**Applying to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program**

**UT Health San Antonio (UTHSA) Application Information**

UTHSA does not offer a BSN program. Students are encouraged to complete their pre-requisites and then apply to the nursing program of their choice. UTHSA’s BSN application requirements are listed below.

**Traditional BSN:** For students who have not yet completed a Bachelor’s degree. Program at UTHSA is 24 months long.

**To apply:**
- Complete 51 out of 60 pre-requisite hours, including all Math/Science pre-requisites with a ‘C’ or better.
- Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 6.0.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (includes all college coursework)
- Minimum Math/Science GPA: 3.0 (includes required math and science pre-requisite coursework only)
- Apply via NursingCAS (see reverse for details).
- Application deadlines:
  - Fall entry: February 1st
  - Spring entry: August 1st

Below is the timeline students often follow when applying to the Traditional BSN Program:

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**Accelerated BSN program:** For students who have completed a Bachelor’s degree in any subject. Program at UTHSA is 15 months long.

**To apply:**
- Complete 27 out of 36 pre-requisite hours, including all Math/Science pre-requisites with a ‘C’ or better.
- Complete Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 6.0.
- Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.5 (includes all college coursework)
- Minimum Math/Science GPA: 3.0 (includes required math and science pre-requisite coursework only)
- Apply via NursingCAS (see reverse for details).
- Application deadline: December 15th for entry in May of the following year

**Please note:** Although both of these programs have minimum GPA requirements, students who are typically admitted have significantly higher GPAs.

More information about UTHSA’s BSN programs can be found on their website at: http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/

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**Nursing School Pre-requisites**

Requirements vary, please refer to the admission website for your school of interest for specific prerequisite information. You may also contact the University Health Professions Office to discuss which UTSA courses fulfill nursing school prerequisites.

**Health Professions Advising**

Newly-admitted UTSA students are assigned an advisor (called a primary advisor) based on their major. For pre-nursing students, who are often undeclared, advising takes place in Student Placement Advising Center. However, as students completing pre-requisites and not pursuing a degree at UTSA, they are encouraged to meet with a Health Professions Advisor as early as possible to ensure proper nursing pre-requisites are taken.

When to meet with a Health Professions Advisor:
- Orientation
- At least once per academic year to discuss pre-requisites and current competitiveness for nursing programs
- One semester prior to applying for a BSN program

What to expect from a Health Professions meeting:
- Discussion of GPA competitiveness
- Testing and Application timeline information
- Health Professions Pathways

**Special Program: Facilitated Acceptance to Nursing School (FANS)**

This 2 + 2 Program offers exceptional students a guaranteed admission interview to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at UTHSA.

Program Requirements include:
- Completion of all pre-requisite coursework at UTSA (coursework completed by dual credit and/or AP prior to UTSA admission is permissible).
- Pre-Requisite GPA: 3.6 or higher
- Overall GPA: 3.6 or higher
- TEAS scores: see advisor

Through this program, students admitted to UTHSA School of Nursing, and successfully complete the 2-year BSN curriculum, will earn a second degree in Multidisciplinary Studies (MDST) from UTSA. Speak with a Health Profession Advisor for more details.
Shadowing/Volunteering/On-Campus Involvement

Because of the holistic admissions process currently in place for nursing schools, students are encouraged to complete health care-related and volunteer experiences to solidify their commitment to the profession of medicine.

Ways to get involved:
• UHPO keeps a list of volunteer opportunities in the San Antonio area in our office and on our website, located here: http://www.utsa.edu/healthprofessions/volunteer.html.
• UTSA student organizations participate in service activities. Information about getting involved on-campus can be found on RowdyLink: https://utsa.collegiatelink.net/.
• Students are encouraged to volunteer or shadow nurses at clinics and hospitals to gain understanding of daily nursing responsibilities.
• Students pursuing nursing pre-requisites are encouraged to apply for leadership roles in their community and on-campus to develop necessary communication and teamwork skills.
• Attend UTSA’s Health Professions Day, to meet with representatives from various nursing schools.

Websites and Resources

The Health Professions Office keeps resources in our office for student use. In addition, here are some websites which offer insight into the nursing profession, programs and applications:
• American Association of Colleges of Nursing: www.accn.nche.edu
• American Nurses Association: www.ana.org
• Texas Nurses Association: www.texasnurses.org
• National Student Nurses Association: www.nsna.org
• American Academy of Nursing: www.aannet.org
• National League for Nursing: www.nln.org
• Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow: www.nursesource.org
• TEAS Testing Information: www.teastest.org
• TEAS Testing Resources: www.atitesting.com
• Nursing Schools in Texas: www.texashotjobs.us

UT Health San Antonio offers regular information sessions about their programs. A list of these dates is available here: http://nursing.uthscsa.edu/students/openHouse.asp