

Prairie View A&M University
College of Nursing

Frequently Asked Questions

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 October 1 for the spring. Students should apply up to two months before these deadlines to ensure admission to the University at 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.

How can I submit an application for the College of Nursing? Applications are submitted online at www.applytexas.org. Step-by-Step instructions are listed on the College website 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 <100 student each semester. We receive 30-50 application for the 4-Semester LVN-BSN Program and admit 20 students each semester. We typically receive approximately 15 - 20 application for the 3-Semester RN-BSN Program and admit 15 students.

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 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for the Generic and RN-BSN Program, and 3.0 for the LVN-BSN Program. 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 2.75 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.

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.

Can I study part-time? A full-time commitment is required 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. 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. Students with an associate degree or higher have met the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement, and 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 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 you in planning your prerequisite courses. Your 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. Students admitted to the nursing programs after completion of the 63-prerequisite hours are also eligible to apply for College Scholarships at www.pvamu.edu/nursing.