

# SHSU SCHOOL OF NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

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# TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

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- School of Nursing: Mission
- Programs offered
- Application deadlines
- Application and Clinical requirements
- Financial Aid and tuition cost
- Why SHSU?
- Contact information



# SCHOOL OF NURSING: WHO WE ARE



- Located in The Woodlands, TX
- Fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)





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# SCHOOL OF NURSING: MISSION

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- We transform healthcare education by integrating innovative learning experiences with a student-centric approach and advance knowledge through scholarly inquiry. We cultivate a workforce of nursing professionals who improve the health and healthcare disparities of our local, state, national, and global community.

# • 3 Educational Paths

- **Pre-Nursing to BSN – In-person**

- Students are classified as Pre-Nursing as they are taking prerequisite and lower-level courses
  - Approximately 350+ applications each semester
  - Fall 2026- accepting 108 students

- **Licensed Vocational Nurse to BSN (LVN-BSN) – In-person**

- Applicants must have an LVN license to apply to this program
  - Same application dates as BSN

- **Online Registered Nurse to BSN (RN-BSN) – Online**

- 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

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# APPLICATION DEADLINES **BSN and LVN-BSN**

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- Pre-Licensure **BSN and LVN-BSN**
  - Fall Admission Application – January 1st-April 1st
  - Spring Admission Application – June 1st-September 1st
- Pre-requisite courses must be completed and graded
- TX core must be completed before starting the program



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# APPLICATION DEADLINES RN-BSN

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- **RN-BSN**

- Rolling application; Fall, Spring, and Summer admission
- No deadline, but must meet SHSU application deadline for specific term



# Application Requirements

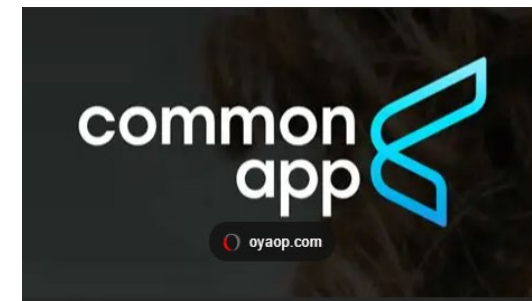




# BSN & LVN-BSN

# Steps to Apply

- Acceptance to Sam Houston State University ([www.applytexas.org/commonapp.org](http://www.applytexas.org/commonapp.org)) (if you are not an SHSU student already)
  - Apply for the semester you wish to begin taking courses
  - Apply for Public Health OR Health Sciences- Pre Nursing major
  - Submit all official transcripts and other required documents
- Submission of School of Nursing application ([www.nursingcas.org](http://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

# 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)



# 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)
- 20+ hours at SHSU
- Veteran status
- A previous Bachelors/Master's Degree

# Competitive Requirements (contd.)

## Bonus Points with Current License or Certification for:

- Nurse's Aide (CNA or PCT)
- Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Tech
- Phlebotomy Tech
- EMT
- Paramedic
- LVN



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# TEAS Exam

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## → 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://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	Individual Score	Proficiency Level	Individual Mean	Individual PIR	Total Focused Review Time	Individual Score
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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

☐ - Course Completed and Completed Date

☐ - Course Not Completed and Due Date

Total Contact Hours Earned ▶

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StudentReportCard

Individual Performance Profile

ATI TEAS Version 7

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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: 65.8%

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%

76%

69%

58%

51%

70%

64%

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)

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# TIMELINE

## Apply to SHSU

- If you are a freshman or transfer student, begin here.
- Health Sciences, Pre-Nursing, BS or Public Health, Pre-Nursing, BS
- Send official transcripts to SHSU.
- Applications can take 1-3 business days to reach SHSU.
- [ApplyTexas](#) or [Common App](#)

## Get accepted to SHSU

- Acceptance is needed before applying on Nursing CAS.
- Decisions can take up to a month after required documents have been submitted.
- Complete accepted student checklist
- Questions about your SHSU application can be sent to [admissions@shsu.edu](mailto:admissions@shsu.edu).

## Begin TX core curriculum and prerequisites

- If you are a current SHSU student, start here.
- If you need to change your major to a Pre-Nursing track, contact the Sam Center.
- Focus on your prerequisites, as they need to be completed before you apply.

## Complete TX core curriculum and prerequisites

- If you are a full-time student, completing your core and prerequisite courses should take approx. 1.5 years.
- If you are only in progress with your final core courses, you can apply for the next term.
- If you are in progress with any of your prerequisites, you will need to wait to apply until they are complete.

## Apply to the School of Nursing on Nursing CAS

- Keep deadlines in mind.
- Do not submit your application until you have requested all official transcripts, uploaded your TEAS Performance Profile, and completed your electronic transcript reported coursework. Failure to complete these steps will lead to a denied application.

# Degree Requirements





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# Prerequisite courses

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

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- 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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# TX Core Curriculum

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→ **Texas Core Curriculum is a 42 semester credit hour foundation mandated by the state for all Texas public universities.**

- TX Core Curriculum required by start of the program
- Varies at every institution
- If you are core complete at one public institution in Texas, you will be core complete at SHSU (must be stated in your transcript)
- Some prerequisite courses count towards your core completion
- You may verify with your Academic Advisor to find out if you are core complete
- For SHSU students, you may verify by reviewing your DegreeWorks

# Clinical Requirements



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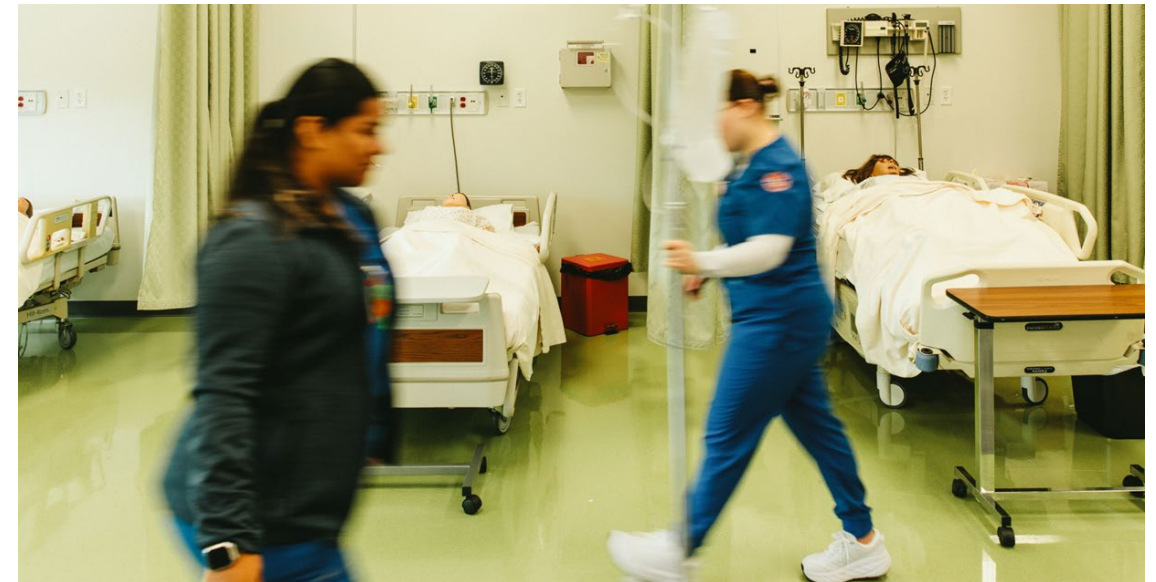
# Clinical Requirements

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- **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)



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# What if I am not a US citizen?

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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](mailto:GEC@shsu.edu)

# Admission Process





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- 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

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→ RN-BSN Program costs approximately  
\$9,500 in tuition and fees  
10 online NURS courses  
(30 credit hours)



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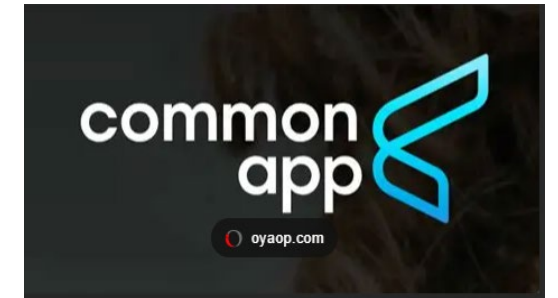
# RN-BSN Application Requirements

- **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 Application Steps

- Apply to SHSU through ApplyTexas or CommonApp
  - Select Public Health or Health Sciences
  - Submit all official transcripts
- Receive acceptance from SHSU
- Apply to the School of Nursing through NursingCAS
  - Submit unofficial transcripts from all institutions
  - Upload TX Nursing License (or multistate license) if applicable



# Cost and Financial Aid Opportunities



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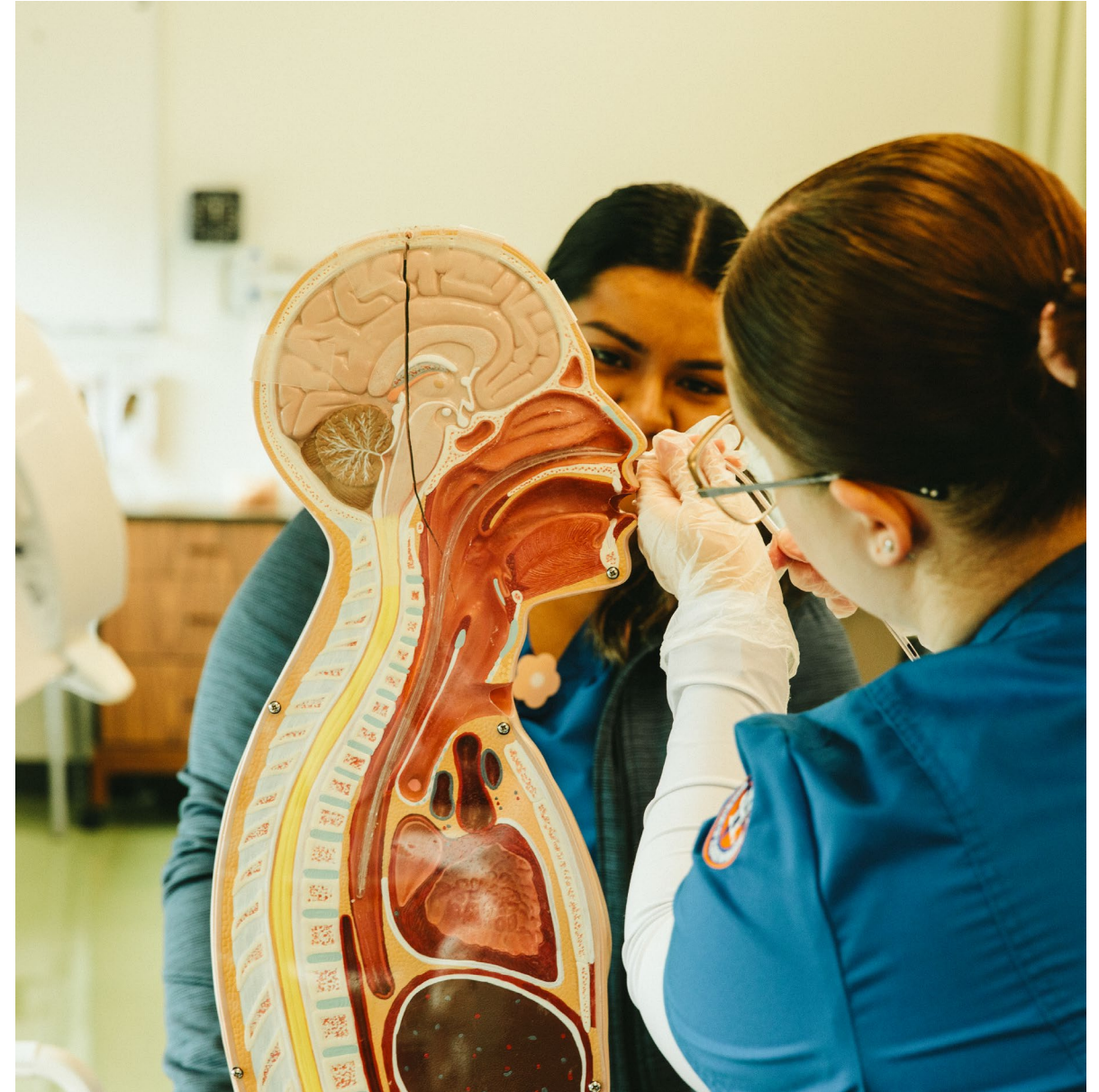
# Cost and Financial Aid Opportunities

- **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
- **FAFSA ([www.fafsa.gov](http://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>**

**SCHOLARSHIPS4KATS**

# WHY SHSU SCHOOL OF NURSING?

- 94% first-time NCLEX Pass Rate (average over past 5 years)
- 74-84% of graduates have job offer at time of graduation
- Top Bearkat Employers include:
  - Memorial Hermann Health System
  - HCA Healthcare System (Texas)
  - Houston Methodist System
- Projected to increase enrollment by 70% over the next 4 years
- Currently renovating new spaces for nursing students at The Woodlands Center
- Shared Nurse Academic Practice Partnership (SNAPPI)





- # Contact Information

**SHSU- The Woodlands Center (by appt only)**

**School of Nursing Advising Team**

936-202-5109

[prenursing@shsu.edu](mailto:prenursing@shsu.edu)

**SHSU- SAM Center in Huntsville (by appt only)**

**College of Health Science / Prenursing Advisors**

936-294-4444

[samcenter@shsu.edu](mailto:samcenter@shsu.edu)



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# Questions?