



Odessa College Associate Degree Program Admissions Guide

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Applicants must satisfy all admissions criteria to include, General Requirements, TEAS test minimum composite scores, Mandatory prerequisite courses, and Online Application (if available) to qualify for ranking. Prerequisite courses should all be completed to be competitive for ranking, though exceptions have been made in extreme situations and with prior approval by the Director of Nursing. Ranking points are derived from the most recent TEAS test composite scores and the most recent GPA of Prerequisite courses.

General Requirements

Applicants for Competitive Entry Programs in Nursing and Allied Health must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for consideration of ranking.

ADN Nursing applicants are required to meet all the following:

- **Enrolled at Odessa College** as a Credit Student
- Successful completion of **TEAS test-The Test of Essential Academic Skills**
- Completion of an **online Health Careers Orientation** when available.
- Completion of all Prerequisite Courses listed on active Degree Plan with a **“C” or better**
- **Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to submit application, GPA for points** will be based on the general education courses completed within the nursing program plan of study.
- **Must be TSI College ready. (For more info please contact Odessa College Admissions office.)**
- Submit all **previous college/university transcripts** prior to ranking.
 - Foreign Students: Transliteration of all foreign coursework is required.
 - Odessa College Students: Nursing Secretary can obtain an internal copy of Odessa College student applicant’s transcripts upon verbal request.
- Must have a **High School Diploma or GED.**

Completed Program Specific materials should be brought in person during the Application acceptance time period to:

Odessa College Nursing Department Secretary
201 West University Boulevard
Odessa, TX 79764
Health Science Building, Room 100
432-335-6672

Assessment Thresholds

Below is the minimum TEAS test composite score for qualification and ranking into the Nursing programs. Test can be taken three times in an application cycle. There must be a two weeks waiting period before re-testing. Four or more attempts must be approved by the Director of Nursing. Scores are valid for one year and only the most recent scores qualify to be used for ranking. Deliver test score to the nursing office once you complete the test to discuss your results.

TEAS-test Assessment

- Minimum Composite score must be within the proficiency range beginning at 58.7%
- Composite scores are the result of testing in all four subject areas in one sitting
- Composite scores cannot be met by combining prior individual subject scores
- Official scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (English and Language Usage, Math, Reading, and Science).
- Contact the Director of Nursing for TEAS testing and re-testing guidelines

Ranking Protocols

It is highly recommended that all prerequisite courses be completed prior to ranking to be competitive. Course substitutions for prerequisite courses must be directed to the Director of Nursing in advance of the Ranking Deadlines. The ranking GPA is calculated based on the following courses:

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I (Maximum of three attempts allowed)

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Maximum of three attempts allowed)

ENGL 1301 English Composition

HUMA Choice of 4 courses (must be one of four listed)

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development

Deadlines for Completing Specialized Admissions Requirements

Application deadline for the Fall Semester is May 1st through June 1st, and for the Spring Semester is October 1st through 20th.

Pre-program Specific Requirements

Applicants for specialized programs must also meet all pre-program specific requirements prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required for all applicants:

Complete a Nursing Specialized Admissions Orientation in person or on-line when available.

- Maintain current CPR card (online certification is not accepted).
- Meet current immunization requirements.
 - Rubella (German measles) one dose or show immunity on a screening titer.
 - Rubeola (Measles) if born before January 1, 1957 one dose; if born after January 1, 1957 two doses or show immunity on a screening titer.
 - Mumps – one dose or show immunity on a screening titer
 - Hepatitis B – three doses or show immunity on a screening titer
 - Polio – all students encouraged to have immunization.
 - Chicken Pox (Varicella) two doses are needed. In lieu of vaccine, history of illness must be validated in writing by physician or school nurse. Immunity on a screening titer is acceptable.
 - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine-if first time college student
 - Substitute Tdap for Td once, then Td booster every 10 years (prevents whooping cough)
 - Students are required to have a PPD screening prior to entry into program and prior to 2nd year (must not expire during course of Fall and Spring semester). Our clinical affiliate requires the PPD to be within 3 months of entering the clinical facility, this may require that students have more than one PPD per year.
 - Flu vaccine required during flu season.
- Provide proof of health insurance which must be maintained throughout the program.

Additional Information

- Official Ranking Dates: June 2 – 10th, October 21-28th, or after all information is collected.
- Program Start Dates: Fall & Spring
- Maximum Students Admitted: 20 students in the Fall Semester and the Spring Semester (unless otherwise noted)
- A student has three years to complete the Associate Degree in Nursing after official enrollment in the first Associate Degree Nursing course.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with ATI standardized testing.

Background Check and Substance Abuse Screening are **Post Admissions** requirements. Do not proceed with these until instructed to do so.

Post Admissions Requirements

Students are responsible for the following requirements **AFTER** accepting a seat in the program:

PROGRAM ORIENTATION: one day **in person** orientation.

CLINICAL ORIENTATION (Online): Renew every year.

HIPAA TRAINING: HIPAA Access Online Renew every year. Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies **and** Liability Insurance required for clinical.

BACKGROUND CHECK: This requirement will be completed by each student. Upon qualification into the program, your name is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing for the first background check. The student will **not** be able to go to the clinical areas or health care facilities until cleared. Fingerprinting with a background check from FBI is required by BON prior to entry into the nursing program. **Please wait for instructions to start this process from the Nursing Department.**

An applicant who feels that they might have a background issue is strongly advised to begin the Declaratory Order (DO) process with the Texas BON before applying to the program because they must be cleared by the TBON before the start of classes.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING: Students who cannot participate in clinical rotations due to adverse activities revealed through substance abuse testing cannot complete course or program requirements. Students who fail to obtain clearance may be prohibited from admission or enrollment in specified programs/courses.

Point Ranking System

As part of the admission criteria, the point values for all nursing applicants will be totaled. A rank ordered list of nursing applicants by point total will be developed. The applicants with the highest number of points will be admitted into the nursing program each semester until all available spots are filled.

Alternates: Two alternates will be chosen and will complete all required elements in order to be ready should a position become available.

Ties: In the event of a tie, the applicant will be chosen based on the student with the highest overall science GPA related to Anatomy and Physiology I & II, in the event of tie in this area the final tie break will be highest overall Graduation GPA.

Points are calculated based upon the following criteria:

Grade Point Average (GPA):

A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (4.0 system) will be based on the general education courses completed within the nursing program plan of study for the point system. The college applicant's GPA is based on completion of 14 semester credit hours GPA will be determined in the following manner:

GPA	Points Awarded
3.7 - 4.0	20
3.5 - 3.69	19
3.3 - 3.49	18
3.1 - 3.29	17

2.9 - 3.09	16
2.7 - 2.89	8
2.5 - 2.69	4
<2.5	0

TEAS:

These scores are calculated based on your TEAS Math and Reading scores. A total of three attempts are allowed for the TEAS test, but the third attempt requires advance permission from the Director of Nursing. Each area is worth points as listed below. A maximum of 16 points can be earned.

SCORE	Points Awarded (Reading)
90 - 100	8
80 - 89.9	6
70 - 79.9	4
<69.9	0
SCORE	Points Awarded (Math)
90 - 100	8
80 - 89.9	6
70 - 79.9	4
63.3-69.9	2
<63.3	0

General Education:

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I:	A=2 points, B=1 point
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II:	A=2 points, B=1 point
ENGL 1301 English Composition:	A=1 point, B= 0.5 point
HUMA (choice of 4 courses see degree plan):	A= 1 point, B= 0.5 point
PSYC 2314 Lifespan growth and development:	A=1 point, B= 0.5 point

Interview Process:

20 points

(Successful completion of CNA program is worth 2 additional points in this category or demonstration of skills)

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