learning Styles)- Scores will not be taken from several HESI A2 Exams- A cumulative score of 80 or above is required in the required areas.
 - b. **Only scores from within 5 years and submitted directly from an authorized testing center will be accepted. All results submitted for consideration must be official results and submitted to the admissions department of the university.**
 - c. Students are only allowed to take the HESI two times in an academic year (Sept. 1st-Aug 31st).
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*).
5. Have current unencumbered vocational license in the State of Texas.

Admission Process

1. Apply to Tarleton State University. Application is online (through Apply Texas); a link to the application is available via the website at: <http://www.tarleton.edu/admission/index.html>. Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended. This process includes a nonrefundable fee.
2. Apply to the School of Nursing at Tarleton State University. The School of Nursing application materials are available at <https://www.tarleton.edu/nursing/post-licensure-programs/lvn-waco.html>. This process also includes a nonrefundable fee of \$35. The fee is paid at: https://epay.tarleton.edu/C20203_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=1498
3. Have official test scores submitted to the admission department of the university, submit unofficial transcript review form, completed and signed application form, and copy of LVN license. **You are required to meet with advisor, Kimberly Jaska (jaska@tarleton.edu) and submit your application materials per her instructions.** A copy of the receipt of payment for the application fee should accompany your application materials. Admission packet will not be accepted without receipt.

Only complete application packets will be considered for admission.

GENERAL EDUCATION, PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS – 59 HOURS

TSU REQUIRED		HOURS
COMMUNICATION:	ENGL 1301* & 1302*	6
	SPCH 1311, 1315, 1318, or 1321	3
MATH:	MATH 1342 Statistics	3
LAB SCIENCE	A&P I – BIOL 2401*	4
	A&P II – BIOL 2402*	4
	CHEM 1411 Chemistry*	4
	BIOL 2420 Microbiology*	4
CREATIVE ARTS:	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1311 MUSI 1306, DRAM 1310	3
SOPHOMORE LEVEL LITERATURE OR PHIL 1301		3
HISTORY:	HIST 1301 & HIST 1302 US History	6
POLITICAL SCIENCE:	GOVT 2305 – US Government & GOVT 2306 – Texas Government	3 3
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES: PSYC 2301 (REQUIRED)		3
COMPONENT AREA OPTION:	Suggest BIOL 1408, BIOL 2404, MATH 1314, or any acceptable MCC CAO required course	1
	PSYC 2314 Lifespan Development	3
	HECO 1322 Nutrition (BIOL 1322)	3
	Upper-Level Elective (see academic advisor for guidance)	3

*Courses must have at least a 2.8 GPA and a grade of “C” or better.

Students must be core complete before beginning nursing courses for this degree program.

NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Semester/Courses – en bloc credit = 9 hours	Credit Hours	Semester/Courses		Semester/Courses	Credit Hours
Junior I – Admission Required		Summer between Junior I and Junior II		Junior II	
NURS 3417 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for Licensed Nurses (3,1)	4	NURS 3315 Behavioral Health Nursing (2,1) ^(Distance learning)	3	NURS 3320 Nursing Research, Inquiry, and Evidenced Based Decision Making (3,0) WI ^{*(Hybrid)}	3
NURS 3370 Introduction to Nursing Care as a Professional Nurse (2,1)	3			NURS 3450 Nursing Care of Adults and Families for Licensed Nurses (3,1)	4
NURS 3230 Professional Roles Transitions for Licensed Nurses (2,0) ^(Distance learning)	2			NURS 3340 Nursing Care of the Older Adults and Families (2,1)	3
NURS 3325 Health Assessment (2,1)	3			NURS 3280 Synthesis 1 for Licensed Nurses (2,0)	2
Junior I Semester Credit Hours	12	Junior	3	Junior II Semester Credit Hours	12
Senior I		Senior II			
NURS 4310 Nursing Care of Children and Families (2,1)	3	NURS 4698 Leadership and Transitions for Professional Nursing (3,3)			6
NURS 4305 Nursing Care of Maternal, Newborn and Families (2,1)	3	NURS 4460 Nursing Care Adults w/ Complex Needs for Licensed Nurses (3,2)			4
NURS 4325 Community and Population Health Nursing (2,1)WI*	3	NURS 4275 Synthesis for Professional Nursing Practice (2,0) ^(Hybrid)			2
NURS 4280 Synthesis 2 for Licensed Nurses (2,0)	2				
NURS 4245 Informatics (2,0) ^(Distance learning)	2				
Senior I Semester Credit Hours	13	Senior II Semester Credit Hours			12

*Writing intensive courses

Curriculum approved by NFO 8/8/17, Academic Council 1/23/18, Handout revised: 04/25/19jm, 05/2020jm;approved adhoc/NFO 6/2020;12/20NFO

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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, (202)887-6791. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is also fully accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing.

While every effort has been made to make this handout as accurate as possible, changes in requirements & information may occur. Please refer to our website at www.tarleton.edu/nursing for more information.