

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
JOANNE GAY DISHMAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree  
Program Admission Application Instructions**

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

**Application Cycle Dates:**

- Application for Fall admission is available from October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Application for Spring admission is available from April 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>

**The BSN admission application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

- 1) Successful completion of admission criteria as listed in the Lamar University Comprehensive Catalog ([Nursing \(BSN\) < CourseLeaf \(lamar.edu\)](#)) for the Dishman School of Nursing by the provided deadline.
- 2) Grade point averages, previous attempts for successful course completion, and overall academic performance at all previous and current academic institutions.
- 3) Evolve Reach Powered by HESI® Admission Assessment (A2) exam scores. The exam scores are utilized as part of the ranking process.

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

- 1) Successful completion of required courses by the end of Summer first-half term for Fall admission or by the end of Fall semester for Spring admission:
  - a. Successful completion of all required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C”,
  - b. Successful completion of all required elective core courses with a minimum grade of “D” (POLS 2301 and POLS 2302 not required for admission to the nursing program),
- 2) Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements:
  - a. Science courses: minimum 2.5 GPA (includes: Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, Microbiology, and Chemistry).
  - b. Core elective courses and prerequisite courses (degree plan): 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 in good academic standing at transferring institutions.
- 3) To be considered eligible to apply for admission to the Dishman School of Nursing, **students may have no more than 6 unsuccessful prerequisite course attempts.**
  - a. *Unsuccessful course attempt* is defined as not meeting the minimum required grade of “C” in prerequisite courses: 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.

- b. Failure in core elective courses: HIST 1301, HIST 1302 or 2301, Communications Elective, Creative Arts Elective, Social & Behavioral Science Elective, and Language, Philosophy, & Culture Elective courses and courses not required by the nursing program do not count toward this eligibility criteria.
  - c. 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 (A2) exam no later than the application deadline. **All required components must be taken during the same testing block to be considered for admission (the Critical Thinking component can be taken as a separate component if needed).** *Students have only one attempt per application cycle to take the HESI® A2 exam.*
- a. Upon completion of the HESI® A2 exam, students must submit a copy of the exam scores with the online admission application, via email to nursing@lamar.edu, or the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 100) by the application deadline. Please note: the application may be submitted prior to taking the HESI® A2 exam; students do not need to wait for HESI® A2 exam results to submit their application. *Please submit **both** the HESI® A2 component scores and the Critical Thinking score summary pages.*
  - b. To be considered eligible for consideration, a minimum score of 79% is required on the Reading Comprehension section by the application deadline. *Students may retake the Reading Comprehension section once to meet this eligibility criteria.* If a student does not achieve the minimum score on the retake, the student will no longer be eligible for the current application cycle.

### **HESI® A2 General Instructions:**

- a. Students are required to complete the following sections of the exam:
  - 1) **Reading Comprehension**
  - 2) **Grammar**
  - 3) **Vocabulary and Knowledge**
  - 4) **Chemistry**
  - 5) **Anatomy and Physiology**
  - 6) **Mathematics**
  - 7) **Critical Thinking**
- b. Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & Knowledge, Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, and Mathematics **must be taken during the same testing block to be considered for admission.** A testing block of four hours will be reserved. *The Critical Thinking component may be taken separately or during the same testing block but must be submitted by the application deadline.*
- c. Students may sit for the HESI® A2 exam only one time per application period (October 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall admission and April 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring admission), 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 within the application period to be eligible for consideration. Applicants who fail to achieve 79% or greater on the Reading Comprehension section 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, but not required, to retake the full HESI® A2 during the next application period.

- d. To obtain your HESI® A2 scores, access your Elsevier Evolve Account using the following link: [How do I locate my HESI exam reports - Evolve Support Center \(elsevier.com\)](#)
- e. The HESI® A2 scores used for the admission application must be less than two years old at the time of the application deadline.

### **HESI® A2 Registration and Testing Center Information:**

- a. Prior to scheduling a testing appointment, students are required to register for the HESI® A2 exam through the Elsevier Evolve website, accessible prior to scheduling a testing appointment, students are required to register for the HESI® A2 exam through the Elsevier Evolve website, accessible at this link: [HESI Registration, 1st Edition - 9781455728916 \(elsevier.com\)](#)
  - 1) Click on “Register”
  - 2) Click on “Proceed to Checkout”
  - 3) Create an account or sign in to your existing Evolve account before proceeding with the registration process. Click “Submit”
  - 4) The last page shows a confirmation of your request. Click “My Evolve” in the top right corner of the page to go to your “My Evolve – My Content” list
  - 5) Click ‘HESI Assessment Student Access’ to access the HESI Assessment center; After completing these steps you will have added HESI Student Access to your new or existing Evolve Account
- b. Fees associated with registration and scheduling the HESI® A2 exam may vary.
- c. Students will need to select one of the following HESI® A2 exam options depending on their need:
  - 1) Students needing to take the full HESI® A2 exam (all components plus Critical Thinking) will register for “RN Admission with Critical Thinking (A2) - 1st Time Tester”
  - 2) Students needing to retake the Reading Comprehension section only will register for “RN Admission with Critical Thinking (A2) - 2nd Time Tester”
  - 3) Students needing to take only the Critical Thinking section only will register for “RN Specialty Critical Thinking”
- d. Applicants may take the HESI® A2 exam at the Lamar University Center for Career and Professional Development or another Prometric Testing Center:
  - 1) Registration for the HESI® A2 at the Lamar University Center for Career and Professional Development may be done online at [HESI - Lamar University](#). The Lamar University Center for Career and Professional Development may be contacted at (409) 880-8878 for any questions.
  - 2) Registration for the HESI® A2 at another Prometric Testing Center (*other than the Lamar University Testing Center*) will need to follow the steps listed below:
    - Once you have signed into the Elsevier Evolve website, click on “my Evolve” and select

“HESI Assessment Student Access”

- Click “Distance Testing” in the top menu and select “Register for a Distance Exam”
  - 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.
  - To confirm your registration was successfully submitted, click “Distance Testing” and select “View My Registered Exam”
  - Students will receive an email confirmation notice indicating that they need to schedule the exam. 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.
  - After receiving the confirmation email, students can schedule their exam at a Prometric testing site using the following link: [Elsevier Test Center Exam | Prometric](#)
  - Contact Elsevier HESI Assessment with any issues or questions regarding Distance Testing Eligibility at: [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com).
- e. Students should bring both their governmental ID or driver’s license and their Elsevier Evolve account username and password to the testing center on the day of their scheduled testing appointment as it is required to access and take the exam.
- f. Students needing to retake the Reading Comprehension section to obtain the minimum eligibility score of 79% must wait 24 hours after the completion of the HESI® A2 full exam before registering for the Reading Comprehension retake using the same steps as above.

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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 May/June for Fall admission or October/November for Spring admission.** Applicants on 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) **Apply to Lamar University if not currently enrolled** - Applicants not currently enrolled at Lamar University must also apply for admission to the university following the guidelines in the General Catalog through [Apply Texas](#). Declare University Studies Health Science, Pre-Nursing Concentration, as your major on your application to Lamar University. Your major will appear as University Studies - Health Science until acceptance into the nursing program. In addition, 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. **Transfer students** must apply for admission to LU before enrolling in Lamar University courses. Transfer students can visit [Transfer Students - Lamar University](#) for more information on the application and transfer process.
  - b. **Returning students** *not currently enrolled* at Lamar University can visit [Returning Student Admission | Apply Texas - Lamar University](#) 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 BSN nursing program only after students are admitted to Lamar University.
- 2) **Schedule an advising appointment** – Students should schedule an appointment with their assigned academic advisor, if not already done. 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 their assigned academic advisor. Transfer students can contact the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC) Transfer Advocate at [transferadvocate@lamar.edu](mailto:transferadvocate@lamar.edu) to schedule an appointment.

Students must be advised before registering for NURS 2373 Basic Pathophysiology. An online NURS 2373 Basic Pathophysiology course is available for students who live out of the local area. Students who want to take the online class must first contact their advisor, who will then request approval from the BSN nursing program for the student to take the class online.

- 3) **Complete the Dishman School of Nursing online admission application** - The online admission application is available on the Dishman School of Nursing webpage. **The application must be completed in its entirety in one sitting. Ensure you have all the information needed available before beginning the application, including** current unofficial transcripts for all university/college coursework in PDF format and HESI® A2 scores in PDF format (if available). *The Lamar University “unofficial transcript” can be located and printed from LU Connect in Banner Self-Serv. Degree Audit is not the source for your unofficial transcript and will not be accepted.*

**Screenshots and photos of documents will not be accepted.** Unofficial transcripts and HESI scores must be downloaded or printed directly from the original source/website and then scanned and/or uploaded as a PDF document into the application.

Current or reserved military service members will need to have a copy of their military identification card in PDF format. Veterans will need to have a copy of their DD214 in PDF format for upload. Current or previous military service will be considered in the ranking process.

After the online application for admission to the Dishman School of Nursing has been completed, your electronic signature verifies the acknowledgment of the Dishman School of Nursing Criminal Background Check Policy and the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) Licensure information, along

with certifying the information you provide in this application is true and accurate. Please see [Texas Board of Nursing - Licensure Eligibility](#) for more information on the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) Licensure Eligibility requirements. See [criminal-background-checks-and-policy-revised-2019-5-7.pdf \(lamar.edu\)](#) for more information on the Dishman School of Nursing's CBC policy.

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.

- 4) **Submit official transcripts** - Students transferring coursework from other institutions must submit official transcripts from all academic institutions attended to the Lamar University Office of Admissions after in-progress coursework grades have been posted. Send official transcripts for all completed coursework to:

Lamar University Admissions Office  
P.O. Box 10009  
Beaumont, TX 77710

Please note: 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. Ensure Lamar University has received all official transcripts from other colleges/universities attended and has evaluated all transferable coursework; monitor your Degree Audit (located in LU Connect under Banner Self-Serv) for application of transfer credit. All required pre-admission and pre-requisite requirements must be shown as completed in Degree Audit before starting the nursing program.

- 5) **Submit Criminal Background Check (CBC) results to the Dishman School of Nursing:** *After the application deadline*, 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. If this is your first application to the nursing program, you should receive an email from TBON and/or [no-reply@uemail.identogo.com](mailto:no-reply@uemail.identogo.com) with instructions on scheduling a fingerprint appointment. Previous applicants who have recently had their fingerprints done for TBON may not need to be re-fingerprinted but will still receive a new Blue Card or letter for the current application period. **Failure to schedule and complete your fingerprint appointment in a timely manner may result in ineligibility for admission to the nursing program.**
- a. It is extremely important to check your email and, if necessary, your spam folder for correspondence from the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and/or Identogo regarding your CBC. **This email is typically sent within a few weeks after the application deadline.**
  - b. 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 with a positive Criminal Background Check will be notified by TBON and given instructions for the required *Declaratory Order* process. See [Texas Board of Nursing - Education - Remediation Education](#) and [Texas Board of Nursing - Declaratory Order](#) for more information.

- c. **The Blue Card (or if applicable, the Declaratory Order outcome letter) is a mandatory requirement to obtain full acceptance into the nursing program.**
  - d. **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.*
- 6) Students conditionally accepted into the Dishman School of Nursing will be provided with detailed information on the following requirements in their admission packet:
- a. **Student Health Policies and Immunization Requirements:** BSN nursing courses at Lamar University include practicum learning experiences, which may present a potential risk of contracting and/or spreading infections. 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).
  - b. **Professional Liability Insurance:** Upon acceptance to the nursing program, students are required to purchase professional liability insurance.
  - c. **Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy (Prelicensure):** Students accepted into the BSN nursing program at Lamar University will be subject to admission drug screening as per the Dishman School of Nursing's Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy.
  - d. **Standards for Nursing Students:** Students accepted into the nursing program must demonstrate the Standards for Nursing Students, which are responsibilities and standards for safe nursing practice as determined by the Texas Board of Nursing, national accreditation guidelines, and clinical agencies.
  - e. For access to the Baccalaureate Nursing Student Handbook and more information on these policies for admitted students, please visit: [Dishman School of Nursing Forms - Lamar University](#)

### **IMPORTANT**

It is the responsibility of all applicants to the BSN nursing program to:

- 1) provide and maintain **up-to-date contact information** to the Dishman School of Nursing 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 (optional). 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 Nursing Program, with the exception of Political Science (POLS 2301 and POLS 2302). **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 admission application.** For courses with multiple attempts, please record highest grade received. ***Planned or in-progress courses should be noted with an "IP" for grade. CLEP or AP credits should be noted with an "TS" for grade.*** If applicable, core attribute code (3 numbers) is noted in bold font for your reference.

Course	Course Number (Ex: BIOL 2401)	Semester (Ex: Fall, Spring)	Year	Grade IP TS	College/University where course was taken
<b>Core Elective Courses Required Prior to Admission</b>					
060 HISTORY 1301 (3 sch)					
060 HISTORY 1302 or 2301 (3 sch)					
010 COMMUNICATION ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
050 CREATIVE ARTS ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
080 SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
040 LANGUAGE, PHIL, & CULTURE ELECTIVE (3 sch)					
<b>Prerequisite Courses Required Prior to Admission</b>					
010 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I* (3 sch)					
090 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II*(3 sch)					
020 COLLEGE ALGEBRA or CONTEMPORARY MATH* (3 sch)					
NUTRITION* (3 sch)					
PSYCHOLOGY LIFESPAN* <i>Psychology Lifespan OR we will accept Child Psychology AND Adult Development &amp; Aging.</i>					
MATH or PSYCHOLOGY STATISTICS*					
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (NURS 2373 or equivalent) * <i>Pathophysiology MUST be taken within three years PRIOR to entering the Nursing Program–This course must be passed within a maximum of three attempts.</i>					
<b>Prerequisite Science Courses Required Prior to Admission</b>					
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)					



## **TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (TBON) 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)*