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). Admission to UT Arlington is dependent upon receipt of official transcripts from outside institutions, if applicable.
- Complete all 16 lower-division prerequisite natural science hours (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).
- Earn a minimum 2.75 GPA in the two GPAs calculated in the selection process (refer to the Upper-Division BSN Selection Process section).
- If accepted, an applicant must complete ALL lower-division prerequisite courses, including the upper-division elective (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 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.
- 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, College of Nursing 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 AO BSN application deadline. Additional information is available on the College of Nursing and Health Innovation website (uta.edu/conhi).
- Complete and submit the College of Nursing AO BSN application (uta.edu/conhi).

TEAS and AO 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 Chemistry).
  2. BSN lower-division prerequisite courses GPA, which includes the upper-division elective.

Additional Considerations: Each additional consideration completed by the application deadline has a point value of .5. Additional considerations will be added to the composite GPA score for a combined “total score”. The additional considerations are as follows:

- Twelve (12) or more College of Nursing lower-division prerequisite natural science credit hours earned at UT Arlington.
- Thirty (30) or more College of Nursing lower-division prerequisite credit hours earned at UT Arlington.
- Previous baccalaureate, master’s, or doctoral degree.
- United States Military Veteran, Reservist, or member of the National Guard.

The GPAs and additional considerations earned by the AO 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.

Note: Preference will be given to an applicant employed by partner hospital systems offering clinical sites during that semester of admission. Partner hospital systems and clinical sites vary each semester. To receive preference, an applicant must be employed at the time of application deadline. Employment at a partner hospital system is not a guarantee of admission into the upper-division nursing program.

Policies For Undergraduate Nursing Students

It is each applicant’s responsibility to read, understand, and comply with this document and UT Arlington’s:

- College of Nursing “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 website (uta.edu/conhi).
- UT Arlington website (uta.edu).
Lower-Division Prerequisite Courses (70 credit hours)

**NATURAL SCIENCE**
* Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II * 8
* Microbiology * 4
* General Chemistry 4

**ENGLISH**
Composition I & II 6
Literature (sophomore-level or higher) 3
* Technical Writing 3

**HISTORY & GOVERNMENT**
American History I & II 6
U.S. Government and Texas State & Local Government 6

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

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**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**
* Introduction to Psychology 3
* Developmental Psychology (Lifespan) 3
Sociology or Anthropology 3

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

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

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* Must be completed with a grade of C or better within the first two attempts. Visit the “Bachelor of Science in Nursing Policies (pre-licensure)” Two Attempt Policy section (uta.edu/conhi). Additionally, ALL lower-division prerequisites, including the upper-division elective, must be completed before STARTING the first semester of the upper-division program. * Applicants accepted for the spring term must have coursework completed prior to winter intersession.
* Although not used in the upper-division nursing program GPA selection process, Biology I for Nursing Majors (BIOL 1345) is a prerequisite course requirement in order to register for Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2457) and Microbiology (BIOL 2460) at UT Arlington. BIOL 1345 must be completed prior to enrolling in either BIOL 2457 or BIOL 2460. Refer to the University Catalog for all course requirements.
* An applicant is encouraged to complete Contemporary Mathematics.
* 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).
* Pharmacology and Pathophysiology must be completed within three (3) years of starting the upper-division nursing program.
* 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.

Note: If taking lower-division prerequisites outside of UT Arlington, college equivalency charts are available at http://www.uta.edu/conhi/students/bsn-equivalency.php

Upper-Division Nursing Courses (51 credit hours)

Upper-division nursing courses are required and delivered online with clinical experience at partner hospitals.

**JUNIOR I**
N3333 Health Promotion and Illness Prevention Across the Lifespan 3
N3320 Holistic Health Assessment 3
N3632 Clinical Nursing Foundations 6

**JUNIOR II**
N3321 Nursing Research 3
N3561 Nursing of Adults 5
N3481 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 4
N3261 Nursing of Older Adults 2

**SENIOR I**
N4581 Nursing of Adults with Complex Needs 5
N4431 Nursing of Children and Adolescents 4
N4441 Nursing of the Childbearing Family 4

**SENIOR II**
N4223 Professional Nursing Trends 2
N4351 Nursing Leadership and Management 3
N4462 Community Health Nursing 4
N4350 Capstone: Transition to Professional Nursing 3

Degree Plan Total: 121 credit hours

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