Nursing Program Application Guidelines

Application Deadline Dates (Open Registration begins 6 months prior to deadline)

Vocational Nursing Program
- For Spring semester admission – First Friday in October of each year by 5:00 PM

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS Nursing)
- For Fall semester admission – 4th Friday in May of each year by 5:00 PM
- For Spring semester admission – 1st Friday in September of each year by 5:00 PM

LVN to RN Transition (AAS Nursing)
- For Summer semester admission – 3rd Friday in February of each year by 5:00 PM
- For Fall semester admission - 4th Friday in May of each year by 5:00 PM

RN to BSN Degree
- Admission periods every Spring, Summer, & Fall semesters.
- See separate sheet for application procedures.

Application Procedure

- Apply to COM via **ApplyTexas.**
  - Select General Studies as the major.
  - (If COM application is over a year old and no COM courses have currently been taken, students will need to submit a new COM application**.**
- Submit **official** transcripts to the COM Admissions Department via The National Student Clearinghouse for all colleges attended (except COM) and complete the Transcript Evaluation Form located at this site
  - Allow at least **2-4 weeks** for the evaluation to be completed after the transcript evaluation form has been submitted. All transferred courses must be in the Student Information System (SIS) to be eligible for admission to nursing.
  - Students who have previously been enrolled in any Nursing course(s) at a different college/university must disclose it at the time of application by e-mailing nursing@com.edu. Include student name, COM ID, which nursing course (s), and name of college/university for which each course was taken.
  - Students with a course failure in a vocational nursing course (VNSG) within the past 3 years may not apply to the AAS Nursing program. Students with more than one failure in a Nursing course (NURS or RNSG) within the past 3 years may not apply to the AAS Nursing program for a period of 3 years from the last failure.
- **For VN, AAS, and LVN Transition programs: Complete nursing application on WebAdvisor.**
  - Click on Nursing Applications Directory.
  - Apply to the desired program as a **new student**.
  - Follow the instructions throughout the nursing applications and confirm and submit each section.
  - You may have more than one application open at a time if you are applying to multiple programs.

Program Requirements

- **Licensure Eligibility**
  - To check your eligibility for initial licensure you will be required to complete a criminal background check. Please visit the Texas Board of Nursing Website for more information. https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp.html
- **COVID Vaccinations**
  - Initial Vaccinations and boosters are required for placement in clinical facilities. Students who are not COVID vaccinated may not be able to complete the hands-on clinical hours required by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Pre-Requisites: Please refer to the current COM Catalog for nursing program pre-requisite requirements.

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- **HESI A2**
  - o The HESI A2 has a time limit of either 4.5 hours (Basic Sections only) or 5.5 hours (Basic plus Additional Sections) & consists of up to 8 total sections. The student is responsible for knowing which section(s) are needed for the program being applied to.

Nursing Program	B A S I C S E C T I O N S				
	Reading	Grammar	Vocab	A & P	Math
VN – Current minimum 75% Score Each Section	X	X	X	Not Required	X
AAS/ LVN Transition – Current minimum 78% Score Each Section	X	X	X	X	X

NOTE: *All programs (starting with the LVN Transition program applications for the Summer of 2024) will require the additional following HESI sections: Learning Style, Personality Profile, and Critical Thinking.*

Nursing Program	A D D I T I O N A L S E C T I O N S		
	Learning Style	Personality Profile	Critical Thinking
VN, AAS/ LVN Transition	X No minimum score required	X No minimum score required	**Critical Thinking: Score 951-1000 = 6 points toward ranking formula** **Critical Thinking: Score 900-950 = 5 points toward ranking formula** **Critical Thinking: Score 851-899 = 4 points toward ranking formula** **Critical Thinking: Score 800-850 = 3 points toward ranking formula** **Critical Thinking: Score <799 = 0 points toward ranking formula**

  - o Students may repeat a HESI A2 section up to 2 times per quarter and the higher score in each section will be accepted. (NOTE: The cumulative score is not considered)
  - o No more than 3 submissions of test scores per application.

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
January February March	**April May June**	**July August September**	**October November December**

  - o Notify nursing@com.edu if a higher HESI score is earned so that the student's application can be updated. The application will NOT update automatically. Only official transcript scores will be accepted.
  - o HESI A2 Results are only valid for three years.
  - o The HESI A2 assessment is available to COM Nursing applicants, as well as students applying to programs at other institutions.
  - o As of January 2, 2024, the cost to test at COM Testing Center is $79 for Basic Sections and $89 for Basic plus Additional Sections. The flat rate to retake a section will be $79 regardless of how many basic sections of the assessment you retake.
  - o Valid Photo ID Required.

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o   Steps to register to take the HESI A2 assessment in the COM Testing Center
- Evolve account - **You will need this username and password to log-in to the assessment**. Create your Evolve account create a student account if you do not have one.

o   Once you have created your Evolve account, you can schedule your on-campus appointment. All candidates must show a **valid photo ID** to take the HESI A2 assessment in the COM Testing Center.

o   HESI A2 Transcript Information
- The COM Testing Center can only send HESI A2 transcripts to COM programs.
- Submit a HESI A2 Transcript Request Form if you want the COM Testing Center to send a copy of your HESI A2 scores to a COM program.
- You must have completed your HESI A2 assessment before you submit the above transcript request form.
- HESI A2 transcripts for another institution **must** be submitted through Evolve (Elsevier).

o   HESI A2 exams taken at any other Testing Center venue**:**
- Applicants must go to **https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/store?role=student** and log in using your username and password.
- Click on HESI Transcripts on the bottom right of the screen page. Download the HESI Transcript Request Form.
- Follow the directions on the form to return the document to Elsevier.
- Allow 7-10 business days for processing of the transcript form.
- Request the transcript results to be sent to:

> **Institution/School:** College of the Mainland
> **Deliver Transcript via Email**
> **Attention:** Nursing Department
> **Address:** 1200 Amburn Road Texas City, TX 77591
> **Email:**
> **nursing@com.edu**
> **Phone: (**409) 933-8914

Initial Clinical Readiness Documentation Requirements

The Nursing Student SharePoint Site address: https://com0.sharepoint.com/sites/NursingStudent/SitePages/Quick-links.aspx

o   The following items are required to be uploaded by the application deadline date, using the Nursing Student SharePoint site (must have a current COM email address).
- Hepatitis B serology report proving immunity through either vaccination series or acquired Hepatitis B is required. A lack of documentation of Hepatitis B vaccination series / serology, will be considered as unvaccinated per CDC recommendations.
  - **If serology titer is NEGATIVE, the Hepatitis Vaccination series report must also include the initial vaccination record. The vaccination series must be repeated followed by a serology report proving immunity. The 1st vaccination in the repeated series must be started by the clinical readiness deadline outlined in the instructional letter.**
  - Engerix-B (3 shot series), or Hepislav-B (2 shot series), *or*
  - Hepatitis B surface antibody (**HBsAB) titer - Quantitative** lab value indicating the HBsAB level.
    NOTE: For clinical affiliate purposes, a **Qualitative (QUAL)** titer result is *__not__* accepted.
- Two measles/mumps/rubella (**MMR**) vaccinations, *or* positive titer (lab must be **MMR IgG**).
- Two Varicella vaccinations, or positive titer (lab must be **VZV Ab IgG**).

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NOTE: For verification purposes, all vaccinations must be an official shot record and/or lab results (school records or pharmacy receipts are not acceptable). All documentation _must_ include:

    *   Student's name
    *   Date vaccine was administered.
    *   Facility name (i.e., clinic/hospital/pharmacy)
    *   Date lab results reported for titers with the results.
    *   If labs and/or vaccinations received at a pharmacy, ask for the "student documentation" verification form(s).

- State Issued Driver's license, or
  - State issued identification card, or
  - I-20 compliant documents are only accepted for RN to BSN, AAS, or VN Transition Programs
    NOTE: International status is not eligible for the VN program.
  - All documents must be current / unexpired.

o **AFTER Acceptance into the program**
In addition to the initial clinical readiness documents, applicants will be required to submit clinical readiness documentation as listed below.
- Hepatitis C Screen.
- Annual flu vaccination, available Aug/September is due by October 1 of each year.
- Initial COVID Vaccination series plus current year booster.
- Tdap vaccination within the past 10 years
- Tuberculosis screen (must be PPD, Chest X-Ray, or Quantiferon serological test).
  - * PPD results must include date administered, date read, and read result including the facility name.
- Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) course completed within the past year.
  - * Only the American Heart Association course is accepted.
  - * College of the Mainland offers American Heart Association BLS courses.
  - * Contact the CE-Allied Health Program at 409-933-8645 for course information.
  - * E-cards are acceptable.
  - * Upload both sides of the paper card.
- Click on the Quick Links section of the [Nursing Student SharePoint](#)
  - * Download and complete the listed forms.
    - Nursing FERPA Consent to Release Student Information, and
    - Nursing Student Health Insurance Form
    - Include a copy of Health Insurance Card (both sides).
  - * Upload completed forms in the appropriate section in Complio.

NOTE: Students who receive notification of program acceptance will be provided information on how to create a Complio account and upload clinical readiness documents into the clinical documentation tracker. Alternate list students must have these clinical readiness documents immediately available if accepted into the program.

Applicants are ranked for selection based on the following:

o Weighted GPA for prerequisite courses
- VN Students minimum GPA 2.0
- AAS / VN Transition student minimum GPA 2.8

o HESI A2 Score Calculation
o Education Points (Doctorate, Master's Degree in Science or Arts, Bachelor's Degree in Science or Arts, Associate Degree in Science or Arts, and Health-Related Certificates).

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- Health related certificates must be current and approved by a state agency to be considered for points. (Does not include CPR certification).
- Points will only be awarded for the highest degree/certificate submitted (a degree is higher than a certificate).
- Eligible certificates must be uploaded via the Nursing Student SharePoint site after you have entered them into the application.
- You will not be given points for Degrees if they are not on file with the Admission Department.
- You will not be given points for eligible certificates if they are not on file with the Nursing Department (via the SharePoint site).

Performance on the HESI A2 exam is highly weighted. There are many HESI A2 study guides available online. Choose one that is right for you. You can take the exam up to 2 times per quarter and can submit up to 3 exam scores per application period. The highest score is recorded for ranking purposes.

In addition, the GPA (pre-requisite courses only) is also highly weighted. You can retake a pre- requisite course to earn a better grade. Your nursing academic advisors – Lesli Carroll or LaShawnda Roberts - can assist you. You can also email us at nursing@com.edu, or contact us at 409-933-8914.

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS Nursing) - For the applicants accepted into the Spring 2024 program, the *average* HESI A2 scores and *average* GPA (pre-requisite courses only) are listed below:

Reading	Grammar	Vocabulary	A & P	Math	GPA
89.55	87.72	90.88	93.88	92.83	3.49

Vocational Nursing Program – For the applicants accepted into the Spring 2024 program, the *average* HESI A2 scores and *average* GPA (pre-requisite courses only) are listed below:

Reading	Grammar	Vocabulary	Math	GPA
87.07	85.53	87.80	86.60	3.40

VN Transition Nursing Program – For the applicants accepted into the Fall 2023 program, the *average* HESI A2 scores and *average* GPA (pre-requisite courses only) are listed below:

Reading	Grammar	Vocabulary	A & P	Math	GPA
85.9	85.54	87.72	92	87.63	3.27

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For more information, contact:
COM Nursing Department (STEAM 225)
Web: www.com.edu/nursing
Email: nursing@com.edu
Nursing Student SharePoint Site: https://com0.sharepoint.com/sites/NursingStudent/SitePages/Quick-links.aspx
General Information Phone: 409-933-8425 or
Nursing Department Reception: 409-933-8914

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