



College of Nursing Policies

In addition to UT Arlington academic policies (www.uta.edu/catalog), the College of Nursing requires all Nursing and pre-Nursing students adhere to the following:

- Students must complete **12 credit hours of required prerequisite natural sciences** (A&P I & II, Microbiology, & Chemistry) prior to the application deadline to be eligible to apply.
- Students must have a minimum **2.5** natural science and **2.5** prerequisite GPA (excluding the Upper Division Elective grade) prior to the application deadline to be eligible to apply.
- **HESI A2:** Students must complete designated sections of the HESI A2 to be considered for College of Nursing admission. Note: The deadline for the completion of the HESI A2 is different than the application deadline.

Deadlines:	HESI A2	Application
Fall start:	November 1	January 5
Spring start:	April 1	June 1

- Required sections are: **Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Grammar.** Students must also take **Learning and Personality Styles** section, however, the results are not part of admission criteria.
- A minimum composite score of 300 and math score of 65 is required in order to be considered for admission.
- Students with a math score below 75, if accepted to the nursing program, must enroll in a math remediation course.
- In the ranking process, the HESI A2 score is a pass or a no pass, the score is not weighted.
- If the HESI A2 is repeated, all areas must be retaken.
- Students may retest the HESI A2 in six months and reapply to the College of Nursing.
- There is no time limit on the scores.

Three Attempt Rule:

- A student may only attempt a required prerequisite BSN nursing course (at UTA and/or at any other institution) three times. Enrollment in a course for a period of time sufficient for assignment of a grade, including a grade of W, is considered an attempt.
 - Individual transcripts will be reviewed for possible exemptions.
 - An appeal process is available.
 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology are exempt from this policy. Refer to the “Failure of Nursing Courses” policy regarding these two courses.
 - An approved UT Arlington’s grade exclusion or a College of Nursing grade replacement for a lower division course, if requested and approved, is still considered an attempt.
- **Replacement of Grades C or Above:** Students may replace prerequisite grades of C or above with the following limitations:
 - No more than four BSN prerequisite courses may be retaken
 - This policy only applies to prerequisites where a grade of C or above was earned.

- This policy does not apply to pre-nursing courses (pathophysiology, pharmacology).
- The first four courses that are re-taken are the grades used in the ranking process
- The higher of the two grades (original grade and replaced grade) are what is used in the ranking process
- A course requirement may only be repeated one time. In addition to the repeat, the student may withdraw from a course one time. Note: If first attempted repeat is withdrawn, student may attempt course one additional time.
- The College of Nursing Replacement of Grades differs from that of UTA's Grade Exclusion policy.

- **Failure of Nursing Courses:**

Students working toward an undergraduate nursing degree in the College of Nursing will not be admitted nor permitted to continue in the nursing program or to enroll in additional nursing courses if they:

1. Receive a grade of "D" or "F" in more than one nursing course.
2. Receive any combination of "D" or "F" on two attempts of the same nursing course.

- This applies to nursing courses taken at UTA (including NURS/NURS-UL 3365 Pharmacology and NURS/NURS-UL 3366 Pathophysiology).
- Note: If a student enters the nursing program and has a previous failure in Pathophysiology or Pharmacology, the student will be on probation and if the student earns a second "D" or "F", the student will not be permitted to remain in UTA's nursing program.
- Students earning a "D" or "F" in Pharmacology or Pathophysiology must retake the course, withdraw from the current applicant pool, and wait one full term (excluding summer) to reapply:.

Applicant term	Reapplication term
Fall applicant	Spring
Spring applicant	Fall

- **Grade Exclusion**

Students may not exclude upper division nursing courses, including Pathophysiology and Pharmacology. The UT Arlington grade exclusion differs from that of the College of Nursing Replacement of Grade policy (refer to the "Replacement of Grades C or Above" policy).

- **International Students**

International students with either F1 or J1 visa status are ineligible to participate in the Academic Partnership (online) program. International Students are welcome to participate in the traditional program.

- **Pharmacology**

Pharmacology must be completed within three (3) years of starting the upper division nursing program.

- **TOEFL Requirement:** Students with a native/first language other than English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language to enter the College of Nursing. Go to http://www.uta.edu/catalog/content/academics/school_of_nursing.aspx for exemptions and toefl.org for more information

- **Please note the College of Nursing has more stringent TOEFL requirements than UT Arlington.**
- There is not a time limit on the TOEFL scores

- **Transfer Nursing Student Policy**

Transfer nursing students are defined as those students who have successfully completed (C or above in courses) Assessment and Foundations (Junior I courses) at another college or university. Students who have not completed the required Junior I courses will be ranked with the incoming junior class.

- Students are not eligible to apply as either a new applicant or as a transfer if they have earned a D or F in nursing course at another school or college of nursing.
- The procedure for applying as a transfer student is found in the Student Handbook on the College of Nursing website.
- Transfer students are not accepted into the AP BSN program.

- **Withdrawal from Nursing Courses Policy:** Students within the program, enrolled in an upper division NURS course are permitted to drop the course one time.

- Upon attempting the course for the second time, the earned grade is retained. Students may drop no more than three upper division NURS courses during their undergraduate career. Elective and pre-nursing courses are exempt from this policy.
- Exceptions to this policy may be entertained because of extraordinary non-academic circumstances.

NOTE: This list does not include all College of Nursing (CON) and University policies. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the CON Student Handbook on the CON website (http://www.uta.edu/catalog/content/academics/college_of_nursing.aspx#3) and the University Catalog on the University website (www.uta.edu/uta/).