BSN Information Session
# BSN Programs

## Traditional BSN
- No Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree required
- Requires 60 hours of Prerequisite coursework
- Program Length: 24 months
- Students only enrolled during Fall and Spring semesters (no Summer classes)
- Begins every Fall and Spring semester

| Fall Deadline: February 1st | Spring Deadline: August 1st |

## Accelerated BSN
- Requires a Bachelor’s degree (in any field other than Nursing)
- Requires 60 hours of Prerequisite coursework
- Program Length: 15 months
- Continuous enrollment required (First Summer, Fall, Spring, and Second Summer)
- Begins once a year in May

| Summer Deadline: December 15th |

[https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/programs/undergraduate](https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/programs/undergraduate)
BSN Admissions Requirements

Before the deadline, you must:

- Complete all required math/science prerequisites (bolded on slide 5)
- Be missing no more than 9 hours of non-math/science prerequisites
- Follow all application instructions (slide 12) and ensure materials are received before the application deadline
- Meet our GPA and TEAS Score requirements:
  - Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5
  - Minimum prerequisite GPA: 3.0
  - Minimum TEAS Score: 65

These are minimum requirements and do not guarantee admission in any way.

If you do not meet any of the above requirements, you cannot be considered for admission.

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Prerequisite Coursework

• The Traditional and Accelerated programs require the same 60 hours of prerequisite coursework.

• All math and science prerequisites (bolded on slide 5) must be completed before you apply.

• Only up to 9 hours of non-math/science prerequisites can be missing when you apply.
  • These remaining hours must be completed before you begin classes at UT Health San Antonio

• *Italicized* courses can also be fulfilled by sending a transcript to NursingCAS which indicates you have completed the Texas Core Curriculum.
  • Only public colleges in Texas can provide transcripts which indicate this. If none of your transcripts indicate you have completed the Texas Core, then you will need to take these specific classes to fulfill the Core. These requirements cannot be substituted otherwise. If you have questions about fulfilling the Core Curriculum at your school, please contact your school’s Registrar.

https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/programs/bsn-traditional/prerequisite-courses
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Total: 60 hours

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Course Equivalencies

To check if your credits are transferrable, use the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS): https://tccns.org/

- Select “Search by School”
- Select the college you currently attend
- We list our prerequisites based on TCCNS course codes. If the class you took appears on the same line as the prerequisite we require, then it fulfills our requirements.
Registering for the TEAS Exam

- Register for the TEAS through [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)
- Make sure your contact information matches on ATI and NursingCAS (same full name, email address, etc)
- We recommend registering with PSI to expedite sending your score report
- Contact ATI to send your score report to “U of TX Health Science Center San Antonio”

[https://www.atitesting.com/](https://www.atitesting.com/)
Taking the TEAS Exam

- We require a cumulative score of 65 or higher to be eligible to apply
- Each section is weighed equally for the cumulative score
- Study and utilize your resources to do well on each section

Exam Sections:

- Reading
- English
- Math
- Science

https://www.atitesting.com/
How Many Times Can I Take the TEAS?

Admissions Cycles: February 2—August 1 & August 2—February 1

- Students must take the most recent version of the TEAS Exam
- Applicants may only take the TEAS once per admissions cycle
- If an applicant has taken the TEAS multiple times, we will only consider the first score taken within the most recent cycle
- If you take the TEAS and are unhappy with your score, you must wait until the next admissions cycle to retake it so that we can consider your new score

https://www.atitesting.com/
Calculating GPA’s

Cumulative GPA

The cumulative GPA includes all college coursework you have ever taken, even if it not a prerequisite

• All attempts of repeated classes are included in the cumulative GPA
• Courses without a grade (such as withdrawals ‘W’ or Q-Drops ‘Q’) are not included in either GPA
• Minimum requirement: 2.5

Prerequisite GPA

The prerequisite GPA is based on the full list of prerequisites that we require (all 60 hours)

• If you have retaken any prerequisites, we will use the better grade out of your first two attempts of each prerequisite
• Minimum requirement: 3.0

Use [http://gpacalculator.net/](http://gpacalculator.net/) to calculate your GPA
All applications are accessed through www.NursingCAS.org

https://www.nursingcas.org/
Application Instructions

Step 1. Make sure you meet our admissions requirements (slide 3)

Step 2. Submit your Application and Transcripts to NursingCAS

  • NursingCAS must receive an official college transcript from all colleges you have attended
  • Your application and transcripts must be received by NursingCAS prior to the deadline (Late credentials will not be considered)

Step 3. Send your Score Reports to UT Health San Antonio

  • Your TEAS Score Report must be received prior to the application deadline
  • If you have received college credit through an AP, CLEP, or DANTES exam, you must also have that score report sent to UT Health San Antonio (our CollegeBoard school code is 6908)
  • Late credentials will not be considered

Step 4. Check Email for Interview Offer

  • Interview offers will be sent to competitive students after the deadline.
  • Please check your email regularly for notices from the Office of Admissions

https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/admissions/application-instructions
Ordering Transcripts

NursingCAS must receive an official transcript from all U.S. colleges you have ever attended.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- **Every** community college and four-year university you have ever attended (even if those credits appear on other transcripts)
- Colleges that you earned dual credit from while you were in high school
- Graduate or professional schools you have attended

All transcripts must be received by NursingCAS by the application deadline. For assistance with sending transcripts, contact NursingCAS: https://www.nursingcas.org/

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Foreign Coursework

If you have attended a foreign college (including Study Abroad), your foreign credits must undergo a course-by-course evaluation by a current NACES member.

• Directory of current NACES members: https://www.naces.org/members
• This evaluation must be mailed directly from the credentialing agency to UT Health San Antonio:
  School of Nursing, Office of Admissions
  7703 Floyd Curl Drive, Mail Code 7945
  San Antonio, Texas 78229

If you have only attended colleges outside of the United States, you must also take the TOEFL exam. Please visit our Foreign Coursework page for further guidance: https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/admissions/foreign-coursework
Should I Apply?

Things to consider before applying to Nursing School:

Healthcare: “Do I actually want to work in a healthcare setting?”

Location: “Am I willing to relocate to San Antonio?”
  • We are a fully in-person program. Online, evening, and weekend classes are not available.

Finances: There are several fees associated with the application process
  • Application Fee: $45 (non-refundable) application fee made to the Office of Admissions. Accessed through the NursingCAS application
  • NursingCAS Fee: Paid to NursingCAS for every application you submit
  • TEAS Fee: Paid to ATI when registering for the TEAS Exam
  • Seat Deposit: If you are accepted into the program, you will need to pay a $500 seat deposit towards your tuition when you submit your intent to enroll.
"Holistic review is a university admissions strategy that assesses an applicant's unique experiences alongside traditional measures of academic achievement such as grades and test scores."

– AACN (2017)
Admissions Decisions

• We utilize a holistic review process that factors in multiple parts of the submitted application
• Admissions decisions are based on the criteria on the right
• The admissions essay and activities form are submitted with the application to NursingCAS
• Interview offers are sent to competitive applicants after the deadline passes, and will be reviewed before final decisions are released

*Resumes, Letters of Recommendation, and References are not required and will not be considered.
BSN Application Workshop
Contact Information

Stay in contact with these offices throughout the application process:

**Office of Admissions**
Website: [http://nursing.uthscsa.edu](http://nursing.uthscsa.edu)
Phone: (210) 567-0341

**NursingCAS**
Website: [https://www.nursingcas.org/contact/](https://www.nursingcas.org/contact/)
Phone: (617) 612-2880

**ATI Testing**
Website: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)
Phone: 1-800 667-7531
Create your NursingCAS Account

• NursingCAS is the only application needed for admission to the School of Nursing.

• Make sure your NursingCAS and ATI Testing contact information match.

• Use an email address that you check regularly. All admissions decisions and updates from the Office of Admissions will be sent via email.

https://www.nursingcas.org/
NursingCAS Application

https://www.nursingcas.org/
Transcript Entry

- Under Academic History, you will be asked to enter all college coursework you have taken (this is called Transcript Entry).
- Your goal is to have your Transcript Entry section match your college transcripts exactly.
- Please watch this helpful tutorial made by NursingCAS for assistance with this section: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pb12C0YWubg

https://www.nursingcas.org/
Program Materials

The Program Materials section is where you will find parts of the application specific to UT Health San Antonio.

- **Home**: Here you will be reminded of our admissions requirements.

- **Documents**: This is where you will find the Activities Form. Print the form, write on it by hand, scan it as a PDF and then upload it to this section.

- **Questions**: This is where you will submit your admissions essay, pay the School of Nursing Application fee, and answer other application questions.

https://www.nursingcas.org/
Activities Form Tips

• Do not list activities from high school or earlier. We will only consider activities performed at the collegiate level or as a working adult.

• Do not list personal responsibilities such as taking care of children or a sick family member. Those types of activities should be discussed in the essay.

• No section is weighed more heavily than another. It is okay to have one section filled, but another section empty.

• You are limited to 5 lines per section—do not exceed that limit.

• For hours per week, put the reasonable amount of hours you schedule for yourself in a normal week.

Note: The form may change in appearance when you apply.
Essay Tips

• Edit your essay in Microsoft Word/Google Docs; do not start writing the essay in the NursingCAS editor.
• Writing is rewriting.
• Answer the prompt. Your essay should cover a topic not found in the rest of your application.
• If you write about a challenge or hardship, it should be used to explain gaps in your application (low GPA, lack of extracurricular activities).
• Explain the impact; describe the importance and relevance of your experiences.
• Let other people proofread and edit your essay.
• There is a character limit; make sure every word is being used effectively.

Current Essay Prompt:

There may be personal information that you want considered as part of your admissions application. Write an essay describing that information. You might include exceptional hardships, challenges, or opportunities that have shaped or impacted your abilities or academic credentials, personal responsibilities, exceptional achievements or talents, educational goals, or ways in which you might contribute to an institution committed to creating a diverse learning environment.

Limit: 3000 characters

Note: The essay prompt and character limit may change when you apply.
Submitting the Application

- After you have completed the four sections, select “Manage My Programs”
- Then select “Pay and Submit this Program” to pay the NursingCAS fee and submit your application.

https://www.nursingcas.org/
Interview Tips

Note: The interview occurs after the application deadline passes. Competitive applicants will be contacted by the Office of Admissions to participate in the online interview process.

• The online interview service allows you to do a practice recording before you start the actual interview. Do the practice recording as a warm-up to make sure you are ready.

• Put away all pets, phones, and distractions before starting.

• Start the interview in a closed environment with no interruptions—use a private study space or office with a closed door.

• Be mindful of the room’s lighting and background noise.

• Avoid verbal fillers (“umm”, “like”) and be mindful of body language (slouching, rolling eyes, crossed arms).

• Think of good stories to tell that reflect your best self.
Contact the Office of Admissions:

Contact Us Form:  
https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/nursing/about/request-info

Phone:  
(210) 567-0341