Distinctions Between the Campus-Based, Off-Campus Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (AP BSN)/ and the Veterans Bachelor of Science in Nursing (VBSN) Programs

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| **BSN Application Eligibility** | • Complete at least 12 of the 16 hours of required natural sciences (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and General Chemistry).  
• Earn a minimum 2.75 GPA in the two GPAs calculated in the selection process  
1. Prerequisite natural science (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).  
2. BSN lower-division prerequisite courses (excluding the upper-division elective).  
• Complete the required designated sections of the HESI A2 test (Grammar, Math, Reading Comprehension, and Vocabulary) with a minimum score of 75 percent per scored section. Learning Styles and Personality are also required, however; the results are not part of the application criteria.  
• Submit English Language Requirement documentation if required. For additional information, contact a College of Nursing academic advisor.  
• Complete an upper-division BSN and/or AP BSN application (uta.edu/nursing). |
| **BSN Selection Process** | For admission to the upper-division nursing program, an applicant will be ranked based on the following two (2) GPAs earned by the BSN and/or AP BSN application deadline:  
1. Prerequisite natural science (A&P I and II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).  
2. BSN lower-division prerequisite courses (excluding the upper-division elective).  

Additional consideration will be given to an applicant who completes the following by the BSN application deadline:  
• 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 earned in the United States. |
| **BSN Program Characteristics** | • Offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UT Arlington.  
• Taught by UT Arlington professors.  
• Prepares for taking the RN licensing NCLEX exam. |
<p>| <strong>Grants &amp; Scholarships</strong> | • Endowed scholarships are available to applicants accepted into the BSN program and are currently enrolled. |
| <strong>Work Limits</strong> | • Due to the rigorous nature of the upper-division nursing program and the time commitment of the coursework and clinical, it is strongly recommended that accepted applicants refrain from working while in the upper-division nursing program. If not feasible, it is recommended that working accepted applicants limit the work week to a maximum of 15-20 hours per week. Some applicants may find that is too much, depending on personal study habits and other commitments. |</p>
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<td><strong>BSN Application Eligibility</strong></td>
<td>• If accepted, an applicant must complete ALL prerequisites marked with * before STARTING the first semester of the upper-division nursing program (refer to Campus-Based admission brochure).</td>
<td>• If accepted, an applicant must complete ALL prerequisites, including the upper-division elective, before STARTING the first semester of the upper-division nursing program (refer to the AP BSN or the VBSN admission brochures).</td>
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| **BSN Selection Process**                     | • Additional consideration also given to applicants who by the BSN application deadline complete:  
  - Nine hours (9) of UT Arlington Honors college courses (must be active in Honors College).  
  - Nine hours (9) of ROTC college courses (must be active in ROTC). | AP BSN  
  • Preference will be given to applicants employed by partner hospital systems offering clinical sites during that semester of admission.  
  • Partner hospital clinical sites vary each semester.  
  • To receive priority, applicants must be employed at the time of the ranking and the first day of class.  
  • Employment at a partner hospital is not a guarantee of admission into the upper-division nursing courses.  
  VBSN  
  • Must be a veteran of the United States military (honorably discharged and provide a DD form 214 “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” showing proof of healthcare specialist rating).  
  • Must have been classified with a healthcare specialist rating (i.e., medic, corpsman) while serving in the military. |
| **BSN Course Format**                          | • Campus courses taught on UT Arlington’s campus with limited online course options for prerequisites & pre-nursing courses.  
  • Nursing coursework only offered in the campus format. | Only online courses available for prerequisites, pre-nursing and nursing coursework.  
  • Once accepted in the BSN program, lab and clinical experiences are faculty supervised and delivered at partner hospital systems and other healthcare facilities. Course testing and clinical assessments are proctored. |
| **Time Frame for Upper-Division BSN Courses**  | • 21 months total during four 16 week traditional semesters.                     | • 15 months total during four 12-15 week consecutive sessions. |
| **Upper-Division Summers & Winter/May Schedule** | • No upper-division nursing courses scheduled during these breaks.              | • Upper-division nursing courses taught year round with periodic 1-2 week breaks. |
| **Clinical Experience**                        | • Accepted applicants have a variety of clinical experiences in hospitals and other healthcare facilities around Dallas/Ft. Worth area.  
  • Typically Monday-Friday.                        | Accepted applicants complete most of their clinical experience at one partnership hospital, although may take specialties at other healthcare facilities if needed.  
  • Partner hospital locations across Texas.  
  • Typically on weekends, may have clinical scheduled during the week. |
| **Student Resources**                          | • Clinical training is supplemented by labs in the simulated patient care Smart Hospital™ at UTA.  
  • Access to campus resources (e.g. counseling services, health center, library, writing center).  
  • Advising by professional College of Nursing academic advisors.  
  • College of Nursing Student Success Program (test prep & study skills). | Clinical training is supplemented by simulated labs at partner hospitals.  
  • Access to online resources (e.g. academic coach, library, writing center). Access to campus resources (e.g. counseling services).  
  • Advising by professional College of Nursing academic advisors.  
  • College of Nursing Student Success Program (test prep & study skills) and Academic Coaches for online coursework. |
| **Grants & Scholarships**                      | • Accepted applicants are eligible to apply for scholarships and grants available through the University. | Selected scholarships & grants offered through the University are not available to accepted applicants enrolled in the AP BSN program. Verify with Financial Aid what funds will be available.  
  • VBSN applicants may contact www.uta.edu/vets for additional information. |
| **BSN Application Information**                | • Must fill out and submit a Campus Based BSN application.  
  • May also apply to AP BSN and/or the VBSN program(s).  
  • Must submit a separate application if applying to the AP BSN and/or VBSN program(s). | • Must fill out and submit an AP BSN application.  
  • VBSN applicants may also be considered for the AP BSN program.  
  • May also apply to the Campus-Based program.  
  • Must submit a separate application if applying to the Campus-Based program. |