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ODESSA COLLEGE RN TO BSN PROGRAM ADMISSION GUIDE

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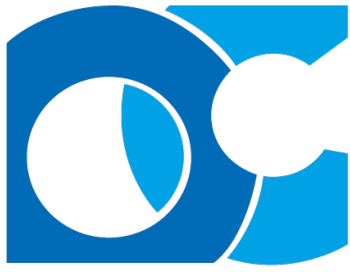
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APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Admission to Odessa College RN to BSN Program:

- Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student. Complete the Applytexas.org application if you are not currently an OC student.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher for your application to be considered. See GPA table for point ranking system. **Note: There is no expiration date for the general education courses.** For example; no expiration date for BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 etc.
- Applicants must have at least a “C” in all previous nursing coursework.
- Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in all nursing coursework.
- Must have a minimum of 90 semester credit hours from general education pre-requisite courses **plus** Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) courses prior to acceptance.
- Applicants must complete all pre-requisite general education course work with a C or higher AND an overall GPA of 2.5 prior to starting the RN to BSN program. Contact student advising center for general education pre-requite courses.
- Applicants **must have an unencumbered current Texas RN license** * applicants with pending license will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Applicants **RN License my be active throughout the program.**
- Odessa College will honor Applied Associate in Science (AAS) in Nursing from other Community Colleges (provide official transcripts).



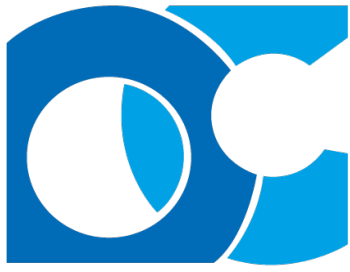
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- Applicants must have a minimum of one letter of recommendation from a previous nursing faculty member or a current employer.
- Letter of Intent/Personal Statement.
- Applicants must be able to complete clinical hours in the state of Texas.
- Meet the Technical Standards required by the program.
- All official and unofficial transcripts for previous education must be on file with the Odessa College Records Office.
- Course substitutions for pre-requisite courses must be approved by Success Coaches or Director of BSN program.
- Students at the end of their ADN/RN program and satisfying the General Education core requirements (90 SCH) but without an active RN license may apply and receive a conditional acceptance letter. However, students must take and pass the NCLEX within 4 weeks of the start of the program. Failure in NCLEX will lead to dismissal from the program.
- International students cannot be admitted into the RN to BSN program since it is fully an online program. Consequently, USCIS regulations concerning in-person classes prevent their enrollment. International students are strongly advised to visit their PDSO or contact the RN to BSN director for further information.

Application form must be completed online, and can be submitted in person or email to BSN@odessa.edu for further enquiry, contact 432-335-6672 or come in person to the Wood Health & Sciences Building 3rd floor.

Post Admission Requirements:

- 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.
- Students must have a preceptor with a **MSN degree or higher** (e.g nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, nurse educators, nurse executives, nurse manager, CNOs etc.)
- Students must purchase a white lab coat (below the knee), this will be worn on top of your scrubs with OC nursing badge and patch. Students will receive information after acceptance
- Students must have all immunization requirements for clinical:



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- 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:
 - 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).
 - 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.
 - Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
 - 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 13th 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.

- Students will complete a background check & drug screen. Students will receive information after acceptance.

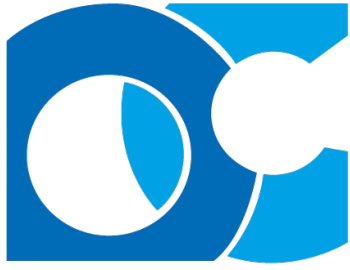
- Students must have an active BLS card (American heart Association, ONLY)

- Clearance by physician to fulfill clinical duties.

- Students must have health insurance coverage per clinical site agreement

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 baccalaureate nursing program until all available spots are filled.**



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Ties: In the event of a tie, the applicant will be chosen based on the student with the highest overall GPA, in the event of tie in this area the final tie break will be the earliest completed application date.

Grade point Average (GPA):

For point ranking purposes, the GPA will be based on averages of the grades on all pre-requisites and ADN courses, which is the overall GPA in all courses. Applicant's GPA will be awarded points in the following manner:

| GPA | Points Awarded |
|------------|----------------|
| 3.7 - 4.0 | 14 |
| 3.5 - 3.69 | 12 |
| 3.3 - 3.49 | 10 |
| 3.1 - 3.29 | 8 |
| 2.9 - 3.09 | 6 |
| 2.7 - 2.89 | 4 |
| 2.5 - 2.69 | 2 |
| <2.5 | 0 |

Pre-requisites Significant Courses:

Points will be calculated based on the grades of the four most significant RN to BSN pre-requisites (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421 and MATH 1342). Points will be awarded according to the scale below for each of the pre-requisites.

If multiple attempts in any of the RN to BSN pre-requisites courses (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2421 and MATH 1342), the following guidelines will be considered for point determination. If a course is taken **two or less times** the higher grade of the two attempts is awarded points. If **three or more attempts** are made, they will be averaged to determine points awarded.

| Courses | Grade | Points Awarded |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology 1) | A | 4 |
| BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology 2) | B | 3 |
| BIOL 2421 (Microbiology) | C | 1 |
| MATH 1342 (Statistics) | | |