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POLICY TITLE: TRADITIONAL BSN TRACK ADMISSION

Program Description

The objective of the Traditional BSN track is to produce graduates for professional nursing practice who can draw upon knowledge from the biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, and nursing to critically analyze human responses to actual and potential health problems and provide appropriate nursing interventions.

Program Goals

Upon completion of the BSN program, students will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from the biological sciences, social sciences, behavioral sciences, humanities and nursing to provide appropriate culturally sensitive care to individuals, families and communities.
2. Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication, collaboration with other professionals and leadership and management skills.
3. Critically analyze and apply research findings to nursing practice related to disease prevention, health promotion, illness care and restoration of health.
4. Utilize critical thinking skills to evaluate the outcomes of nursing care.
5. Serve as client advocates by providing health education and in monitoring and promoting access to cost-effective care.
6. Encourage lifelong learning and create a foundation for graduate study.
7. Integrate professional values and ethical, moral and legal aspects of nursing into practice in a variety of structured and unstructured settings.

Application Criteria

The Traditional BSN track is designed for the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing at the University of Houston College of Nursing (CON) student who wants to pursue a Nursing major beginning the junior year. University of Houston students are eligible to apply to the Gessner CON Traditional BSN track once they have completed or are enrolled to complete 60 semester credit hours (SCH) of the recommended course pathway for Nursing, of which 45 SCH must be in residence at UH*. Student acceptance in Gessner CON will be conditional, pending review of in progress courses, and Gessner CON clinical clearance requirements.

Applicants must complete the application with supporting documentation in NursingCAS. Applications are reviewed and decided upon by the Gessner College of Nursing Admission Committee. Admission to the Gessner CON Traditional BSN Track is **not guaranteed** and is **highly competitive**. The holistic admission process is based upon many factors which include, but are not limited to:

1. Space availability in the Traditional BSN track.
2. An interview process.
3. Grades in courses for the Traditional BSN track. (See: [Recommended Course Pathway](#))

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4. ATI TEAS score, maximum two (2) attempts within the last two years, with “Individual Performance Profile” results submitted by application deadline to NursingCAS.
5. Interview process.
6. Evidence of engagement in a healthcare setting with examples of work or volunteerism (recommended).

Applicants to the Traditional BSN Track must pass the college-approved pre-admission test. The UH College of Nursing is only accepting [Test of Essential Academic Skills](#) (TEAS VI) as the college approved pre-admission test.

Applicants must satisfy the UH College of Nursing clinical readiness requirements. (See: [Policy S101 Student Clinical Readiness Requirements](#))

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Traditional BSN Track is a highly competitive process. To be considered for admission, the following minimum requirements must be met:

1. Active University of Houston student with at least one semester of course completion at UH.
2. A minimum of 60 SCH of [course requirements for Nursing](#), of which 45 semester credit hours (SCH) must be in residence at UH. Dual credit, advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses may be applied to the 45 SCH in residence at UH.
3. Gessner CON will accept up to 15 SCH of transfer coursework after high school toward the degree plan.
4. A minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA with a maximum of two attempts per course (will take the higher grade).
5. A minimum of 2.75 GPA or higher in the natural sciences with a maximum of two attempts per course.
6. Grade of B or higher (with a maximum of two attempts per course) required in
 - BIOL 2302 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2
 - BIOL 2102 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 Laboratory
7. Grade of B- or higher (with a maximum of two attempts per course) required in
 - NUTR 2332 Introduction to Human Nutrition
 - BIOL 2301 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
 - BIOL 2101 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Laboratory
 - BIOL 2320 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors
 - BIOL 2120 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors Lab
 - CHEM 1305 Foundations of Chemistry
8. Completion of the ATI TEAS Exam within the last two years with a highly competitive score with a maximum of two attempts.
9. Meet clinical readiness and be eligible for RN licensure upon graduation. Must receive drug screen clearance and criminal background clearance or a Board Order by the Texas Board of Nursing before acceptance.

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Students not admitted to the Gessner CON Traditional BSN track will be advised to an alternate career pathway or may reapply to a subsequent semester. Applications are not carried forward to the next deadline date and there are no waiting lists.

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