

SHSU SCHOOL OF NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

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TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

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



WHY NURSING?



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 (2.5 years)
- Competitive admission, rigorous program
- Full time program
 - 4-5 days a week, 10-12 hr. days

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Pre-Licensure **BSN** and **LVN-BSN** (in-person at The Woodlands Center)
 - Spring Admission Application – June 1st-September 1st
 - Fall Admission Application – January 1st-April 1st
- Pre-requisite courses must be completed and graded
- TX core must be completed before starting the program



APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **RN-BSN (100% online)**
 - Rolling application; Fall, Spring, and Summer admission
 - No deadline, but must meet SHSU application deadline for specific term



• 3 Educational Paths

- **Pre-Nursing to BSN** – Students are classified as Pre-Nursing as they are taking prerequisite and lower-level courses
 - Approximately 350+ applications each semester
 - Spring 2026- accepting 85 students
 - Fall 2026- accepting 108 students
- **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, Lamar State College- Orange, Lone Star College, Temple College

BSN & LVN-BSN

BSN Minimum Application 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)

Clinical Requirements



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Clinical Requirements

- Not required for admission, but will be required for clinicals:
- Cleared background check
 - BLS Healthcare Provider certification through the American Heart Association
 - Immunizations
 - Health insurance

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
 - SHSU Student Health Plan is acceptable
- Immunizations
 - MMR (2 doses or quantitative titer)
 - Varicella (2 doses or quantitative titer)
 - Hepatitis B Series
 - Hepatitis B titer
 - Tdap (given after age 18)

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



Prerequisite courses

(must be completed and graded at the time of application)

- 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

Degree Requirements

- **TX Core Curriculum required by start of the program:**
 - Varies at every institution
 - 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

Application Requirements



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Steps to Apply

- Acceptance to Sam Houston State University (www.applytexas.org) (if you are not a student already)
 - Apply for the semester you wish to begin taking courses
 - Apply for Public Health OR Health Sciences- Pre Nursing major
- Submission of School of Nursing application (www.nursingcas.org)
 - Official transcripts from every accredited institution attended
 - 1 TEAS Individual Performance Profile
 - Completed questionnaire and electronic transcript



All application items must be received at NursingCAS by application deadline



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
- 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

Transcript for [redacted]

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Institution: Sam Houston State U BSN

Program Type: BSN

Proctored Assessment									
Assessment Name	Date/Time	Score	Proficiency Level	Individual Mean	Individual FR	Total Focused Review Time	Individual Score		
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Practice Assessment									
Assessment Name	Date/Time	Score	Practice Time	Total Focused Review Time	Quiz Result	Individual Score			
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Continuing Education Credits - Earned as of 5/29/2023

☐ - Course Completed and Completed Date

☐ - Course Not Completed and Due Date

Total Contact Hours Earned ▶

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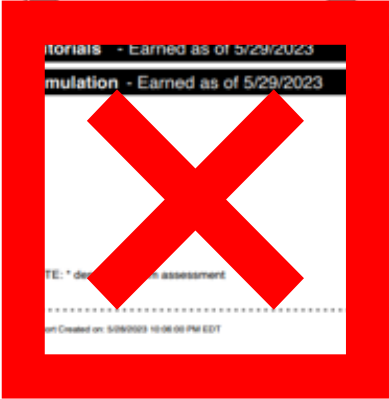
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StudentReportCard



Individual Performance Profile

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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: 65.6%

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

70%

62%

Reading Score: 87.2%

Math Score: 88.2%

Science Score: 56.8%

English and Language Usage Score: 69.7%

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

91%

90%

78%

69%

58%

51%

70%

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)

Demonstrate comprehension of written directions. (TEAS 7 FR R.1)

Craft and Structure (9 items, 88.9% answered correctly)

Distinguish between fact and opinion to identify misconceptions and... (TEAS 7 FR R.2)

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas (15 items, 80.0% answered correctly)

Use evidence from the text to make predictions, inferences, and draw... (TEAS 7 FR R.3.1)

Please see page 3 for an explanation of the Scores.

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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

- Completing 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

Admission Process



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

RN-BSN Application Requirements

- Similar prerequisite requirements as pre-licensure BSN
- Must submit transcripts with application
- Substitutions can be made with a similar class for:
 - CHEM 1406 – Introductory Chemistry (another 4 hr. 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 an ADN program at one of our partner institutions (Alvin Community College, Blinn College, Lamar State College- Orange, Lone Star College, Temple College)

RN-BSN Curriculum

- NURS 3360 Intro to Research
- NURS 3370 RN-BSN Role Transition
- NURS 4381 Legal & Ethical Issues in Nursing
- NURS 4382 Nursing Informatics
- NURS 4383 Rural Health Nursing
- NURS 4384 Genetics & Genomics
- **NURS 3340 Older Adult Health Mgmt**
- **NURS 4030 Community Nursing**
- **NURS 4060 Leadership & Mgmt**
- **NURS 4372 RN-BSN Capstone**

**Students must have a current, unencumbered Texas (or compact) Registered Nursing license prior to taking clinical courses or Capstone.*

Cost and Financial Aid Opportunities



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- **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
- **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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