

# NURSING

## ODESSA COLLEGE RN TO BSN PROGRAM ADMISSION GUIDE

### Contact Information:

#### Prior to Acceptance into the RN to BSN Program:

For questions regarding admission to Odessa College, RN to BSN prerequisite courses, or registration, please email [advising@odessa.edu](mailto:advising@odessa.edu) (College Life Coaches) or call 432-335-6433

#### After Acceptance into the RN to BSN Program:

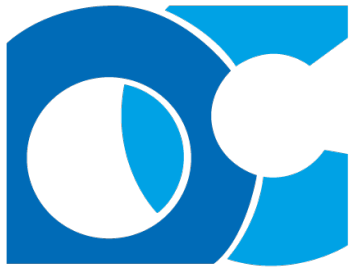
For program specific inquiries, please email [bsn@odessa.edu](mailto:bsn@odessa.edu) or call 432-335-6672.

For BSN courses registration, please email [baas@odessa.edu](mailto:baas@odessa.edu) or call 432-335-6801.

### APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

#### Admission to Odessa College RN to BSN Program:

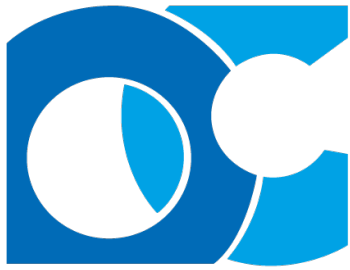
- Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student. Complete the ApplyTexas.org application if you are not currently an OC student.
- Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses with minimum GPA of 2.5 and a C or higher in each course AND an overall GPA of 2.5 prior to applying for your application to be considered. See GPA table for point ranking system and pre-requisites table for general education courses.
- Have at least a C in all previous nursing coursework and a GPA of 2.5 for nursing courses.
- Must have a minimum of 90 semester credit hours from general education pre-requisite courses **plus** Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) courses prior to acceptance. **Note: There is no expiration date for the general education courses.** For example; no expiration date for BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 etc.
- Applicants must **completely fill out the BSN program application**; please see program website for application form. **Note:** Applicants must schedule a virtual appointment with one of the College life coaches for application to be considered complete.
- Applicants **must have an unencumbered current Texas RN license OR Compact multistate license** \* applicants with pending license will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



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- **Applicants residing outside Texas are eligible to apply.** However, they are responsible for assisting Odessa College in securing an approved clinical placement site where their required clinical hours (total of 96 hours) can be completed.
- Applicants must be able to complete their clinical hours either within the state of Texas OR in the state where they currently practice.
- Applicants **RN License my be active throughout the program.**
- Odessa College will honor Applied Associate in Science (AAS) in Nursing from other Community Colleges (provide official transcripts).
- Applicants must have a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a previous nursing faculty member or a current employer.
- Letter of Intent/Personal Statement.
- Meet the Technical Standards required by the program.
- All official transcripts for previous education must be on file with the Odessa College Records Office.
- Course substitutions for pre-requisite courses must be approved by College Life Coaches.
- Students at the end of their ADN/RN program and satisfying the General Education core requirements (90 SCH) but without an active RN license may apply and receive a conditional acceptance letter. However, students must take and pass the NCLEX within 4 weeks of the start of the program. Failure in NCLEX will lead to dismissal from the program.
- International students cannot be admitted into the RN to BSN program at this time since it is fully an online program. Consequently, USCIS regulations concerning in-person classes prevent their enrollment. International students are strongly advised to visit their PDSO or contact the RN to BSN director for further information.

**Application form must be completed online (not handwritten), and can be submitted in person or email to [bsn@odessa.edu](mailto:bsn@odessa.edu) for further enquiry, contact 432-335-6672 or come in person to the Wood Health & Sciences Building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.**

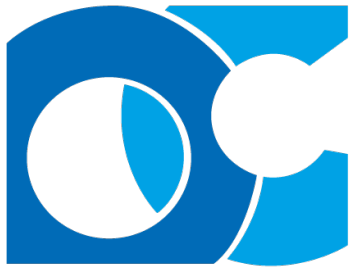


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Pre-Requisites Courses	Semester Credit Hour (SCH)
ARTS 1301 (Art Appreciation)	3
BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology w/lab)	4
BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology w/lab)	4
ENGL 1301 (Composition I)	3
ENGL 1302 (Composition II)	3
GOVT 2305 (Federal Government)	3
GOVT 2306 (Texas Government)	3
HIST 1301 (United States History I)	3
HIST 1301 (United States History II)	3
HUMA 2319 (American Minority Study)	3
MATH 1342 (Statistics)	3
KINE 1164 (Physical Fitness & Sport)	3
PSYC 1300 (Learning Framework)	3
PSYC 2314 (Lifespan Growth & Development)	3
<b>Total Core Curriculum</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Required Additional Lower-Level Courses (5)</b>	
BIOL 2421 (Microbiology w/lab)	4
KINE 1106 (jogging/Walking)	1
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>

## Post Admission Requirements:

- Program Orientation: A one-day in person orientation is mandatory. Failure to attend may result in the forfeit of the applicant's seat in the program.
- **Students must secure a preceptor who holds a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree or higher for the Leadership and Management clinical course.** Eligible preceptors include nurse practitioners, nurse administrators, nurse educators, nurse executives, nurse managers, and chief nursing officers. **Note:** The program can assist in identifying potential preceptors if a student is unable to secure one independently.
- Students must purchase a white lab coat (below the knee), this will be worn on top of your scrubs with OC nursing badge and patch. Students will receive information after acceptance
- Students must have all immunization requirements for clinical:



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- Tetanus-diphtheria- 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (TD) is required within the last 10 years. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines:
  - Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (MMR Vaccine).
  - Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccinations of one dose of a mumps vaccine.
  - Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
  - Serological confirmation is acceptable.
- Hepatitis B Vaccine- students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus.
- Varicella Vaccine- students are required to have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday or, if the first dose was administered on or after the student's 13th birthday, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are required. Serological confirmation is acceptable. Students with
- Flu Vaccine- current during every flu season (October-March).
- Negative Initial and Annual Tuberculosis Screening.

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- Upon acceptance, students will receive instructions on completing the background check, drug screening, and all required compliance items through DISA Healthcare Technology formerly called CastleBranch.

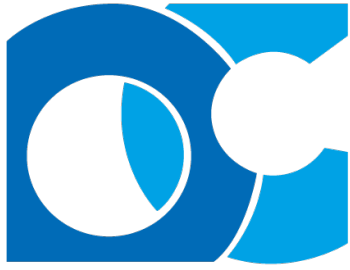
- Students must have an active BLS card (American Heart Association, ONLY)

- Clearance by physician to fulfill clinical duties (physical examination form).

- Students must have health insurance coverage per clinical site agreement

## Application Point Ranking system

As part of the admission criteria, the point values for all nursing applicants will be totaled. A rank ordered list of nursing applicants by point total will be developed. The **applicants with the highest number of points will be admitted into the baccalaureate nursing program until all available spots are filled.**



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Ties: In the event of a tie, the applicant will be chosen based on the student with the highest overall GPA, in the event of tie in this area the final tie break will be the earliest completed application date.

## Grade point Average (GPA):

For point ranking purposes, the GPA will be based on averages of the grades on all pre-requisites and ADN courses, which is the overall GPA in all courses. Applicant's GPA will be awarded points in the following manner:

GPA	Points Awarded
3.7 - 4.0	14
3.5 - 3.69	12
3.3 - 3.49	10
3.1 - 3.29	8
2.9 - 3.09	6
2.7 - 2.89	4
2.5 - 2.69	2
<2.5	0

## Pre-requisites Significant Courses:

Points will be calculated based on the grades of the four most significant RN to BSN pre-requisites (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421 and MATH 1342). Points will be awarded according to the scale below for each of the pre-requisites.

If multiple attempts in any of the RN to BSN pre-requisites courses (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421 and MATH 1342), the following guidelines will be considered for point determination. If a course is taken **two or less times** the higher grade of the two attempts is awarded points. If **three or more attempts** are made, they will be averaged to determine points awarded.

Courses	Grade	Points Awarded
BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology 1)	A	4
BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology 2)	B	3
BIOL 2421 (Microbiology)	C	1
MATH 1342 (Statistics)		