

NursingCAS Instructions for TCU – Traditional BSN

Note: Applications to the Traditional BSN and the Accelerated BSN for transfer students are now being processed through NursingCAS. NursingCAS is the online, centralized application service for nursing schools. You can use NursingCAS to apply to Texas Christian University and other participating schools. NursingCAS processes your application and transcripts on behalf of the university.

Applicants interested in TCU’s Traditional BSN or the Accelerated BSN for transfer students programs should apply through NursingCAS. Visit www.nursingcas.org and click “[Apply Here](#)” to initiate your application. And click on “[Create Account](#)” and complete the required fields in order to start your application. View this short instructional [video](#) on how to complete a NursingCAS application.

Additionally, please review the information below carefully and we recommend that you review this [information](#) before you begin your application as well. **Although, some sections of the NursingCAS application are marked “optional” please follow the guidelines below for TCU requirements and note that your application will not be considered until ALL elements listed below as “Required for TCU” are completed and submitted.**

Application Steps and Admission Requirements:	<p>Complete the NursingCAS Application and all the application requirements outlined below. Note when creating your account, make sure you select “Yes” to the question “Are you applying to an undergraduate level program?” You may apply while you are finishing prerequisite courses; however, all coursework (both nursing prerequisites and TCU Core) MUST BE COMPLETED before the program begins. Click here for a list of transferrable core curriculum requirements equivalency guide.</p> <p>Minimum GPA - Transfer students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA from other colleges/universities to be considered for admission to TCU as a nursing major. Note Accelerated students must have a 3.0 GPA or greater in either undergraduate degree or nursing prerequisites (AP1, AP2, Micro, and Statistics)</p> <p>Nursing Prerequisites Accelerated Program Below are the Nursing pre-requisites and the TCU Core requirements. These courses <u>must be completed before the start date in May.</u> For further clarification about transfer credit from another college or university, please contact the Harris College nursing advisor at 817-257-7650.</p>
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- Anatomy & Physiology I and II – must be a 4 credit hour course with a lab.*
- Microbiology – must be a 4 credit hour course with a lab*
- Elementary Statistics
- Lifespan Human Development
- General Psychology
- Introductory Sociology
- Nutrition

*Lab must meet in person. TCU will not accept online labs.

*Science classes must be less than 10 years old.

TCU Core Curriculum

- Freshman and Sophomore English Composition
- Religious Traditions
- Literary Traditions
- Humanities
- Social Science
- Historical Traditions
- Oral Communication
- Fine Arts Survey

Nursing Prerequisites Traditional Program

Below are the Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN) that will transfer toward the Nursing pre-requisites and the TCU Core Curriculum. For further clarification about transfer credit from another college or university, please contact the Harris College nursing advisor at 817-257-7650.

- Biology (A&P I) BIOL 2401
- Biology (A&P II) BIOL 2402
- Biology (Nutrition) HECO 1322
- Microbiology BIOL 2420 or 2421
- Psychology (Lifespan G an D) PSYC 2314
- Introductory Psychology PSYC 2301
- Introductory Sociology SOCI 1301
- Math (Statistics) MATH 1342 or 2342

TCU Core Curriculum

- English ENGL 1301
- English ENGL 1302
- Humanities (3 hours) examples: Literature, Intro to Philosophy and World Religion ENGL 2321, 2322, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333, 2370, 2371, 2372; PHIL 1301, 1304, 1316, 1317; RELI 1304; HIST 2311, 2312.
- Historical Traditions (3 hours) HIST 1301, 1302, 2311, 2312, 2321, 2322.
- Religious Traditions (3 hours) PHIL 1304, 1316, or 1317; RELI 1304
- Fine Arts Survey (3 hours) must be academic and not performance art ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; DRAM 1301; HUMA 1315; MUSI 1306, 1310.
- Literary Traditions (3 hours) ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333, 2370, 2371, 2372.

Pursuing Nursing Major After Previous Nursing School Enrollment - Only transfer students in good standing and eligible for readmission to the previous program(s) will be permitted to pursue a nursing major at TCU.

Transfer Student Policies - The following are transfer policies for students wishing to declare nursing as their major.

Admission to TCU

- All applicants must be eligible for admission to TCU.
- All official academic transcripts must be mailed to NursingCAS.
- No grade less than C will transfer to TCU for academic credit. All courses in which applicants have been enrolled as well as earned grades are considered in the TCU admission process.
- Upon receipt of a formal application for admission to TCU an official transcript summary and evaluation of all college course work will be completed and transcript credit applied according to TCU admissions policies. This summary will be sent to you.
- Admission to TCU does not guarantee admission to nursing clinical

<p>Items to be mailed to NursingCAS and submitted via NursingCAS</p>	<p>All official transcripts (even if you are currently enrolled at this institution) must be mailed from each issuing institution's registrar's office directly to NursingCAS. In order to expedite the processing be sure to include the Transcript Request Form. Nursing processes your transcripts on behalf of the university. NursingCAS cannot process transcripts stamped with "Issued to Student".</p> <p>Mailing Address: NursingCAS P.O. Box 9201 Watertown, MA 02471</p> <p>Note: Report in progress coursework and request that updated transcripts be mailed to NursingCAS once in progress coursework is completed and update your education section with this completed coursework and submit the updated information via NursingCAS.</p> <p>Additionally, submit your essay, resume, and HESI score results, AP scores, and CLEP scores via NursingCAS electronically. Follow the submission instructions below.</p>
<p>NursingCAS Application Checklist</p>	<p>TCU's NursingCAS Requirements</p>
<p>Applicant Information Section</p>	
<p>Biographic Information</p>	<p>Required.</p>
<p>Personal Data</p>	<p>Required.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Not Required.</p>
<p>Parent and Family Information</p>	<p>Required.</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p>Required.</p>
<p>Education Section</p>	
<p>Secondary (High) School, Colleges Attended & College Degrees</p>	<p>Required.</p>
<p>Coursework</p>	<p>Required.</p> <p>Be sure to have a copy of your transcript(s) accessible in order to complete this section. All, including undergraduate and graduate, college level course work (including in-progress course work) must be entered into the application in this section. There is a short, instructional video posted here on how to accurately complete this section. And detailed instructions are posted here. This will be the most time-consuming aspect of the application process.</p>

	<p>If you would rather have NursingCAS staff enter in your coursework data on your behalf then you have the option of paying an additional fee to use the Coursework Entry Service. Click here to learn more about the service. The data entered into this section is used to calculate GPAs in order to make admissions decisions. Learn more here.</p>
Tests	<p>Required.</p> <p>In this section please input your HESI Admission Assessment Test (A2) information.</p> <p>Note: official HESI test scores must be uploaded to your NursingCAS application in the “Document Uploads” section. Visit http://www.nursing.tcu.edu/documents/HESIscores.pdf for details on how to access and save your official score report to upload into NursingCAS.</p> <p>Review important requirements regarding the HESI exam and how to schedule a testing date, http://www.nursing.tcu.edu/a2exam.asp. You must sit for and have HESI score results by the application deadline to be considered for admission.</p>
Additional Sections	
Professional Experience	<p>Optional.</p> <p>In this section input any health relation certification training, patient/health related experience, certifications, licensure, community enrichment, honors, awards, and employment.</p> <p>Note: you are required to upload a copy of your resume in the “Document Upload” section of NursingCAS.</p>
References	Not Required.
Personal Statement	<p>Required.</p> <p>Accelerated BSN Option:</p> <p>In this section copy and paste or type in a brief narrative for one of the following questions. Your answer should not exceed 300 words.</p> <p>For admission purposes, your answers will be judged for grammar, style, clarity, organization, depth of thought, and congruity with TCU Nursing's mission, vision, and values: http://www.nursing.tcu.edu</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will your background, experience, and knowledge from previous degree(s) contribute to your success in this accelerated BSN track and inform your nursing practice? 2. What do you believe are the roles and functions of a professional nurse and how do you envision fulfilling these roles and functions at program completion? <p>Traditional BSN Option: In this section copy and paste or type in a brief narrative to the following question. Your answer should not exceed 300 words.</p> <p>For admission purposes, your answers will be judged for grammar, style, clarity, organization, depth of thought, and congruity with TCU Nursing's mission, vision, and values: http://www.nursing.tcu.edu</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you believe are the roles and functions of a professional nurse and how do you envision fulfilling these roles and functions at program completion? <p>Note you will not be able to submit your application without completing the “Personal Statement” section of the application and attaching your statement to TCU in the “Designations” section of the application.</p>
Document Upload	<p>Required.</p> <p>In this section upload:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of your Resume • A PDF copy of your official HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2) scores. Visit http://www.nursing.tcu.edu/documents/HESIscores.pdf for details on how to access and save your official score report to upload into NursingCAS. <p>Note: you must attach your resume and HESI scores to TCU in the “Designations” section of the application prior to submitting your application. Save your score results as “Last Name, First Name, Term of Entry” example “Doe,</p>

	John, Fall 2014” – not do not include quotation marks)
Privacy Statement	Required.
Designations	<p>Required.</p> <p>In this section you will select Texas Christian University’s program(s), search or scroll to find our school listing and click on the box underneath apply next to the specialty track(s) you wish to apply to and hit “Submit”. Note applicants applying to the Accelerated BSN should have a bachelor’s degree in another discipline.</p> <p>If TCU is the only school you apply to through NursingCAS then you will be charged \$45. If it’s the second school you apply to through NursingCAS then you be will charged \$30. Access FAQs on payment here.</p>
Deadline	<p>The application deadline is February 1, 2014.</p> <p>ALL required admissions materials, including transcripts, must be submitted by the deadline.</p> <p>Do <u>not</u> wait until the last minute to submit your application. All official transcripts must be submitted to NursingCAS in order for your application to be processed and verified for TCU to review.</p>
Contact and Help Information	<p>For questions regarding the NursingCAS application please contact NursingCAS support via phone at 617-612-2880 Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Eastern Time and Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Time and via email at nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org. Or post questions to NursingCAS by following their Twitter and/or Facebook accounts. Detailed instructions and FAQs are available too. Instructional videos are posted on the NursingCAS YouTube channel.</p> <p>For questions regarding TCU’s accelerated program please email acceleratedBSN@tcu.edu or call 817.257.6810. For questions regarding the TCU’s traditional program for transfer students please contact Amanda Duvall email at a.k.duvall@tcu.edu.</p> <p>Monitor the Status of Your Application:</p>

The “My Messages” section of the NursingCAS application will include any messages that NursingCAS or a school has sent to you. Please check your [“My Messages”](#) to see if you have received any vital information about your application. Messages will be sent to the “My Messages” inbox and your personal email address that you created your account with.

Use the “Quick Status Menu” options to check to see your [Transcript\(s\)](#), [Reference\(s\)](#), or [Payment\(s\)](#) have been received after you submit them. To check to see which [Designations](#) you have selected (in other words programs you have applied to) by clicking on the [Designations](#) option under the Quick Status menu. The [GPA Calculations](#) option under the Quick Status menu will display any GPA calculations NursingCAS has generated for you based on the coursework data you entered. Your application has been “verified” once your GPA Calculations are complete. Learn more about [“verification”](#).