



FAST-TRACK ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING APPLICATION
“INFORMATION SHEET”
Selective Admissions Information-**2021/2022** Academic Year

GENERAL INFORMATION

Application Periods: October 1, 2021 for Spring 2022 Admission (Fast-Track only) and ends December 20, 2021. No late applications accepted.

January 5, 2022: Fast Track candidates notified for their status. The deadline to respond is January 10, 2022.

Application Location: www.tccd.edu/nursing (will only be online during open application periods)

ADN Program Schedule: Program courses and labs meet (generally) on weekdays between 8am-6pm; however, clinical will be a separate day, will last 12 hours, and may start as early as 6am. Students need to commit to full-time schedule for 4 semesters (15 months) consecutively. Part-Time and Distance Learning are not available options.

Seats Available: Up to 15-25 applicants will get a seat, per application period. On average 30-50 apply each year.

Program Cost: Appx. \$6,900 (Includes courses, books, immunizations, prerequisites, etc.)

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Own a laptop with these minimum requirements:

- Internet access
- Mac/PC laptop (no Chromebook or tablet)
- MS Surface
- Webcam and Microphone
- A working USB port

PC

- OS: 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows 10 (not Windows RT or Windows 10 S)
- Hard Drive: At least 1GB of available space
- CPU Processor: 2.0 GHz Intel i3 or equivalent
- RAM: 4GB or higher
- A working USB port
- Screen resolution should be at least 1024x768
- Browsers: Chrome, FireFox, Edge

MAC

- MacOS: OS X 10.13 (High Sierra), OS X 10.14 (Mojave), OS X 10.15 (Catalina). Only genuine versions of Mac operating systems are supported.
- CPU: Intel processor. (Devices using Apple's M1 chipset are not supported)
- RAM: 4GB or higher
- Hard Drive: 1GB or higher available space
- A working USB port
- Browser: Safari 11 or Safari 12, FireFox, Chrome

ELIGIBILITY

- **Must Have a TCC Student ID Number**
- **Student must have a Paramedic License, be a Military Medic, or have an LVN/LPN**
- **Complete Prerequisite Sciences Courses** The below **BOLD** courses must be taken prior to application. Courses that you are currently enrolled in are not considered.
 - **BIOL 2401 (A & P 1)**
 - **BIOL 2402 (A & P 2)**
 - **BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421 (Microbiology)**
- Only the three sciences listed above must be completed for application; however, it is strongly recommended that the student have all general education courses completed. If the remainder of the general education courses listed below are not completed prior to enrollment in the Associates Degree Nursing courses, they must be completed with a C or higher to meet graduation requirements.
 - ENGL 1301 English Composition I
 - PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology (Prerequisite to RSNG 2213 and RNSG 2263)
 - PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development (Prerequisite to RNSG 2201 and RSNG 2208)

- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (Complete one 3-hour course) To be selected by student from core curriculum

Please note:

- Transfer courses must be evaluated and meet transfer equivalent to be accepted.
- All science courses require a lab. Online lab course are not accepted.
- Select Humanities/Fine Arts elective from TCC Core Curriculum list found in TCC catalog.
- All students applying to the Nursing Program must take the Health Education Systems Inc. (HESI A2) Test. Scores from the TEAS Test will not be accepted.
- A minimum grade of C must be made in all general education and Associates Degree Nursing courses.
- SCIT Science courses are not transferrable to the Nursing curriculum and will not be accepted.

It is highly recommended that you view the Nursing Information Session presentation on our Apply for Nursing (<https://www.tccd.edu/academics/courses-and-programs/programs-a-z/credit/nursing/>) Web page before completing the packet.

- **Complete HESI A2 Examination with a minimum score of 75 in each of the 5 sections (Anatomy & Physiology, Grammar, Math, Reading, & Vocabulary).** The Health Education System Inc. (HESI A2) Exam is the required admissions exam for the program. The cost is \$42 (additional online proctoring fee may apply) and availability is limited. Study materials can be found online or in the TR Campus Bookstore. **Do not schedule more than one exam date within a 60-day period. You may only test once every 60 days. If you schedule a second exam date before 60 days has passed, your scores will be ineligible for submission.** Call 817-515-1066 (the TR testing center) for testing schedules.
- **If English was NOT the primary language of your high school you must provide documentation of proof of English proficiency by submitting the results of either of the following:**
 1. **TOEFL** -iBT-Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet Based Test -passing score of 83. This is the recommended score to apply for licensure from the Texas BON (Board of Nursing) <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>
 2. **IELTS** – Academic version-International English Language Testing System –IELST Band Score – over all 6.5 with a minimum score of 6 in all areas. This is the recommended score to apply for licensure from the Texas BON (Board of Nursing). <http://www.ielts.org/>

If selected as a FastTrack student, you will take the 6-week online Foundation Continuing Education course-2022Q3-RNSG-1002-: Assoc. Degree Nursing Skills. The course begins January 24, 2022. An exam will be given at the end of the course. If passed, you will be an official Nursing student and pick up the program in either Spring 2022-2nd 8 weeks or summer 2022. This will depend on space availability and clinical placements.

ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Immunizations: The TAC and DFW Hospital Council Standards REQUIRE that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. In order to be eligible to apply, you will need to have proof that you have completed the following immunizations: **Hepatitis A AND B, TDaP, MMR, Varicella, and Influenza. (Titers showing positive immunity to the disease will be acceptable). These need to be completed PRIOR to application.** If you know you will be applying within the next year, you will need to start these NOW, as some will take up to 6 months to complete the series.

COVID-19 INFORMATION: At this time TCC does not mandate COVID-19 vaccination nor wearing of masks. (Please find ongoing COVID-19 information at <https://www.tccd.edu/info-ribbon/coronavirus/>.) However, with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, clinical sites for students may be restricted. Most area hospitals and medical facilities are requiring employees, volunteers, and students to be immunized before entry to the facility. The student must understand that they may have 50% of clinical in a virtual or simulated learning environment and 50% in a physical clinical site. Physical clinical sites may be delayed. If clinical sites become available, the student will not be given the option to choose sites nor days. The student understands that the delay in clinical site rotations will delay their graduation. Clinical assignments occur all days of the week and weekend and may conflict with students' existing commitments, including work schedules. The student is responsible for adjusting prior commitments to attend clinical on the assigned schedule.

ADDITIONAL POST-ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Physical Exam, CPR Certification, Health Insurance, Criminal Background Check, Drug Screening, Tuberculosis Skin Test or Chest X-Ray. The student will be required to purchase CastleBranch tracking system for screening.

For Your Application Information

ALL applicants must have a TCC ID# at the time of application to the Nursing Program. Applicants do not have to be enrolled in a TCC course but must complete the general TCC application process and be a current TCC student with a TCC email address. Your account must be active.

- 1. ALL official transcripts from any college or university attended other than TCC must be evaluated by TCC prior to the time**

of application to the Associates Degree Nursing Program. If you have taken courses at another school that are required by TCC, once your transcript has been evaluated, they will show up on your degree audit as Transfer Equivalent (TE*) and satisfy that specific course. Submit a copy of your Nursing Program Degree Audit with your application. Your application will not be considered with supplemental transcripts; they must be evaluated by TCC.

2. All required science courses must be completed and reflected on the TCC transcript prior to applying to the Associates Degree Nursing Program. To check the status of which transcripts have been received by the college, login to <https://www.tccd.edu/> Web Advisor, then “Students”, then “My Student Summary” and then go down to “Admission Documents” and review transcripts received by the college to date. If a transcript is missing from one of your academic institutions, please request a new transcript to be sent to Tarrant County College (TCC) as soon as possible to avoid rejection of your application.

***All INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS must be evaluated by Tarrant County College at the Trinity River Campus, 300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76102. (Room TREF 3104). This request for evaluation must be made at least 2 months in advance of your application to the Nursing Program. International transcript evaluations should be directed to the International Admissions Office which is located at the TCC - International Admissions Office, 350 N. Henderson St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. Please contact 817-515-1570 for further information. Internationaladmissions@tccd.edu

3. If you did not graduate from a high school in the United States or a high school on a US military installation where English was the primary language used: Provide documentation of graduation from high school from an English-speaking country such as Canada (other than Quebec), Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Ireland. If graduated from English speaking high school in a country not listed above in #2, provide official transcripts and a notarized letter from the headmaster/principal of the high school stating that English was the primary language of the courses taught. If English was NOT, the primary language of your high school you must provide documentation of proof of English proficiency by submitting the results of either of the following:

- TOEFL - iBT- Test of English as a Foreign Language - Internet Based Test (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>) – passing score of 83. This is the recommended score to apply for licensure from the Texas BON (Board of Nursing).
- IELTS–Academic version–International English Language Testing System (<http://www.ielts.org/>) – IELTS Band Score - over all 6.5 with a minimum score of 6 in all areas. This is the recommended score to apply for licensure from the Texas BON (Board of Nursing).
- US Associates Degree or higher or a medical professions license obtained in the US o If you hold a degree or medical license obtained in the United States, you must provide proof of licensure at the time of application.

4. Registration for the HESI A2 will be available online. Check the Nursing website link to register.

The 5-hour HESI A2 Test includes math, reading comprehension, vocabulary & general knowledge, grammar, and Anatomy and Physiology. All scores must come from the same test. The cost is \$42.00. Availability is limited. Sign up early. A minimum score of 75 is required on each section of the HESI A2. Please contact testing center at (817) 515-1066 with any questions. You must take the Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) section, effective June 2019, regardless of your intended program. You may not opt out of any section(s). For Spring 2021 admission, HESI A2 test scores must be dated July 1, 2018, or later. If the HESI scores are dated prior to July 1, 2018 a new test must be taken.

5. Complete Declaratory Order Process (if required).

Review Eligibility for Licensure Questions with the Texas Board of Nursing. On the designated area of the application form, sign that you have read the eligibility questions. Answering “yes” to questions 2-5 in the eligibility section will trigger a Declaratory Order (DO). All selected or alternate student names and required information is submitted by the nursing Division to TBON. This begins the Criminal Background Check (CBC) and fingerprinting. Students should wait for the initial outcome letter from TBON before filing a DO, but should start collecting official legal documents that may be needed. A blue card, eligibility review outcome letter, or fingerprint rejection letter will be sent to the student from TBON. If a review is required, 30 days should be allowed for the initial review. The outcome of the initial review will be an operations outcome letter, or a DO + \$150 outcomes letter. Please allow 90 days before contacting TBON. Enforcement will communicate the status. Please refer to the Texas Board of Nursing for additional information.

6. Statement of Student Responsibility.

Read and sign the Statement of Student Responsibility in the application documents.

7. Submit Your Application

You must submit your completed application online. No paper applications will be accepted. The link to apply can be found on the TCC Nursing website under “How to Apply”.