



SCHOOL OF NURSING
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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August 26, 2009

Dear Applicant to the Baccalaureate Program:

As you prepare your application to the School of Nursing, I want to encourage you to reflect on your decision to pursue nursing as a career, appreciate the wonderful opportunities ahead as well as the serious responsibilities you are about to undertake. The School of Nursing prides itself in maintaining high standards, teaching the latest innovations in health care, and preparing nurses who will make a difference in clinical practice. In addition, our graduates will be able to pursue special certifications and may go to graduate school.

The objectives of the Baccalaureate Program in Nursing are:

1. use critical thinking to integrate knowledge from nursing, biological and behavioral sciences, and the humanities in planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care,
2. use critical thinking and clinical judgement within a problem solving process to meet the health care needs of individuals, families, aggregates, and communities in a variety of settings,
3. accept responsibility and accountability for one's own actions as a health care professional,
4. participate in the delivery of health care through case management, interdisciplinary collaboration, delegation, coordination, and consultation,
5. participate in nursing and interdisciplinary efforts to improve the delivery of high quality health care to diverse individuals, families, aggregates, and communities,
6. demonstrate core professional values to complement continued personal and professional growth,
7. practice nursing according to professional ethical standards,
8. critically appraise and apply research findings to demonstrate evidence-based nursing practice,
9. examine health policy and its effects on individuals, families, aggregates, communities, and health agencies,
10. integrate the appropriate use of information and health care technology in nursing practice, administration, education, and research.

As you consider the responsibilities of professional nursing practice, please be aware of a new requirement to pass a criminal background check prior to clinical courses and again during the application for licensure. In addition, applicants will be asked to confirm a clear disciplinary record.

Follow the directions in the application closely. Consider each question very carefully and answer as completely as you can. If you have any questions, please call (512) 232-4780. We look forward to receiving your completed application.

Sincerely,

Linda Carpenter, PhD, RN, CNE
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

The University of Texas at Austin
School of Nursing Admission Procedures

Admission to The University of Texas at Austin and to the School of Nursing are two separate application processes. Contact the Office of Admissions by writing to the Office of Admissions, UT-Austin, Main Building, Room 7, Austin, TX 78712 or go to the Office of Admissions' web site (www.utexas.edu/student/admissions/). Important: Applicants must be formally admitted to The University of Texas at Austin for the semester they intend to begin upper-division nursing courses, meeting all University deadlines as published in the University of Texas at Austin General Information.

How to Apply to the School of Nursing

At the time of application, students must be enrolled in or have completed all prerequisite course requirements. (If there is an intervening summer session, as is the case with spring applicants for the fall semester, courses can be completed in the summer). All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to the beginning of the Junior 1 first semester in the Professional Sequence.

To apply for admission to the School of Nursing, submit the following by the appropriate deadline directly to the **Student Affairs Office, Undergraduate Admissions, UT Austin School of Nursing, 1700 Red River, Austin, TX 78701:**

- 1) Completed School of Nursing application, including personal essay (see Directions on Application)
- 2) The \$50 application fee in a check or money order made payable to The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing (UTASN)
- 3) SEPARATE and OFFICIAL transcripts from each college/university you have attended other than UT-Austin (the School of Nursing does not require UT-Austin transcripts; individuals with prerequisite grade point averages exceeding the minimum 2.5 will receive more favorable consideration)
- 4) An official high school transcript (only if your foreign language requirement was satisfied in high school)
- 5) Three (3) letters of reference. The Request for Reference forms are attached to the application. These references must come from instructors and/or employers.

Application Deadline for Fall Admission is February 15.

Application Deadline for Spring Admission is September 15.

Applicants will be notified of admission decisions prior to registration.

Notice Concerning Your Information

The Texas Public Information Act, with a few exceptions, gives you the right to be informed about the information that The University of Texas at Austin collects about you. It also gives you the right to request a copy of that information and to have the University correct any of that information that is wrong. You may request to receive and review any of that information, or request corrections to it, by contacting the University's Public Information Officer, Office of Financial Affairs, P.O. Box 8179, Austin, Texas, 78713 (email:cfo@www.utexas.edu).

Application for Entry to Upper Division Courses in Nursing

Please type or print clearly:

1. A. UT-EID: _____ B. Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

C. Place of Birth: _____
city county state country

2. **Full Legal Name:**

(last) (first) (middle) (maiden)

3. Semester applying for: _____ Fall 200_____ _____ Spring 200_____

4. Address:

A. Permanent:

Street Telephone

City State Zip Code

B. Local:

Street Telephone

City State Zip Code

C. Residency Status: [] Texas Resident [] Non-Resident [] Foreign

5. List all colleges, universities, and professional schools that you have attended, including The University of Texas at Austin. Indicate the dates of attendance and degrees awarded: (**Note: The Office Admissions and the School of Nursing each require a separate official transcript from each college attended.**)

<u>School or Institution</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree Awarded</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

6. Are you an LVN/LPN? [] yes [] no Are you an RN? [] yes [] no License # _____ State _____

7. List any certifications or health care training programs you have completed. (Include dates and names of programs.)

8. Course deficiencies: I understand that at this time my records show that I lack the following course prerequisites necessary for enrollment in Upper Division Courses in Nursing. I plan to complete these courses during:

Summer [] 200____; Fall [] 200____; Spring [] 200____
 (Please list the college or university at which you will complete these prerequisites.)

<i>Incomplete Prerequisite</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Indicate Fall or Spring /Summer Session</i>

9. List previous employment. Specify dates, type of work, where employed, and approximate number of hours per week:

<u>Place of Employment:</u>	<u>Dates Worked:</u>	<u>Type of Work:</u>	<u>Hours Worked:</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

10. List volunteer activities in a health care environment (include dates and times):

11. List other community service and extracurricular activities (include dates and times):

12. List academic and other honors received:

13. Personal Essay

Directions: Explain why you chose nursing and what you think you would like to do in the future as a nurse. This essay is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the committee. You are also encouraged to include an explanation or description of your situation or circumstances not fully described elsewhere in the application, which may deserve consideration of the admissions committee. Write no more than two typed double-spaced pages with 1-inch margins in standard 12-point font. Essays will be scored for content and the quality of writing, including spelling and grammar.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
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REFERENCE REQUEST

To Be Completed By The Applicant

Applicant's Name _____ UT EID _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

I am applying to the School of Nursing for: FALL 200_____ SPRING 200_____ semester.

Release of access to this reference: The Applicant must complete and sign one of the following statements before submitting this form to the evaluator. This request is in Federal Law P.L. 93-380 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974).

I hereby voluntarily waive and relinquish any right of access to this confidential reference. Date _____ Signed _____	I retain my rights to access this confidential reference. Date _____ Signed _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR: Each applicant for entry into the Upper Division Courses in Nursing at UT Austin is required to submit three references, preferably from instructors and employers. The Admissions Committee would like to receive a frank appraisal of the applicant's character and personality since this information would be most useful in selecting applicants for the professional program. When completed, this form should be mailed directly to the STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE, UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS, UT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF NURSING, 1700 RED RIVER, AUSTIN, TX 78701.

Please place an X under the rating column which best describes the applicant's character and qualifications and include a short narrative in the space provided on the back of this form.

	Excellent	Above Avg	Average	Below Avg	Poor	N/A
Attitude and Personality - cooperative, confident, courteous, poise						
Reliability -- honest and dependable						
Personal Appearance - grooming and posture						
Work Habits and Industry - motivation, self-discipline, resourceful, conscientious, ability to organize, initiative						
Performance under Pressure						
Capacity for Independent Thinking - curiosity, creativity, leadership						
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