

Prairie View A&M University  
College of Nursing  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**When can I apply?** New students matriculate into the 5-semester Generic Nursing Program, and 4-Semester LVN-BSN Program in January and August of each year. New students entering the 3-Semester RN-BSN Program may also be permitted to enter during the summer. All application deadlines are March 1 for the fall and September 1 for the spring. Students should apply up to two months before these deadlines to ensure admission to the University at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). New students must be admitted through the Prairie View A&M University Office of Admissions before being considered for acceptance into the College of Nursing. Students are responsible for ensuring that all courses needed to meet the 60-hour prerequisite requirements (taken at other institutions) are posted to their Prairie View A&M University transcript.

**How can I submit an application for the College of Nursing?** Applications are submitted online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). Step-by-Step instructions are listed on the College website [www.pvamu.edu/nursing](http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing).

**How many applications do you receive each semester? How many students do you accept?** The College of Nursing receives approximately 300-400 applications for the five-semester Generic Nursing Program for fall and again and admit approximately 100 student each semester. Each fall and spring, 30-50 application for the 4-Semester LVN-BSN Program is received, and 20 students are admitted each semester. Lastly, students with an associated degree in nursing may apply for the RN-BSN Program. Approximately 15 - 20 applications are received each semester for this 3-Semester Online Program, with up to 15 students admitted.

**How competitive is admission into the College of Nursing?** Admission to the College of Nursing is very competitive. The minimum cumulative grade point average (and Support Area grade point average) for acceptance is 3.00 on a 4.0 scale for the Generic, LVN-BSN, and RN-BSN Programs. Applicants are advised to complete all prerequisite courses prior to applying. Applicants must be eligible to return to all institutions attended (including nursing programs). Applicants with less than a 3.00 cumulative grade point average and support area grade point average are ineligible to be considered for acceptance into the nursing programs.

**How is my application evaluated?** Each application is reviewed and evaluated based on academic performance, including science courses, pre-nursing entrance examination scores, community service, and special skills and abilities that may affect care delivery or contribute overall to the nursing profession.

**When should I expect my admission decision letter?** Admission decision letters for all applicants are mailed out approximately one month after the application deadline. We are not able to inform applicants of their admissions decisions by phone or email.

Do you have a waitlist? Applicants will receive admissions decisions via mail indicating if they have been admitted, denied or waitlisted into the nursing program. Waitlisted students may be notified up until the day instruction begins if a space becomes available in the program. No information is released regarding position on the waitlist or the number of students placed on the waitlist. If spaces do not become available and an applicant is still interested in admissions consideration, the applicant must follow the Step-by-Step application submission process again.

**How many classes will I take each semester? How many hours per day will I attend class?** Each semester is 12-13 credit hours and three-four courses, including a 12-hour practicum. Each course typically meets once per week. The complete nursing curriculum for all undergraduate programs may be located in the *eCatalog* at [www.pvamu.edu](http://www.pvamu.edu).

**Can I study part-time?** A full-time commitment is encouraged in professional nursing school to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs.

**Where are clinical rotations held?** Clinical rotations are held at many health care locations throughout the Greater Houston Area, as well as counties contiguous to Harris County.

**Do you offer the BSN option online?** The RN-BSN Program is completely online.

**Will I be able to work full-time while attending the College of Nursing?** The majority of nursing students find the demands of attending courses and their clinical rotations far too rigorous to include full-time employment.

**Can I finish my prerequisite courses after I begin the nursing program?** No. All courses must be completed and documented at the University's Office of Admissions and the College of Nursing by the first day of Orientation to Semester I. Specific instructions are located at [www.pvamu.edu/nursing](http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing). Prerequisite courses may only be repeated once to earn a grade of "C", and no more than two (2) prerequisite courses may be repeated. Caution: A course that was repeated and then passed is still a repeated course.

**I took the science prerequisites more than five (5) years ago; do I need to retake them?** Yes. All science courses have a five-year time limit. Other Support Area courses (psychology, sociology, statistics, nutrition and human development) have a ten (10) year time limit.

**If I don't pass the pre-nursing entrance examination, will I be able to retake it?** Students are permitted to take the pre-nursing entrance examination (HESI A2) twice. Successful completion of the examination is a score of 75% in the areas of Reading, Grammar, Mathematics and Anatomy/Physiology, and the writing of the Critical Thinking section within two attempts.

**I already have a bachelor's degree. Do you have an accelerated program that I may pursue?**

Congratulations on completing your bachelor's degree, but we do not have an accelerated program. As a student with an associate degree or higher you have met the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement. Courses completed that convert to the prerequisite courses will be accepted. Students may complete their prerequisite courses at our main campus at Prairie View A&M University or the community college or university of their choice. See [www.pvamu.edu/nursing](http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing) for complete Transfer information.

**I am in high school or have never attended college and I want to earn my BSN from Prairie View in nursing. What should I do first?**

Students should first contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at (<http://www.pvamu.edu/admissions>) to obtain information about admission to the University. The Office of Pre-Nursing Advising in Anderson Hall is also available to assist students in planning and scheduling their prerequisite courses. The first two years of study will be devoted to completing Core Curriculum requirements including the nursing prerequisites. Students seeking a first bachelor's degree are admitted to Upper Division Clinical Studies (junior/senior) in the spring and fall semesters. Students must complete all lower-division (first-year/sophomore) courses, the pre-nursing examination, and all other requirements, prior to matriculating into the College of Nursing.

**Is financial aid available?** Yes, information and contacts to the Student Financial Aid Office are located at [www.pvamu.edu/faid](http://www.pvamu.edu/faid). Students admitted to the nursing programs after completion of the 60-prerequisite hours are also eligible to apply for College Scholarships at [www.pvamu.edu/nursing](http://www.pvamu.edu/nursing).