

**Tarleton State University**  
**School of Nursing**  
**Department of Post Licensure Nursing**  
**LVN to BSN Program Information-Waco**

*This criteria applies for summer applicants for fall 2020.*

This alternate entry bachelor’s degree is designed to allow licensed vocational nurses to obtain the BSN degree in the most streamlined manner possible. A point system is used to select students for admission to the LVN to BSN entry at Tarleton State University (TSU). Students who submit all application materials by the deadline and meet admission requirements will be ranked on a list in descending order according to their total number of points. 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](http://www.tarleton.edu/nursing). Students not admitted must submit a new application to be considered for the next admission cycle. The point system is located at [www.tarleton.edu/nursing](http://www.tarleton.edu/nursing).

A student cohort will be admitted each fall semester.

**Advising Guide**  
**GENERAL EDUCATION, PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS, and UPPER LEVEL**  
**ELECTIVE – 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	3
	MUSI 1306, DRAM 1310	
SOPHOMORE LEVEL LITERATURE OR PHIL	1301	3
HISTORY:	HIST 1301 & HIST 1302 US History	6
POLITICAL SCIENCE:	GOVT 2305 – US Government &	3
	GOVT 2306 – Texas Government	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 3.00 (B) average

Students must be core complete with MCC upon transferring to Tarleton for this degree program.

**Admission Requirements for LVN-BSN Students (Waco)**

1. Completion of 56 general education and non-nursing prerequisite credits from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum grade of “C.” All courses (except an upper level elective) are to be completed prior to the application deadline.



2. Achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 on designated English and Science prerequisite courses prior to the first class day: a) ENGL 1301 and 1302; b) CHEM 1411; c) BIOL 2401 and 2402; and d) BIOL 2420.
3. Achieve one of the following:
  - HESI A2 score  $\geq 80$  (A&P, Math, English-Grammar, Reading, Vocabulary- Also required to take Critical Thinking and Learning Styles)
  - SAT math and verbal/reading only combined score  $\geq 1180$
  - ACT score  $\geq 24$**Only scores from within 5 years and submitted directly from an authorized testing center will be accepted.**
4. Achieve a minimum of 100 points. The point system is available at [www.tarleton.edu/nursing](http://www.tarleton.edu/nursing).
5. Current unencumbered license as a licensed vocational nurse or licensed practical nurse in the United States and be eligible for unencumbered licensure as a licensed vocational nurse in Texas. Proof of a current unencumbered Texas license must be demonstrated by the start of course work.

**Nursing Program Admission** – To be *considered* for program admission the individual **MUST** meet admission requirements and submit application materials to Tarleton and the School of Nursing or the University Center on the McLennan campus by the specified timeframe/deadline. Application to the nursing program is separate from, and in addition to, the application to Tarleton. **Acceptance by Tarleton and the School of Nursing is required.**

#### **Admission Process**

1. Apply to Tarleton State University. Application is online (through Apply Texas); links to the application are 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. Acceptance to TSU is required before application to the School of Nursing.
2. Apply to the School of Nursing at Tarleton State University. The School of Nursing application materials are available at [www.tarleton.edu/nursing](http://www.tarleton.edu/nursing).

This process also includes a nonrefundable fee of \$35. The non-refundable \$35 application fee is to be paid online at

[https://epay.tarleton.edu/C20203\\_ustores/web/classic/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=53](https://epay.tarleton.edu/C20203_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=53)

- a. Have official HESI test scores submitted, submit unofficial transcript review form, completed and signed application form, required narrative (see application), copy of LVN license, 3 reference forms (available online; each form should be placed in a separate sealed envelope with the signature of the evaluator written across the back seal of each envelope), and a copy of the receipt of payment for the application fee should accompany your application materials. Admission packet will not be accepted without receipt.
3. Submit completed packet to **Tarleton State University Waco office, on the McLennan Community College campus, Room MAC 101.**  
**You must have the entire packet (partial documents or incomplete packet will not be accepted).**  
**Meet with the advisor prior to application to determine completion of requirements and readiness for application. July 1 is the deadline for fall admission.** Only complete application packets will be considered for admission.

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**NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Semester/Courses – en bloc credit = 9 hours	Credit Hours	Semester/Courses	Credit Hours
<b>Junior I – Admission Required</b>		<b>Junior II</b>	
NURS 3430 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology for Licensed Nurses (3,3)	4	NURS 3302 Maternal and Child Health Nursing (2,3)	3
NURS 3322 Health Assessment (2,3)	3	NURS 3303 Behavioral Health Nursing (2,3)	3
NURS 3415 Lifespan Health Care Delivery for LVNs (3,3)	4	NURS 3425 Lifespan Health Care Delivery II for LVNs (3,3)	4
NURS 3333 Communication and Professional Nsg for LVNs	3	NURS 3360 Family and Community Based Nursing (3,2)	3
<b>Junior I Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Junior II Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Senior I</b>		<b>Senior II</b>	
NURS 4245 Healthcare Informatics	2	NURS 4394 Preparation for Professional Nursing (3,0)	3
*NURS 4350 Nursing Leadership in Healthcare (2,3)	3	NURS 4425 Population and Global Perspectives in Nursing (3,3)	4
NURS 4535 Lifespan Healthcare Delivery III for LVNs (3,6)	5	NURS 4498 Trans to Professional Nursing Practice (1,9)	4
NURS 4318 Nursing Research, Inquiry and Evidence-Based Decision-Making (3,0)	3	NURS 4190 Synthesis for Professional Nursing Practice (0,3)	1
<b>Senior II Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Senior II Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>12</b>

\*Writing intensive courses

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**About Tarleton State University:**

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](http://www.tarleton.edu/nursing) for more information.