

COLLEGE OF NURSING

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Nursing Policies

TEAS Policy for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program Applicants

All prospective prelicensure students applying to the upper-division BSN Program including both traditional and weekend/evening tracks are required to complete the TEAS 7. Before applying, applicants are **strongly** encouraged to speak with a nursing advisor in the Pioneer Center and review our TEAS policy (<https://twu.edu/nursing/teas-testing-at-twu/>).

Health and Safety Requirements

All nursing students are required to have met the standards outlined in the Health and Safety Requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/health-requirements-students-health-related-majors/>) section of this catalog. Additionally, all nursing students are required to have been immunized against a variety of diseases, including, but not limited to measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis, pertussis, and influenza. Students must have an annual TB screening prior to entering clinical courses. Proof of immunizations will be required at the time of admission to upper-division nursing courses. Please refer to the Student Health Services form *Immunization Requirements for Healthcare Majors at Texas Woman's University* for specific information by location. Clinical agencies with which the College of Nursing affiliates for student clinical experience **may have additional testing and/or immunization requirements** (e.g. COVID).

Clinical facilities and school systems with which the University affiliates require that students be tested for drugs and have criminal background checks. Students are required to have these screenings done at their own expense. College of Nursing policy governs the procedures to be followed. Failure to meet the screening standards may result in the student being required to withdraw from the program. Proof of health insurance is required in all clinical programs.

Academic Policies: All Nursing Students (Pre-Licensure and RN's)

The following policies apply to all students in the nursing program.

- A minimum grade of C is required in all courses in the upper division nursing major.
- If a student earns a grade of D or F in a nursing course (including Pathophysiology) that course must be repeated.
- A course in which a grade of less than C (D or F) was earned may be repeated only once.
- A student who has earned a grade of less than C (D or F) in two nursing courses (including Pathophysiology) or who has earned a grade of less than C (D or F) twice in the same nursing course (including Pathophysiology) will be dismissed from the nursing program.
- For the purpose of removal from the nursing program, a grade of less than C is counted even if the course has been successfully repeated.
- A student who receives a grade of W, I, D, or F in a nursing course may not progress to courses for which that course is a prerequisite until a passing grade is achieved.

- An individual who has been unsuccessful in meeting the progression requirements as listed above, is eligible to re-apply to the College of Nursing and be considered for admission as a new student in the baccalaureate program *after a period of five years*.
- Once a student has started the first upper-division nursing course, the program of study must be completed as indicated: *

- Traditional BSN track - 3 years
 - Weekend BSN track - 4 years
 - RN-BSN track - 4 years
 - Blended BSN (dual-enrollment) track - 2 years
- *An approved leave of absence may affect the completion timeline.*

Readmission Into Nursing Program

If a baccalaureate student *who was in good academic standing* has been absent from the program or clinical courses for **more** than one year, the student must contact the Program Director to determine the reentry process. The procedure for re-entry into the nursing program **may** consist of:

- Reapplication to TWU
- Reapplication to the nursing program
- Clinical skills assessment
- New criminal background check and urine drug screen

The clinical skills assessment will be one of the criteria used to determine the level of re-entry. Readmission will be based on the availability of resources, the ability of the student to demonstrate retention of prior learning, and space available within the program.

Dismissal

The College of Nursing reserves the right to dismiss any student whose behavior is deemed to threaten the welfare of any individual, whose behavior is deemed unsafe in any manner, or violates the TWU Student Conduct Policies published in the TWU Student Handbook and the College of Nursing Student Handbook.