



**Odessa College
Associate Degree Nursing (R.N.)
Program Fact Sheet**

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Accreditation Status:

The Odessa College Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The nursing curriculum plan is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The Program is accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). NLNAC may be reached at 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326, phone 866-747-9965 or 404-975-5000.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (A.D.N.)

Nursing is a care-oriented profession requiring a well-educated nurse. The curriculum of the Odessa College Nursing Program prepares graduates to assume beginning staff positions under supervision as providers of care, coordinators of care, and members of the nursing profession. Upon successful completion of the licensing examination, NCLEX-RN®, the graduate becomes a Registered Nurse.

Odessa College offers generic and transition option tracks to obtain the associate degree in applied science for nursing. Both tracks require the same non-nursing courses to complete the degree requirements. Generic students are those without licensure as a licensed vocational nurse, LVN. Generic students are admitted to the day or evening option. The day and evening option require the same nursing courses. The transition track allows the LVN to receive credit for selected nursing courses through advanced placement. Transition students must hold a current license to practice nursing in the state of Texas.

Generic and transition students receive clinical education in various hospitals, health care agencies, and community organizations. Classes are taught using a variety of methods. Most classes are taught in a traditional classroom setting. A few classes are taught totally online, and all theory classes are web-enhanced utilizing Blackboard.

Day Option:

The day option allows generic students the opportunity to take classes and receive clinical education during weekday daytime hours. Odessa College admits students into the day option each fall and spring semester.

Evening Option:

The evening option is designed for generic students to attend nursing classes during weekday evening hours. Clinical education primarily occurs on Saturdays and some weekdays with prior scheduling. A new class for the evening option begins in the fall semester of even numbered years. The group of students completes the two year curriculum before another class is admitted.

Transition Option for the LVN:

The transition student receives advanced standing for Introduction to Nursing (RNSG 1309), Nursing Skills I (RNSG 1105), Common Concepts of Adult Health (RNSG 1341), Health Assessment (RNSG 1215), Introduction to Clinical (RNSG 1160), and Basic Clinical (RNSG1260). Pharmacology (RNSG 1201) and Dosage Calculations (RNSG 1108) must be taken or the candidate may opt to receive advanced placement credit by examination. In the Maymester, transition students begin by taking Transition to Nursing Practice (RNSG 2207), to prepare for the new role as an R.N. In the summer semesters, the transition student takes Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family (RNSG 1412), Mental Health Nursing (RNSG 2213), and Clinical Transition I (RNSG 2263) and Pharmacology (RNSG 1201) if credit has not been earned. In the Fall Semester, the transition student takes Complex Concepts of Adult Health (RNSG 1443), Clinical Transition II (RNSG 2261), and Nursing Skills II (RNSG 1144). In the Spring Semester, the transition student takes Management of Client Care (RNSG 2121), Advanced Concepts of Adult Health (RNSG 2331), and Clinical Transition III (RNSG 2363).

Academic Advisement for Prospective Nursing Students:

General advisement is conducted by the college counselors, located on the second floor of the Student Union Building. Prospective nursing students are encouraged to visit with the Coordinator/Director of A.D.N. Program or a nursing faculty member to develop a plan of study *after* completing the prerequisite requirement Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2401). The plan of study will guide the student to meet the requirements for program admission.

Application Deadline:

Students must apply through the admissions department to Odessa College in order to take classes. Students must also apply to the nursing program by downloading the application from the nursing department's link on the Odessa College web page or by coming to the nursing office, which is located on the second floor of the Composite Technology Building. The application deadline is May 20 for fall (late August) admission and September 20 for spring (mid January) admission for generic students. The application deadline for transition students is May 1, but earlier application is encouraged. Letters of acceptance are sent in a timely manner after each deadline, usually within three weeks.

Pre-requisites for Admission:

This program has selective admission criteria. Not all students who apply are accepted. Students who have met all the admission criteria are ranked according to the GPA on the five prerequisite courses and the score on an approved nursing entrance exam. The number of students admitted each semester depends upon faculty availability.

In order to be admitted into the Nursing Program, the student must:

- Be a high school graduate or earned a GED.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. All college transcripts must be on file in the nursing office.
- Have acquired satisfactory scores on the department approved nursing entrance exam.
- Complete the requirements for the college's Success Initiative Plan, which usually includes passing scores on the COMPASS or the THEA exam, unless an exemption has been earned.
- Be currently certified as a nurse assistant. CNA training is offered through the Odessa College Continuing Education Department. (Not applicable for the L.V.N.)
- Immunizations are required. The immunization record must be on file in the nursing office prior to the application deadline. .

- Be currently trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, professional rescuer module. CPR must remain current during the two year program. On-line CPR training is not accepted for initial training or renewal.
- After program admission and before starting classes, proof of health and accident insurance is required.
- All course work for the degree must be passed with a grade of “C” or better. The grading scale in all RNSG (nursing) courses requires a minimum grade of 75 to earn a “C.”
- **The courses required as pre-requisites for admission into the generic program (day and evening option) are the following:
 - BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I (must be current within 5 years of admission*)
 - BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II (must be current within 5 years of admission*)
 - PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology
 - HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology
 - RNSG 1108 Dosage Calculations for Nursing

*A&P courses can be older than 5 years for working LVNs and still meet the admission standard.

**See further information regarding prerequisite courses for the LVN to A.D.N. Transition Option.

Information on the entrance exam:

The TEAS Version 5 is given in the Testing Center (335-6620), located in room 203 of the Student Union Building (SUB). Please access the TEAS Information Sheet for further details. Students cannot be accepted into the nursing program without satisfying the minimum scoring requirements on TEAS testing.

The Nursing Curriculum:

The curriculum for the Associate Degree in Applied Science (nursing) is attached. Please note that several non-nursing (general education) courses must be taken for the degree but are not required as pre-requisites for program admission. Most students take their pre-requisite courses and most of the courses that can be taken prior to admission over one year to 18 months prior to being accepted into the nursing program. This plan allows the student to focus on the nursing courses but may not be appropriate if the student needs to take 12 or more semester credit hours to maintain a scholarship or health care benefits under some insurance plans. There are two nursing courses (prefix RNSG) that can be taken prior to admission. These are RNSG 1201 Pharmacology and RNSG 1215 Health Assessment. Students must have passed BIOL 2401 prior to taking these courses. BIOL 2402 may be taken prior to taking the courses or may be taken concurrently as a co-requisite. (Note that RNSG 1108 Dosage Calculations for Nursing, a nursing course, *must* be taken prior to admission.)

Cost of the Nursing Education:

Tuition and fees are payable according to the published table found in the college catalog. Tuition and fees for nursing courses are approximately \$3500. Tuition and fees for non-nursing (general education) courses required for the degree are approximately \$1950. The cost of nursing books, most of which are utilized throughout the entire two years, totals approximately \$1500. Other fees include uniforms, supply kits, and fees for testing and licensing. These costs total approximately \$1700, with half of these funds due the last semester of nursing school. Many scholarships are available, especially after acceptance into the nursing program. Contact Student Financial Services at 335-6429 for more information, or go by the department which is located in the Student Union Building (SUB). Once accepted into the program, students may qualify for scholarship awards from local hospitals. These agencies need to be contacted directly to receive application information. The course to become a certified nursing assistant is taught through the Continuing Education (CE) Department. C.N.A. training and CPR is approximately \$485. A few scholarships, covering partial costs, are available for C.N.A. training. Make application in CE.

Ability to Work During the Program:

The nursing curriculum is difficult and demanding. Students who work in outside jobs must be good time managers and have sufficient support systems in place. It is recommended that students not work during the first semester. After that time, a maximum of 20 hours per week is recommended.

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Criminal Background Check and Drug Testing:

After admission to the program, new students will authorize the nursing department to conduct a criminal background check. This procedure is required for students to go to various hospitals and agencies for clinical education. If the background check is positive for certain offenses, the student may not be able to participate in clinical education and therefore will not be able to complete the requirements for the clinical courses and continue in the nursing program. Drug testing must be negative in order to enroll in nursing classes. Drug testing is performed periodically during the nursing program and is at the student's expense.

Licensure Information:

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) approves all candidates for licensure. Good professional character must be present. The BON conducts an FBI check using fingerprint identification for ALL candidates for licensure. Some events, such as having a felony or misdemeanor conviction, including expunged offenses and deferred adjudication with or without prejudice of guilt, pleading no contest to any crime, having unresolved arrests, having pending criminal charges, having action taken against your health care provider license, having certain mental health disorders or a history of substance abuse MAY disqualify a candidate to take the licensing exam. (Please note that it does not matter how long ago these events occurred; if they are on your record, *they count*.) Licensure eligibility may also be denied if the applicant has a history of certain mental illnesses, a history of drug addiction, or has had action on a professional license by the body granting the license.

The BON requires a review of the individual's situation under a process called a declaratory order. If the student suspects licensure eligibility issues, go to the BON WEB site at www.bon.state.tx.us to download the appropriate forms. It will take a minimum of 3-6 months for the BON to determine eligibility after a request for declaratory order is submitted. Licensure eligibility issues should be resolved before beginning the nursing program.

End of Program EXIT Exam:

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requires a capstone experience which has been identified in the A.D.N. program as an end-of-program exit exam. The candidate for graduation must score satisfactorily on the exam(or prescribed alternative) in order to graduate.

R.N. Salary Information:

A newly licensed RN in the Permian Basin can earn \$45,000 or more annually, depending on the employer. This figure does not include shift differential, weekend differential or special area pay that many employers provide.

Employment Opportunities:

The associate degree R.N. may seek employment in a variety of health care settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, home health care services, rehabilitation hospitals, mental health hospitals and agencies, hospice care, and doctor’s offices, ambulatory care centers, schools, and community settings.

Furthering Your Education:

Students completing the associate degree in nursing may continue their education toward a bachelor of science in nursing at an upper level university. These programs are known as RN to BSN programs or bridge programs. Several universities offer such programs. Nurses may earn master’s degrees and even the doctorate degree. A few university programs offer fast track options for the RN to progress to the master’s level without earning the BSN. There are many options for the nurse to continue formal education and advance in the profession of nursing. Odessa College nursing faculty fully support and encourage life-long education for the registered nurse.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING – CURRICULUM PLAN DAY OR EVENING OPTION – GENERIC TRACK

Prerequisites	Semester Hrs
RNSG 1108 Dosage Calculations for Nursing.....	1
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology.....	1
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
Total Semester Hours	13

First Year

First Semester

*RNSG 1201 Pharmacology.....	2
*RNSG 1215 Health Assessment.....	2
RNSG 1105 Nursing Skills I.....	1
RNSG 1309 Introduction to Nursing.....	3
RNSG 1341 Common Concepts of Adult Health.....	3
RNSG 1160 Clinical – Introduction.....	1
RNSG 1260 Clinical – Basic.....	2
Total Semester Hours	14

*May be taken prior to program admission with BIOL 2401 as a prerequisite and BIOL 2402 as a corequisite.

Second Semester

RNSG 1443 Complex Concepts of Adult Health.....	4
RNSG 1361 Clinical – Complex.....	3
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing.....	2
RNSG 2161 Clinical – Mental Health.....	1
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications.....	3
PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth & Development.....	3
Total Semester Hours	16

Second Year

Third Semester

RNSG 2201 Care of Children and Families.....	2
RNSG 1162 Clinical – Pediatrics.....	1
RNSG 2208 Maternal/Newborn Nursing and Women’s Health.....	2
RNSG 1161 Clinical – Obstetrics.....	1
RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II.....	1
ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric.....	3

SPCH 1321	Business & Professional Speech or SPCH 1315 Public Speaking.....	3
BIOL 2420	Microbiology.....	4
Total Semester Hours		17

Fourth Semester

RNSG 2121	Management of Client Care.....	1
RNSG 2163	Clinical – Management.....	1
RNSG 1146	Legal and Ethical Issues for Nurses.....	1
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health.....	3
RNSG 2262	Clinical – Advanced.....	2
PHED 1100	Lifestyle Assessment & Modification.....	1
Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement: At least three hours from art, Bible, mass communication (COMM1316, COMM 1318 or COMM 1319), English (except ENGL 1301, ENGL 1312 or ENGL 2311) history, foreign language (2311 or higher) , music, philosophy or photography.....		3
Total Semester Hours		12

Total Hours72

**COURSE OF STUDY FOR ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
NURSING – CURRICULUM PLAN TRANSITION TRACK FOR THE LVN**

<u>General Education Courses</u> (no changes; same as generic program)	<u>SCH</u>
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology	3
HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology	1
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications	3
PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development	3
ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric	3
SPCH 1321 Business and Professional Speech or SPCH 1315 Public Speaking	3
BIOL 2420 Microbiology	4
PHED 1100 Lifespan Assessment and Modification	1
Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement	3
<i>Total General Education SCH</i>	<i>32</i>

Due to the rigor and pace of the transition program all general education courses must be taken prior to admission into the nursing program. (Exception: One 1-4 semester hour class may be taken while in the nursing program.)

Required Nursing Courses and Sequence

RNSG 1108 Dosage Calculations for Nursing	1
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Must be taken or tested prior to beginning RNSG 2207.

Maymester

RNSG 2207 Transition to Nursing Practice	2
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Summer I and II

RNSG 1201 Pharmacology	2
RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family	4
RNSG 2263 Clinical – Transition I	2
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing	2

LVNs may advance place by passing departmental exam for pharmacology. May take pharmacology course concurrent with BIOL 2402. *Must* be taken or tested no later than summer semesters.

Fall Semester

RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	4
RNSG 2261	Clinical – Transition II	2
RNSG 1144	Nursing Skills II	1

Spring Semester

RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2121	Management of Client Care	1
RNSG 2363	Clinical – Transition III	3
RNSG 1146	Legal and Ethical Issues for Nurses	1
May take RNSG 1146 before the spring semester.		
<i>Total Nursing SCH</i>		28

Nursing Courses – Receive Advanced Standing (LVN Education)

RNSG 1215	Health Assessment	2
RNSG 1105	Nursing Skills I	1
RNSG 1309	Introduction to Nursing	3
RNSG 1341	Common Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 1160	Clinical – Introduction	1
RNSG 1260	Clinical – Basic	2
<i>Total Advanced Standing SCH</i>		12

Total SCH for the AAS degree: 72

Quick Check for Items Needed for the Degree

- Admission to Odessa College
- Completed and signed application with appropriate transcripts
- Demonstrate college readiness of approved exemptions OR passing scores on approved tests (COMPASS or THEA)

Pre-requisite General Education Courses:

MUST have in order to be considered for admission to the A.D.N. Program:

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology
- HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology (note: this course is taught in the biology department and is a corequisite with BIOL 2401))

Pre-requisite Nursing Course:

MUST have in order to be considered for admission in to the A.D.N. Program:

- RNSG 1108 Dosage Calculations for Nursing

Nursing Courses that MAY be taken prior to Program admission if BIOL 2401 has been taken and BIOL 2402 has been taken or is taken with these nursing courses:

- RNSG 1201 Pharmacology
- RNSG 1215 Health Assessment (not a required course for transition students)

General Education Courses that must be taken to earn the degree: These courses can be taken prior to program admission or can be taken while in the nursing program. (Note: Transition Option Differences)

- ENGL 1301 Composition and Rhetoric
- BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications
- SPCH 1321 Business and Professional Speech OR
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- PHED 1100 Lifestyle Assessment and Modification
- HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS Requirement: At least 3 hours (*which will be one course*) from the Following: Art, Bible, Mass Communications (1316, 1318 or 1319), English (except 1301, 1312, or 2311), History, foreign language (2311 or higher), Music, Philosophy, or Photography

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TEAS Information Sheet

Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN)

1. What is the TEAS V?

The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills, Version V) is an Internet-based, multiple-choice exam that assesses a student's abilities in four content areas. The test measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. It is used as one component of the selection process for admitting students to the Nursing Program. The TEAS is a 3 hour and 29 minute, 170 question examination with the following format:

READING 58 minutes; 48 questions

Paragraph Comprehension
 Passage Comprehension
 Inferences/Conclusions

MATH 51 minutes; 34 questions

Whole numbers
 Metric conversion
 Fractions and decimals
 Percentages, ratios and proportions
 Algebraic equations

SCIENCE 66 minutes; 54 questions

Scientific Reasoning
 Biology
 Life Science, Earth Science
 Chemistry, A&P, physical principles
 General science

English 34 minutes; 34 questions

Contextual words
 Sentence Structure
 Grammar and punctuation
 Word meaning and spelling

2. When should I take the TEAS assessment?

- It is recommended that you wait to take the TEAS at least until you have complete Anatomy and Physiology I.
- Students must take Version V of the TEAS prior to the application deadline dates shown:

<i>APPLICATION DEADLINE</i>	<i>TEAS TESTING PERIOD</i>
May 20 for Fall (late August) Admission	September 21 – May 20*
September 20 for Spring (mid January) Admission	May 21 – September 20*
May 1 for ADN to RN Transition Students for Maymester Admission	May 2 – May 1*

***Please note:** The TEAS may only be taken once during each application cycle.

3. What score do I need in order to apply to the Nursing Program?

Academic Preparedness Category of Proficient or higher (minimum 58.7%) is required.

4. What version of the TEAS is accepted for application to the OC Nursing Program?

Version V of the TEAS is the only version of the TEAS accepted by the Odessa College Nursing Program. The TEAS Version V must be taken at the Odessa College Testing Center in order to be accepted.

5. What resources are available to prepare for the TEAS?

- ATI Testing sells a study manual (Version V - ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) Study Manual) and an online practice test, which are available for purchase at www.atitesting.com. The study guide is also available at the OC bookstore.
- The above mentioned study guide and other resources can be purchased from booksellers such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.
- Practice questions and other information about the TEAS can be found at www.testprepreview.com
- Register for the Plato Web Learning Network (www.platoweb.com) at The Student Success Center in The Learning Resource Center.

6. When and where do I go to take the TEAS?

The TEAS is administered at the OC Testing Center (335-6620) Monday through Friday. Please allow four hours to complete the registration and test. The last testing time is at 1pm Monday through Thursday, and 9 am Friday.

7. How much does the test cost?

The total cost is \$40.00; a \$15.00 fee to be paid at the OC Cashier's Office (any form of payment is accepted) and a \$25.00 fee to ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) to be paid by credit or debit card only. The ATI fee will be paid in the Testing Center by accessing the ATI website.

8. What do I need to take to the Testing Center?

Bring a photo ID, your SS card, a receipt from the OC Cashier's office, and a credit or debit card to pay ATI. The Testing Center will provide pencil and paper. Calculators are not allowed.

9. When will I receive my score?

Your test scores along with an explanation of the results will print out when you are finished.

10. Do I bring my test results to the Nursing Office?

No, the Nursing Office will retrieve your TEAS score electronically.

Should I retake the TEAS each time I apply? If you have met the minimum score needed, it is not necessary to retake the TEAS unless the test version has changed or it has been three years since you tested. However, if you feel you could improve your score, you may retake the test. You are responsible to pay for the test each time you take it.