

SHSU-School of Nursing Information Session

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Topics to be Discussed

- Nursing program information
- Programs offered
- Application deadlines
- Degree requirements
- Admission requirements (minimum & competitive)
- Financial aid opportunities
- Contact Information



School of Nursing at SHSU



- Located in The Woodlands, TX
- Fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- 5 semester program (2 ½ years)
- Competitive admission, rigorous program
 - Currently 4-5 days a week, 10-12 hour days



Application Dates

- **Pre-Licensure BSN and LVN-BSN**
(face-to-face at SHSU-The Woodlands Center)
 - Spring Admission Application – June 1st- August 1st
 - Fall Admission Application – January 1st- March 1st
- **RN-BSN (100% online)**
 - Rolling application; fall, spring, and summer admission (no deadline, but must meet SHSU application deadline for a specific term)



BSN & LVN-BSN



BSN & LVN-BSN Program

- Curriculum change starting Fall 2025
- Students will start clinical courses in 1st semester of Nursing program (currently start clinicals in 2nd semester)





Applying for Fall 2025

Apply in Spring 2025

January 1st through March 1st

All prereqs completed when applying.

Summer 2025 (June-August)

Complete any remaining core.

Starting in Fall 2025

Prereqs and TX Core MUST be complete.



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Applying for Spring 2026

Apply in Summer 2025

June 1st through August 1st

All prereqs completed when applying.

Fall 2025 (August-December)

Complete any remaining core.

Starting in Spring 2026

Prereqs and TX Core MUST be complete.

3 Educational Paths

- **Pre-Nursing to BSN** – Students are classified as Pre-Nursing as they are taking prerequisite and lower-level courses
 - Approximately 85 applicants are accepted Fall & Spring to the BSN program out of 350+ applications
- **Licensed Vocational Nurse to BSN (LVN-BSN)** – Applicants must have an LVN license to apply to this program
 - Up to 10 applicants are accepted each Fall & Spring
 - Same application dates as BSN
- **Online Registered Nurse to BSN (RN-BSN)** – Applicants must have an RN license or be enrolled in an ADN* program to begin

*Alvin Community College, Blinn College, Lone Star College, Temple College





BSN Admission Requirements

- **Minimum GPA = 3.0** in Nursing Prerequisite and Overall (courses applicable to nursing)
- **“C” or higher** in all attempted, applicable coursework by application deadline
- **No more than 2 graded attempts** for a lab-science course within the past 7 years
- Required lab-science courses completed within 7 years of beginning the nursing program (LVN-BSN and RN-BSN exempt)
- Science courses must be 4 credit hrs. (lec/lab)
- TEAS Exam (all sections required)
- **BLS- Healthcare Provider** Certification through AHA (American Heart Association)
- Immunization Records

Clinical Requirements

- Cleared background check
 - (exclusions do not guarantee clinical placement)
- BLS Healthcare Provider certification card
- Immunizations
- Health insurance





Clinical Requirements

What if I am not a US citizen?

Some clinical settings require proof of citizenship or official residency status from nursing students. If a student does not have required documentation to establish sufficient proof of citizenship or official residency status (e.g. driver's license, passport, visa, employment authorization documentation, Texas identification card), it is very likely they will not be able to complete necessary clinical coursework. Students who do not complete clinical coursework will be unable to earn the BSN, resulting in the potential loss of significant time and money.

- If you have questions, please contact our Global Engagement Center. Email: GEC@shsu.edu



Degree Requirements

Nursing Prerequisite Courses required by application deadline:

- **BIOL 2403 Anatomy and Physiology I**
- **BIOL 2404 Anatomy and Physiology II**
- **BIOL 2420 Medical Microbiology**
- **CHEM 1406 Introductory Chemistry**
- **MATH 1314 College Algebra**
- **MATH 1342 Statistics**
- **FACS 2362 Nutrition**
- **PSYC 1301 General Psychology**
- **PSYC 3374 Lifespan Growth and Development**



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Degree Requirements

TX Core Curriculum required by start of the program :

- Varies at every school
- **If you are core complete at one public institution in TX, you will be core complete at SHSU.**
- You must be core complete before you start the program





TEAS Exam

- **Test of Essential Academic Skills**
 - Required for BSN and LVN-BSN applicants
 - Minimum overall score of 70 & 55 or higher for each section
 - [atitesting.com](https://www.atitesting.com)
 - No limit on attempts; can only upload 1 Individual Performance Profile
 - TEAS 7 version and must be taken within 2 years of application deadline



TEAS Upload- Most Common Error

WRONG

CORRECT

Transcript for [REDACTED]

Institution: Sam Houston State U BSN Program Type: BSN

Proctored Assessment									
Assessment Name	Date/Time	Individual Score	Proficiency Level	Individual Mean National	Individual PE Program National	Individual PE Program	Total Focused Review Time	Individual Score	
ATI TEAS Version 7	4/26/2023 2:12:00 PM	74.0%	Proficient	65.7%	67.1%	70	68	N/A	▲

Practice Assessment

Assessment Name	Date/Time	Individual Score	Practice Time	Total Focused Review Time	Quiz Result	Individual Score


Continuing Education Credits - Earned as of 5/29/2023

Tutorials - Earned as of 5/29/2023

NOTE: * [REDACTED] assessment

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Student Report Card



Individual Performance Profile
ATI TEAS Version 7

ati NURSING EDUCATION

Individual Name: [REDACTED] Test Date: 5/26/2023
Institution: Sam Houston State U TEAS Attempt: 2 of 2
Program Type: BSN Days Since Last Attempt: 28
Student Number: [REDACTED]

Scores

Total Score: **74.0%**

Academic Preparedness Level: **Proficient**
National Mean: 65.7% All BSN Programs Mean: 68.8%


Percentile Rank: % of students who scored at or below your score

Score	Percentile Rank
Total Score: 74.0%	62%
Reading Score: 87.2%	91%
Math Score: 88.2%	76%
Science Score: 56.8%	51%
English and Language Usage Score: 69.7%	64%

Content areas do not add up to the total score

Topics To Review

- Reading (39 items)
 - Key Ideas and Details (15 items, 93.3% answered correctly)
 - Craft and Structure (9 items, 88.9% answered correctly)
 - Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (15 items, 80.0% answered correctly)



Competitive Requirements

Pre-licensure BSN:

- Prerequisite GPA = 3.7
- Overall GPA = 3.6
- TEAS Math Score = 90+
- TEAS Reading Score = 80+
- TEAS Overall Score = 80+

Bonus Points

- Taking MATH 1370 (Biomedical Statistics)
- 10+ hours at SHSU
- Veteran status
- Nurse's Aide, Medical Assistant, EMT or Paramedic License (6 months experience)
- A previous Bachelors/Master's Degree



Steps to Apply

- Acceptance to Sam Houston State University
 - Starting Fall 2025, SHSU will use Common App
 - Apply for the semester you wish to begin taking courses
- Submission of School of Nursing application (www.nursingcas.org)
 - Official transcripts from every accredited institution attended
 - 1 TEAS Individual Performance Profile
 - BLS Certification Card (American Heart Association)
 - Immunization records
 - All application items must be received at NursingCAS by application deadline





Health Insurance & Immunization Records

- Health Insurance must be a comprehensive plan that covers a broad range of services
 - "Gold cards" or plans that restrict coverage to one facility or health condition (ex. women's health plan) are not acceptable
 - Not required for admission, but will be required for clinicals, SHSU Student Health Plan is acceptable
- Immunizations
 - Upload immunization records to Nursing CAS:
 - MMR (2 doses or quantitative titer)
 - Varicella (2 doses or quantitative titer)
 - Hepatitis B Series
 - Hepatitis B titer
 - Tdap (given after age 18)



Admission Process

- After the application deadline, all applications are carefully reviewed (this takes time)
- Admission decisions are sent to your SHSU email address
- In order to receive an admission decision, you must be accepted to SHSU and have a valid SHSU email address
- Waitlisted students will be emailed (at SHSU email address) as spaces become available
- Once admission decisions are made, all email communication is through your SHSU email address



RN-BSN





Reduction in Cost in RN-BSN

- RN-BSN is approximately (\$9,500) in tuition and fees
 - (30 hours of NURS courses)
 - 30% Reduction in tuition and fees starting January 2025
- Making our program more competitive with other online RN-BSN programs



RN-BSN Admission Requirements

- Similar prerequisite requirements as pre-licensure BSN
- Substitutions can be made with a similar class for:
 - CHEM 1406 – Introductory Chemistry (another 4 hour science)
 - MATH 1314 – College Algebra (another MATH core course)
 - FACS 2362– Nutrition
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 and Prerequisite GPA of 2.5
- “C” or better in all lower-level courses applicable to nursing
- Unencumbered TX RN License (or Compact License) or currently enrolled in ADN program



Nursing Curriculum (RN-BSN)

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester	3 rd Semester
<i>NURS 3360</i>	NURS 4030	NURS 3340
<i>NURS 3370</i>	<i>NURS 4383</i>	<i>NURS 4381</i>
<i>NURS 4382</i>	NURS 4060	NURS 4372
<i>NURS 4384</i>		
12 hours	9 hours	9 hours

Italicized courses (non-clinical) can be taken as a jointly admitted student if student is in ADN program at one of the 4 partner community colleges



Cost and Financial Aid Opportunities

- **Cost of the Nursing Program**
 - BSN is approximately \$34,700 in tuition and fees
 - (last 62 hours of program-NURS courses; does not include Pre-Nursing, lower-level requirements/prerequisites)
 - RN-BSN is approximately (\$9,500) in tuition and fees
 - (30 hours of NURS courses)
 - **30% Reduction in tuition and fees starting January 2025**
- **FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)**
 - Grants
 - Loans
- **Scholarships4Kats**
 - Complete 1 general application
 - Select and apply for scholarships you are eligible for
 - Up to 15 nursing specific scholarships
- **Employee tuition reimbursement**
- **SHSU Cost Calculator** <https://www.shsu.edu/dept/cashiers/cost/cost-calculator>



Contact Information

SHSU- The Woodlands Center (by appt only)

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