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 1st through March 1st
- Application for Spring admission is available from April 1st through September 1st

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:

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 ñCò,
b. Successful completion of all required elective core courses with a minimum grade of ñDò (POLS 2301 and POLS 2302 not required for admission to the nursing program),

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.

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 ñCò 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*

6) Students conditionally accepted into the Dishman School of Nursing will be provided with detailed information on the following requirements in their admission packet:

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).

Professional Liability Insurance: Upon acceptance to the nursing program, students are required to purchase professional liability insurance.

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 Nursingôs Drug & Alcohol Screening Policy.

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.

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

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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Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

Have you, in the last 5 years*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

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 contendre, 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. Govât Code Ä552.142(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 Govât 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.

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?

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?

*Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

*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.

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 individualõs physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individualõs 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