

# ODESSA COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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*Applicants for competitive entry programs in nursing must satisfy minimum criteria to be eligible for consideration of ranking.*

**ADN Nursing applicants are required to meet the following *minimum* requirements:**

## ADMISSION TO ODESSA COLLEGE:

- Must have a High School Diploma or GED.
- Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student. Complete the [Applytexas.org](http://Applytexas.org) application if you are not currently an OC student.
  - o Must be TSI College ready. (For more info, please contact Odessa College Admissions office.)

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026: Applicants must take the HESI A2 Exam for application**

## REQUIRED HESI A2 TESTING:

Call Testing Center at 432-335-6620 for details and scheduling.

- Testing can be taken up to 2 times in an academic year with a 30-day waiting period between tests. **ALL TESTING MUST BE DONE IN PERSON AT A CERTIFIED TESTING CENTER. ONLINE PROCTORED ATTEMPTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Applicants must complete the reading, grammar, math, anatomy & physiology, and critical thinking components.
- Scores are valid for 2 years.
- Highest scores will be taken. Scores cannot be pieced together (e.g. "super-scored")
- Applications will not be accepted if minimum scores are not achieved.
- Applicants can schedule a tutoring appointment by visiting [www.odessa.edu/lrc](http://www.odessa.edu/lrc), selecting "Schedule Tutoring Appointment". Workbooks are available for student use in the LRC as well.

Minimum Score Requirements			
Reading	Grammar	Math	Anatomy & Physiology
78%	78%	78%	78%

\*Critical thinking will be assessed based on score achieved. See scoring information.

## GPA REQUIREMENT:

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 or higher for your application to be considered.
- All official transcripts for previous education must be on file with the Odessa College Records Office. After acceptance to Odessa College, unofficial transcripts are acceptable to the nursing department.
  - o Foreign Students: Transliteration of all foreign coursework is required.
  - o Transfer Students: Make sure to complete the "Evaluate my Transcript" form with the Records Office prior to submitting your nursing application.
- All applicants must complete a Transcript Checklist with a School of Health & Sciences Academic Success Coach prior to application submission. See program application document for more information.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES:

*PSYC 1300 Learning Systems Framework	BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development	*HUMA 2319 (2323, 1305)	

**\*Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Success Coach regarding substitutions for ENGL 1301 and HUMA courses**

- BIOL 2401 & 2402 must be completed within the last 5 years from application time. If a student has taken BIOL 2401 & 2402 more than once, the average of the last 3 attempts within the 5-year window will be taken into consideration for eligibility.
- All pre-requisite courses must be successfully completed with a “C” or better.
- Course substitutions for prerequisite courses must be approved by the Director of Nursing. Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Success Coach for a transcript review.
  - o HUMA course substitutions will be cross referenced to HUMA 2319, 2323, 1305 courses offered by Odessa College and must meet specific criteria.
- Attendance at a Nursing Program Information Session for the current application cycle is **mandatory** prior to submitting an application. The session must be specific to the cohort you are applying to. Failure to attend a session will result in automatic rejection of your application. Please see the ADN website and/or speak with an Academic Success Coach for dates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Proof of active or veteran military status will receive 2 additional points.
- **LVN-RN Transition Applicants:** Proof of graduation from an approved LVN program and current unencumbered license to practice nursing. A student who graduated from the Odessa College Vocational Nursing program will receive 2 additional points. An active LVN license must be maintained throughout enrollment in the program.
- \*LVN-RN transition applicants will not receive points for military and OC graduate status. The maximum amount of additional points granted will be 2 points.
- It is **highly recommended**, but not required, that applicants submit any healthcare documents for clinical clearance that may be completed with the initial application. See Clinical Clearance Requirements in the Post Admission Requirements section below.
- **Night and weekend clinical rotations may be required in the program. This information will be communicated to students in a timely manner throughout the program.**

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION PROCESS & PROGRAM INFORMATION:

	<b>ADN Traditional Program</b>	<b>LVN-RN Spring Transition</b>	<b>LVN-RN Summer Transition</b>
Application Timeframe	May1—last day Maymester term	October 1 – October 20	March 1 – March 20
Campus	Odessa- Main Campus	Andrews Extension	Odessa- Main Campus
# of Seats Available*	Up to 30	Up to 20	Up to 20
Program Length	17 months- Begins August with completion the following December	12 months- Begins every January with completion in December	12 months- Begins every May with completion the next May

*\*Number of students admitted may vary by term based on program instructional and clinical resources.*

Applications and required documents must be submitted to [ADN@odessa.edu](mailto:ADN@odessa.edu) Documents will no long be accepted in person.

**\*Applicants must provide copies of all documents required. Please refer to the application checklist.**

**\*APPLICATION DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL AFTER THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. Make sure your application is **complete** prior to submission. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

### APPLICATION 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.

Points are calculated based upon the following criteria:

#### Grade Point Average (GPA):

For point ranking purposes, the GPA will be based on the average of the grades achieved on the five required pre-requisite courses completed within the nursing program plan of study. The applicant's 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

#### HESI: (Effective 4/1/26)

	Math	Reading	Grammar	Anatomy & Physiology
<b>Score</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>			
95-100	10	10	10	10
90-94	8	8	8	8
86-89	6	6	6	6
82-85	4	4	4	4
78-81	2	2	2	2
<78	Ineligible for admission			

Critical thinking points are awarded as follows:

Critical Thinking	
Score	Points Awarded
951-1000	10
900-950	8
851-899	4
800-850	2
<800	0

This document is for informational purpose only and is not to be construed as a binding offer or contract between the College and the student. This document was revised March 2026 and is subject to change without prior notice. This document is intended to be used with the College Catalog, Application Checklist and ADN Student Handbook which provide complete information on courses as well as College regulations and procedures.

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## POST ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

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

- ✓ PROGRAM ORIENTATION: a one-day in person orientation is mandatory. Failure to attend results in the forfeit of the applicant's seat in the program.
- ✓ Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, and Lab Supplies required for clinical. Students will receive information after acceptance.
- ✓ CLINICAL CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS:
  - Tetanus-diphtheria- 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (TD) is required within the last 10 years. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).
  - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines-
    - o Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (MMR Vaccine).
    - o Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccinations of one dose of a mumps vaccine.
    - o Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
    - o Serological confirmation is acceptable.
  - Hepatitis B Vaccine- students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus.
  - Varicella Vaccine- students are required to have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday or, if the first dose was administered on or after the student's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are required. Serological confirmation is acceptable.
  - Flu Vaccine- current during every flu season (October-March).
  - Negative Initial and Annual Tuberculosis Screening.
  - COVID-19 vaccine. Students are required to be fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption. Please contact the nursing department for un-vaccinated status. \*Waivers are completed after acceptance\*
  - Maintenance of current CPR - Basic Life Support Certification (American Heart Association, ONLY) after acceptance into the program
  - Clearance by acceptable Drug Screening at program admission, or upon return from break in enrollment, and additionally throughout the program. **These are scheduled by the program.**
  - Authorize the Board of Nursing to conduct a criminal background check. This procedure is required for students to go the clinical facilities. Information regarding this process will be given upon acceptance. Certain offenses on the student's background check, if applicable, may prevent them from receiving clearance as required by the nursing program, and may result in program dismissal. Click [here](#) to read information from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensure eligibility. **\*This requirement is not completed until after acceptance. \***
  - Health Insurance coverage per clinical agreements at the time of attestation.

*\*all student records will be securely filed in the nursing department and may be shared with clinical affiliations, per audit requests.*