

OPSA Nursing Information

Important Nursing Websites:

OPSA: <https://opsa.tamu.edu/professions/nursing.html>

OPSA Nursing ListServ: <https://opsa.tamu.edu/listservs/aggie-nurses.html>

TAMU SON: <https://nursing.tamu.edu/>

TAMU SON email for admissions questions: nursingadmissions@tamu.edu

Important Videos on OPSA website:

First Year Workshop: [First Year Nursing Workshop](#) (prerequisites and more)

Nursing CAS Application: <https://youtube/A1n99DjgIIE>

When a student calls, ask, “Are you interested in Traditional BSN (2+2 Program) or 2nd Degree/Accelerated?”

- **Traditional (2 years at TAMU then 2 Years at Nursing School graduating with BSN)** * Apply Nov-Jan15th for TAMU for the Fall. Admissions decision usually Spring Break
 - * Apply June-Aug 1st for TAMU for Spring. Admissions decision usually October
 - * For students to be ready to apply for Traditional Nursing School, they need to take A&P 1 and 2 (Biology 2401/2402) the **summer** after their **freshman year** at **community college**. A&P is on the nursing exam.
 - * TAMU SON allows online labs. Some nursing schools do not. Safer to take A&P in person.
 - * Lifespan Psychology PBSI 225 is hard to get into at TAMU, so many have to take this class at community college, PSYC 2314.
 - * TAMU SON Traditional Program is in Bryan, TX (Currently it accepts 80 in Fall and Spring. Over 300 usually apply with an average 3.8 Nursing GPA. TAMU SON is 61 credit hours.
- **2nd Degree BSN (graduate from TAMU then go to Nursing School: Traditional or Accelerated)**
Most 2nd Degree Programs are accelerated/fast track to completion in 12-16 months.
TAMU SON 2nd Degree Program is in Round Rock, TX (Currently accept 48 in Spring and Fall).

ALL GRADES COUNT: AP, Dual Credit, Community College, and TAMU; If you retake a class, the first class grade counts and is averaged with the second class grade. If you made a C the first time, you must make an A the second time in order to help your GPA.

TAMU SON looks at three things:

1. GPA: overall and Nursing GPA (see more below)
2. [HESI Nursing Exam](#) (only 5 sections: Math, Reading comprehension, Vocabulary and general knowledge, Grammar, Anatomy and physiology)
3. [Kira Talent Interview](#) (see more below)*

Nursing GPA for TAMU School of Nursing: By the application deadline, applicants must have completed a minimum of 40 prerequisite course credit hours of the 59 hours required. Of those 40, **12 credit hours must be from the following nursing science courses:** Lifespan psychology (3), nutrition (3), Texas A&M core math (3 or 4), chemistry (4), anatomy and physiology (8), and microbiology (4). TAMU SON will take the highest math grade (college algebra or higher OR Stat 201).

Other nursing schools - you need to complete ALL of your prerequisites prior to applying, for example UT Health Houston. (Check the individual websites for this information.)

Nursing exams: HESI/TEAS:

Most students study using [Nurse Hub](#) for two months (\$20 per month).

[HESI Registration Handout](#) HESI can be taken twice a year.

[TEAS Registration Handout](#)

Nursing CAS Application: [Nursing CAS Applicant Help Center/ Quick Start Guide](#)

Most common question/answer: No need to include Hullabaloo since you didn't receive any credit hours. Enter AP credit when you officially accept it on TAMU transcript. Enter “CR” instead of grade.

[Ordering Transcripts](#) You can't find TAMU under National Student Clearinghouse on Nursing CAS, so students need to go through Howdy Portal to send official transcript to Nursing CAS.

***Kira Talent (Interview for TAMU SON):** Writing (Motivational Why to become a Nurse) and Verbal Sections (behavioral/ethical questions), timed, online interview through computer, talk about TAMU Core Values and Healthcare personal experience to get higher score.