

The University of Tampa BSN Program Admission and Application Information

Admission to [The University of Tampa's \(UTs\) BSN Program](#) is once a year in the Spring semester. The online application for the BSN program will open on **July 15** and the deadline to apply to the BSN program is **October 15 @ 11:59pm EST** every year. Students are notified mid-November if they were accepted into the BSN program. The BSN program is 5 semesters in length full-time once admitted (no Summer sessions) starting every January (Spring semester). **There is no Fall semester entry.**

UT does not have a direct admission into the BSN program. A student seeking to enter the BSN program initially applies to UT as a regular undergraduate student with a pre-nursing major. With completion of most of the nursing prerequisites, the student applies for admission into the BSN program in the Fall of their sophomore year (3rd semester), this includes incoming freshman who may have completed the required pre-requisite courses through dual enrollment. Freshman are required to complete several courses as part of the Spartan Studies Core Education requirements during the first 2 semesters. Students can apply to the BSN program with prerequisites still pending if the remaining prerequisites are completed by the end of the semester in which the application is submitted. All prerequisites must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Application requirements include completion of prerequisite courses and a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA at the time of application to the BSN program and maintained at the end of the Fall semester prior to the BSN program Spring semester start date. The cumulative GPA for BSN program applicants includes dual enrollment, or any college credits earned outside of UT. Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses are awarded credit hours but are not part of the cumulative GPA. All prerequisite requirements must be completed by the end of the Fall semester in which they apply to the program to be eligible.

The BSN program is a competitive admission process. Being admitted to UT and meeting the minimum BSN program requirements does not guarantee admission into the BSN program. **Primary consideration is given to current UT students.** We strongly encourage students to earn **higher** than the minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA to be a more competitive candidate during the admission process. Each admission cycle receives between 100-140 applications for 92 available seats with an average cumulative GPA of 3.7.

Transfer applicants/freshmen with college credits receive a transfer credit evaluation after being admitted to the University. Please contact UT Admissions Department for your cumulative GPA if you have completed outside course work and transfer courses. The list of previously transferred courses can be found here on the [Transfer Credit Policy](#) but will not contain courses that have not yet been evaluated.

Applicants who have completed a minimum of 12 credits at UT during the preceding Spring and/or Summer semesters and are enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the Fall semester of application (for the purposes of the Department of Nursing admissions decision process) are considered a current UT student. Applicants who have not completed a minimum of 12 credits at UT during the preceding Spring and/or Summer semesters and/or are not enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the Fall semester of application are categorized as a transfer student. Due to the number of qualified UT current students, in the past seven years, we have not had an open seat available to consider a transfer applicant for admission.

The prerequisite requirements are listed below and must be completed by the end of the Fall semester in which a student applies to the BSN program. All prerequisites must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Required prerequisite courses completed prior to admission to the BSN Program

Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name
AWR 101	Writing and Inquiry	MAT 160	College Algebra
AWR 201	Writing and Research	PSY 101	General Psychology
BIO 183	Microbiology for the Allied Health Sciences	SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology
CHE 150	Chemistry for Health Care Professions	PSY 210	Child Psychology
HSC 230	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	or	
HSC 231	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	SOC 240	Sociology of Childhood
HSC 234	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	or	
HSC 235	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	*EDU 206	Human Development and Learning

*EDU 206 ~ Human Development and Learning is accepted if unable to enroll in PSY 210 or SOC 240. However, EDU 206 is **not** a Social Science (SS) and therefore you may be short in SS credits for graduation requirements. Please discuss with your academic advisor regarding options to fulfill the SS requirement for graduation.

All admission offers are conditional. Admission will be rescinded if any of the following are not met or incomplete:

- Reassessment of cumulative GPA and any in progress prerequisite final course grades to ensure all prerequisites were passed with a minimum of "C" and the cumulative GPA remains a 3.25 or above. If the GPA falls below 3.25 or a prerequisite course grade is below "C", the admission offer will be rescinded
- Completion of medical clearance and immunization forms
- Completion of mandatory criminal background check with no disqualifying results
- Completion of mandatory drug testing with no disqualifying results

Failure to complete or meet any of the above will result in the offer of admission being rescinded.

In the event of an appeal of the BSN Program admission process, the Department of Nursing's Admission and Progression Committee is the appeal of last resort for the student seeking admission into the nursing program, their decision is final.

The [BSN Program Application](#) process is completely online. **No hard copy paper documents are accepted.** The online application for the BSN Program will open on **July 15** and the deadline to apply with **all required completed documents submitted online is October 15 @ 11:59pm EST** of every year.

- **BSN Program Application**
- **Academic Recommendation** ~ by an academic source within the past two years.
- **Personal Reflection** ~ Written response to 3 posed questions.
- **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** ~ is a standardized exam administered by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform successfully in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage. Please visit [ATI to register for the TEAS exam](#)

When registering for the TEAS, select The University of Tampa as the institution to receive your TEAS scores. Students can take the exam **twice in an application cycle (October 16 – October 15)**. The two (2) attempts are super scored for each of the tested areas. There is no minimum required score for admission. However, to be considered competitive, a composite score of 72 or greater is recommended.

Please contact the [Admissions Office](#) if you have questions regarding initial admission to UT.

Please contact the [BSN Admissions Director](#) with specific questions regarding the BSN Program or the BSN Program application process once admitted to UT.