



Sam Houston State University

School of Nursing BSN • LVN to BS

School of Nursing Admissions Requirements:

- For admission Fall 2024 and Spring 2025:
 - Completion of 6 of the 8 **Nursing Prerequisite Courses** with a GPA \geq 3.0
 - GPA \geq 3.0 in **Additional Texas Core Requirements** and **Nursing Prerequisite Courses** prior to anticipated start date.
- For admission for Fall 2025 and thereafter:
 - **Texas Core requirements must be complete with a GPA \geq 3.0 before anticipated start date.**
 - **All 8 Nursing Prerequisite Courses must be complete with a GPA \geq 3.0 prior to anticipated start date.**
- Any grade below "C" must be replaced before the application deadline (applicable courses).
- Science courses (BIOL & CHEM) must be **taken within 7 years of the application deadline**
 - *Excludes LVN-BSN and RN-BSN.*
 - Science courses must be 4 credits each.
- Only **2 graded attempts** in a Lab Science course are allowed. A 3rd graded attempt automatically disqualifies student from application, apart from course expiration (taken > 7 years prior).
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license is strongly recommended (not required).
- Preference is given to applicants with:
 - Course hours at SHSU
 - MATH 1370
 - CNA, CMA, EMT, Paramedic license/certificate (with 6 months experience)
 - Previous completion of a bachelor's or master's Degree
 - Veterans

Nursing Prerequisite Courses		
SHSU Course #	TX Common Course #	Course Title
BIOL 2403	BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2301/2101	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2404	BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2302/2102	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2302/2120	Applied Microbiology
CHEM1406/ CHEM 1411	CHEM 1405 or CHEM 1411	Inorganic & Envir. Chem/ Gen. Chem
MATH 1342/1369/1370	MATH 1342	Elem. Stats./Biomed. Stats/ Psyc. Stats
FSCN 2362	BIOL 1322	Nutrition
PSYC 1301	PSYC 2301	Intro to Psychology
PSYC 3374	PSYC 2314	Developmental Psychology

Additional Texas Core Requirements:		
SHSU Course #	TX Common Course #	Course Title
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	English Composition I
ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302	English Composition II
MATH 1314	MATH 1314	College Algebra or MATH 1342 (or Higher)
Creative Arts Core	Creative Arts Core	Refer to your institutions Requirement
Lang. Phil. Cult. Core	Lang. Phil. Cult. Core	Refer to your institutions Requirement
HIST 1301	HIST 1301	US History to 1876
HIST 1302	HIST 1302	Us History Since 1876
POLS 2305	GOVT 2305	American Government
POLS 2306	GOVT 2306	Texas Government
Component Area 9 Core	Component Area 9 Core	Refer to your institutions Requirement



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Application Timelines:

- Fall Start: January 1st- February 1st
- Spring Start: June 1st - July 1st

TEAS EXAM:

- **Minimum Overall Score** must be ≥ 70
- **Sub-scores** must be ≥ 55
 - Reading and Math sub-scores will be used when calculating the rank.
- Given multiple test scores, choose 1 score report to use.
- If testing at SHSU, register for the TEAS exam at www.atitesting.com or at www.shsu.edu/centers/testing-center/
- Upload Individual Performance Profile in application.
- **Must be taken within 2 years of the application deadline.**

Helpful Information to Keep in Mind

The following information is not required at admission but is needed before the start of the second semester of nursing school:

- Proof of comprehensive health insurance (required each year for clinical placements).
- Background check. Background checks revealing offenses may prevent students from completing necessary clinical coursework.
- Some clinical settings require proof of citizenship or official residency status from nursing students. If a student does not have documentation supporting their citizenship or official status (e.g., driver's license, passport, visa, employment authorization documentation, Texas identification card), they may not be able to complete necessary clinical coursework.
 - *Being unable to complete clinical coursework equates unable to complete degree requirements.*
- Immunizations are required by our clinical partners, may exceed CDC recommendations, and follow the Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B Rule 97.64 and 97.65.
 - Proof of immunizations is required to remain in the nursing program. Plan accordingly as some vaccine series, such as Hepatitis B, may require 6 months to complete.
 - Requirements are subject to change based on clinical site.

**The School of Nursing Requirements are subject to change.*

How to Apply:

1. Apply and be accepted to SHSU via ApplyTexas.org for the semester you wish to begin nursing school.
2. Complete Nursing CAS application (will require submission of official transcript(s)) and TEAS scores.

For an advising appointment:
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