

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
JOANNE GAY DISHMAN SCHOOL OF NURSING  
**Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program Application Instructions**

**Please read the application instructions thoroughly and keep a copy for reference. Application requirements may change. Missing requirements may deem your application ineligible for consideration or not qualified for admission.**

**The BSN application for admission will be evaluated on the following basis:**

- a. Successful completion of admission criteria as listed in the Lamar University General Catalog for the Dishman School of Nursing by the provided deadline.
- b. Grade point averages, previous attempts for successful course completion, and overall academic performance at all previous and current institutions.
- c. Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Admission Assessment Test (HESI A<sup>2</sup>) scores. The test scores are utilized as a competitive part of the admission process.

**All applicants must meet the following requirements prior to admission into the nursing program:**

- 1) Successful completion of required courses by the end of Fall semester:
  - a. Successful completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C”,
  - b. Successful completion of all required core courses (except POLS 2301 and POLS 2302),
  - c. Successful completion of all required science courses with a minimum grade of “C”.
- 2) Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements:
  - a. Science courses: minimum 2.5 GPA (includes: Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).
  - b. Preadmission and prerequisite courses: minimum 2.5 GPA.
  - c. Overall grade point average: minimum 2.0 career GPA.
  - d. Lamar University GPA minimum of 2.0 GPA and/or be of good academic standing at transferring institutions.
- 3) To be considered eligible to apply for admission to the School of Nursing, **students may have no more than 6 unsuccessful prerequisite course attempts.** *Unsuccessful course attempt* is defined as not meeting the minimum required grade of “C” in ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, MATH 1314 or 1332, NUTR 1322, PSYC 2315, PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342, NURS 2373, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421/2420, and CHEM 1306/1106 (or equivalent transferable courses as approved) as required by the nursing program. Failure in HIST 1301, HIST 1302 or 2301, Communications Elective, Creative Arts Elective, Social & Behavioral Science Elective, and LPC Elective courses as well as courses not required by the nursing program do not count toward this eligibility criteria. Unsuccessful course attempts older than 5 years from the application period will not be counted toward this eligibility criteria.
- 4) Students must schedule and complete the Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Admission - Assessment Test

(HESI A<sup>2</sup>) no later than the application deadline. **All required components must be taken during the same testing block in order to be considered for admission.** Upon completion of the HESI A<sup>2</sup> test, please submit a copy of the test scores with the application or to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 100) by the application deadline. *Please submit **both** the HESI A<sup>2</sup> component scores and the Critical Thinking score summary pages.* To be considered eligible for consideration, a minimum score of 79% is required in the Reading Comprehension section. *Only the **most recent** HESI A<sup>2</sup> scores will be considered when determining eligibility for admission.*

### **HESI A<sup>2</sup> General Instructions**

- a. The sections of the test students are required to complete are: 1) **Reading Comprehension**, 2) **Vocabulary**, 3) **Grammar**, 4) **Mathematics**, 5) **Anatomy and Physiology**, 6) **Chemistry**, and 7) **Critical Thinking**. A testing block of four hours will be reserved. **All required components must be taken during the same testing block in order to be considered for admission.**
- b. Students may sit for the HESI A<sup>2</sup> test only one time per application period (May 1st to September 1st), with the exception of the **Reading Comprehension section if a score of less than 79% is received on the initial attempt**. Applicants will be allowed to retake the Reading Comprehension section one additional time in the application period in order to qualify for admission. The Reading Comprehension section retake must occur within the application period to be eligible for consideration. Applicants who fail to achieve 79% or greater after the retake attempt will be considered Not Qualified for admission during the current application cycle. Students who are unsuccessful in meeting the Reading Comprehension score qualifications are urged to retake the full HESI A<sup>2</sup> during the next application period.
- c. The HESI A<sup>2</sup> scores used for the admission application must be less than two years old at the time of application deadline.

### **HESI A<sup>2</sup> Testing Center Information**

- a. Registration for this test at the Lamar University Center for Career and Professional Development may be done online at <https://www.lamar.edu/career-and-testing-services/testing/administered-exams/hesi.html>. The Lamar University Center for Career and Professional Development may be contacted at (409) 880-8878 for any questions. The HESI A<sup>2</sup> testing fee is \$65 plus the online registration fee (\$3.50), and it must be paid prior to the testing date.
- b. Students wanting to test at another Prometric Testing Center (*other than the Lamar University Testing Center*), will need to follow the steps listed below:
  - 1) Create an Evolve student account by going to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/> and clicking on “HESI Exams” and then “Register for HESI”
  - 2) Once you are logged in, click on “HESI Assessment Student Access”
  - 3) Under the “My Exams” tab, click on “Exam History”
  - 4) Click on “Register for a Distance Exam”
  - 5) Complete the required information in the box given. Make sure to include the **Lamar University School of Nursing ID (197020)** and your first and last name. Your first and last name must match what is on your government-issued photo ID or driver’s license. *Do not*

use your school's Department ID as your Student ID when creating your student account.

- 6) Students will receive an email confirmation notice indicating that they need to schedule the exam. It is important to carefully review the information in the confirmation notice.
- 7) An Eligibility ID will be issued to the student within 1-3 business days from the date of the eligibility request.
- 8) Add the following email address to your email's safe sender list to avoid delays: [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com). If you do not receive the notification, please check your spam/junk folder.
- 9) Contact Elsevier HESI Assessment with any issues or questions regarding Distance Testing Eligibility at: [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com).
- 10) The HESI A2 testing fee may vary and it must be paid prior to the testing date.

The number of applicants admitted to the BSN Nursing Program is based on faculty and clinical space availability. **Qualified applicants meeting early admission criteria will receive early acceptance notices. All other students that apply will receive notices of their application status (conditional acceptance, alternate list, or otherwise) by email in early July.** Applicants from the alternate list may be contacted based on ranked order and offered conditional acceptance as space becomes available up to first class day of the admitting semester.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully and follow all instructions. Failure to submit all requirements as outlined may disqualify your application to the program.**

- 1) If not currently enrolled at Lamar University, the applicant must also apply for admission to Lamar University following the guidelines in the General Catalog. Along with submitting an application to the University through <https://goapplytexas.org>, students should also submit Official Transcripts from all universities and colleges attended to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 10009, Beaumont, TX 77710.
  - a. **New transfer students** should apply for admission to the semester they plan to enroll in Lamar University courses and/or NURS 2373 Basic Pathophysiology. New transfer students can visit <https://www.lamar.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/transfer/index.html> for more information on the application and transfer process.
  - b. **Returning students** *not currently enrolled* at Lamar University can visit <https://www.lamar.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/returning/index.html> for more information on when to reapply to Lamar University based on last enrollment date.
  - c. **The Lamar University application is separate from the one required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. Applicants will be considered for admission to the Nursing Program only after students are admitted to Lamar University.**

The application available on the School of Nursing webpage should be completed on your computer. The **application must be completed in its entirety in one sitting.** Ensure you have all the information needed available to you. This includes transcript information for all course work,

HESI A2 scores in PDF format (if available), and DD214 in PDF format (if applicable).

- 2) All applications, when submitted, require payment of the non-refundable \$30 nursing Application Fee. This fee can **only** be paid online at the time of application submission. **CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, AND CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Applications submitted without payment will **not be processed**.
- 3) Applicants who completed all coursework at Lamar University Beaumont are required to submit an **unofficial** transcript to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 100) by the application deadline. If you have *not registered for Spring or Summer courses yet*, you must submit an unofficial transcript as soon as you have been registered for Spring or Summer semester as proof that you are registered. **Unofficial transcripts showing all courses taken each semester and cumulative GPAs can be located and printed from LU Connect, Self-Service Banner.** (Degree Audit is not the source for your unofficial transcript and will not be accepted.)
- 4) Students with coursework from other institutions will need to submit **official transcripts from all institutions attended** to the Lamar University Office of Admissions **AND** to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 100) by **the application deadline**. **Paper or electronic official transcripts will be accepted. Electronic official transcripts should be sent to [BSNinfo@lamar.edu](mailto:BSNinfo@lamar.edu).** Core equivalent classes accepted by Lamar University will be utilized for application requirements. Be sure to contact the Transfer Advocate at the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC) at [transferadvocate@lamar.edu](mailto:transferadvocate@lamar.edu) for questions and additional information on course equivalency, petitioning, and substitution requests. **The following requirements apply to new transfer students or students taking courses at other locations:**
  - a. Applicants who plan to take any classes at any college or university during the Spring or Summer semester (in order to complete their remaining academic requirements), must show course enrollment on unofficial transcripts by **the application deadline** as proof that you have been registered to take those classes. If you have *not registered for Spring or Summer semester courses yet*, then submit an unofficial transcript *as soon as* you have been registered for the Fall semester as proof that you are registered to take those classes.
  - b. Immediately upon completion of any courses taken during the Spring or Summer semester, you must submit transcripts showing your final course grades, as follows:
    - A) OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** are required for any courses **not** taken at Lamar University. You must submit **official transcripts** to both the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center **AND** to the Lamar University Office of Admissions.

**B) UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** are required for any courses that were taken at Lamar University and must be submitted to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center. Unofficial transcripts are located on Self-Service Banner.

- i. **REMINDER** – if you have not yet made an appointment with a Lamar University Pre-Nursing Advisor, you must do so as soon as possible. If a student has not been previously advised, please contact the Transfer Advocate at the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC) at [transferadvocate@lamar.edu](mailto:transferadvocate@lamar.edu) to schedule an appointment. *Potential transfer students should **first** apply to Lamar University, submit official transcripts to Lamar University Admissions Office for evaluation, and **then** make an appointment with a Pre-Nursing Advisor.*
- ii. Students must be advised by a Pre-Nursing Advisor before registering for NURS 2373 Basic Pathophysiology.
- iii. **There is an online NURS 2373 Basic Pathophysiology course available for students who live out of the area.** Students who want to take the online class must first contact their Pre-Nursing Advisor who will request approval from the nursing program for the student to take the class online.

5) **Criminal Background Check**: The Dishman School of Nursing will submit the names of all applicants to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) for the required **Criminal Background Check**. TBON will later communicate directly with **each applicant via email** with instructions for making an appointment to be fingerprinted, if one is needed. Each applicant who successfully completes the Criminal Background Check will receive a blue post card (Blue Card) or letter in the mail, indicating that no significant criminal records were identified. Applicants who have recently had their fingerprints done for TBON may not need to be re-fingerprinted but will still receive a Blue Card or letter. Applicants with a positive Criminal Background Check will be notified by TBON and given instructions for the required *Declaratory Order process*. **The Blue Card (or if applicable, the Declaratory Order outcome letter) is a mandatory requirement in order to obtain full acceptance into the nursing program.** (See *Criminal Background Screening Policy* for more information.) It is extremely important to check your email and, if necessary, your spam folder for correspondence from Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) in the weeks after the Application deadline for these instructions. ***Required Notice to Students:*** *The personal email address that you provide to TBON is required in order to schedule fingerprinting for your criminal background check. The personal email address that you provide to TBON is subject to release to the public pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.* For more information, please visit [criminal-background-checks-and-policy-revised-2019-5-7.pdf \(lamar.edu\)](#)

6) After the online application for admission to the Dishman School of Nursing has been completed, your electronic signature verifies the acknowledgement of the Dishman School of Nursing Criminal Background Screening Policy and the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Licensure Standards

Information (included), along with certifying the information you provide in this application is true and accurate.

- 7) **If you have previously completed the Hepatitis B series** (often administered during childhood) then you should obtain proof of your Hepatitis B immunization for submission **only if accepted** to the nursing program. *Do not submit proof of the Hepatitis B series with your application.* Your Hepatitis B immunization records may be located at your physician's office and/or high school administrative offices. **If you have not previously completed the Hepatitis B series**, it is suggested you receive your **first Hepatitis B immunization by February 15th and your second Hepatitis B immunization by April 1st** in order to be eligible to start the program, *if accepted. At least two immunizations must be completed prior to entering the program and providing patient care.* If you are *unable to locate proof of immunizations*, it may be appropriate to do a lab serology (titer) test or repeat the adult series of the listed immunizations. *Do not submit proof of the Hepatitis B series with your application.* Please consult with your health care provider for questions related to your immunization status. (CDC Requirement for Health Care Providers.) The full Immunization Policy and Requirements can be found in the current *Baccalaureate Student Handbook*. An online version of the handbook is available at [Dishman School of Nursing Forms - Lamar University](#).
- 8) Nursing studies at Lamar University include practicum learning experiences, which may present a potential risk of contracting and/or spreading infections. It is imperative that nursing students maintain optimal health. The student health policies address the requirements as directed by Lamar University, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Student Health Policies can be found in the current *Baccalaureate Student Handbook*. An online version of the handbook is available at [Dishman School of Nursing Forms - Lamar University](#).
- 9) Upon acceptance to the nursing program, students are required to purchase professional liability insurance. Further information will be provided prior to entering the practicum portion of nursing courses. Liability Insurance information can be found in the current *Baccalaureate Student Handbook*. An online version of the handbook is available [Dishman School of Nursing Forms - Lamar University](#).
- 10) Students accepted into the baccalaureate nursing program at Lamar University will be subject to admission drug screening as per the Dishman School of Nursing's Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy. Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy (prelicensure) information can be found in the current *Baccalaureate Student Handbook*. An online version of the handbook is available at [Dishman School of Nursing Forms - Lamar University](#).
- 11) Students accepted into the nursing program must demonstrate the Standards for Nursing Students, which are responsibilities and standards in nursing practice are determined by the Board of Nursing, national accreditation guidelines, and clinical agencies. Students must be able to provide safe patient care. More information about these standards can be found at [STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS.pdf \(lamar.edu\)](#).

**Location information for submitting required documents and/or unofficial transcripts\*:**

- 1) Place in **Drop Box** on wall outside of Room 100 in the Mamie McFaddin Ward (MMW) Building  
-OR-
- 2) Bring to Room 100 in the Mamie McFaddin Ward (MMW) Building  
-OR-
- 3) Mail to:           JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing  
                          Attention: Admissions Committee  
                          PO Box 10081  
                          Beaumont, TX 77710

**OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** from other colleges and universities may be sent electronically to the Dishman School of Nursing at [BSNinfo@lamar.edu](mailto:BSNinfo@lamar.edu). Students may not submit their own “official transcript” by email. Official transcripts must come from the originating college.

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**IMPORTANT**

It is the responsibility of all applicants to the nursing program to do the following:

- 1) provide and maintain up-to-date contact information to the Information Center, including phone, email, and address changes;
- 2) be available: important messages may be communicated to you via phone or email, **ensure you have voice mailbox set up on your phone and check your email often**; and
- 3) be aware that the Dishman School of Nursing and the Texas Board of Nursing may contact you by email regarding your application. **Please add the domains @lamar.edu, @identogo.com and @bon.texas.gov to your safe senders list in your email app. Also, check your spam/junk email folder often so you do not miss important information.**



**REQUIRED CORE & PREREQUISITE COURSES:**

When submitting your online application, the following information will be needed. Students can utilize this page to gather information that will be reported on the online application. Please remember, you will need to submit the online application in one sitting, so it is necessary that you have all needed documents ready before starting the application. Please note - all core courses **and** prerequisites (\*) must be complete before entering the BSN Program, with the exception of Political Science. **This section is intended for informational purposes to ensure all required courses are completed prior to entering into the nursing program and to ensure you have all the required information before beginning the online application.** For courses with multiple attempts, please record highest grade received. *Planned or in-progress courses will be noted with an "IP" for grade.* If applicable, core attribute code (3 numbers) is noted in bold font for your reference.

**THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY - Please do not leave any blank sections**

Course	Course Number (Ex: BIOL 2401)	Semester (Ex: Fall, Spring)	Year	Grade or IP	College/University where course was taken
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I* (3/1 or 4 sch)					
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II* (3/1 or 4 sch)					
MICROBIOLOGY* (3/1 or 4 sch)					
CHEMISTRY* (3/1 or 4 sch)					
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (NURS 2373 or equivalent) * <i>Pathophysiology MUST be taken within three years PRIOR to entering the Nursing Program. (For Fall 2024 admission, no older than Fall 2021.)</i> This course must be passed within a maximum of <u>three</u> attempts.					
<b>010</b> ENGLISH COMPOSITION I* (3 sch)					
<b>090</b> ENGLISH COMPOSITION II*(3 sch)					
NUTRITION* (3 sch)					
<b>020</b> COLLEGE ALGEBRA or CONTEMPORARY MATH* (3 sch)					
PSYCHOLOGY LIFESPAN* <i>Psychology Lifespan OR we will accept Child Psychology <b>AND</b> Adult Development &amp; Aging.</i>					
MATH or PSYCHOLOGY STATISTICS*					
<b>060</b> HISTORY (3 sch)					
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<b>040</b> LANGUAGE, PHIL, & CULTURE ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
<b>010</b> COMMUNICATION ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
<b>080</b> SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
<b>050</b> CREATIVE ARTS ELECTIVE (3 sch)					



## TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON) ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE STANDARDS INFORMATION

The Board of Nursing looks at responses to questions relating to criminal conduct to determine eligibility for renewal. To check your eligibility for renewing your license, please review the following:

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1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
3. Have you, in the last 5 years\*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
4. For any criminal offense\*, including those pending appeal, have you:  
(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal application.)

been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?

been convicted of a misdemeanor?

been convicted of a felony?

pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?

received deferred adjudication?

been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?

been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?

been granted pre-trial diversion?

been cited or charged with any violation of the law?

been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

**NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses:** While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

**NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure:** Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multistate privilege to practice that you held?

6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?
7. \*Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
8. \*Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program? (This includes all confidential programs)

**NOTE:** Any positive response will remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure unless required by law.

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?

**NOTE:** This does not apply to any nursing license(s) issued by another US state or territory, excluding Puerto Rico. If you were licensed in Puerto Rico, you should be answering yes.

\*Pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code §301.207, information, including diagnosis and treatment, regarding an individual's physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individual's criminal history is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Texas Occupations Code §301.466.

[https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure\\_eligibility.asp.html](https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp.html)