



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 must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for consideration of ranking.

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

- **Enrolled at Odessa College** as a Credit Student. Complete the [Applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org) application if you are not currently an OC student.
- Successful completion of **The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS test)** with minimum scores achieved.
- 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 pre-requisite 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.
 - Transfer Students: Make sure to complete the “Evaluate my Transcript” form with Records prior to submitting your nursing application.
 - For your nursing application (not OC application) you may submit unofficial transcripts.
- 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 up to three times in an application cycle. There must be a two week waiting period before re-testing. Four or more attempts must be approved by the Director of Nursing. Scores are valid for three years and only the most recent scores qualify to be used for ranking. Deliver test score to the nursing office once you complete the test.

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.
- Official scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (English and Language Usage, Math, Reading, and Science).
- Minimum scores for TEAS math- 63.3%
- Minimum scores for TEAS reading- 69.9%
- Contact the Nursing office 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 – refresher course is no longer accepted) must have been taken within 3 years of applying.

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II (Maximum of three attempts allowed – refresher course is no longer accepted) must have been taken within 3 years of applying.

ENGL 1301 English Composition (discontinued Spring 2022)

HUMA Choice of 3 courses

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development (PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology may be substituted)

PSYC 1300 Learning Systems Framework- will be offered starting in the fall of 2021. Will be a required Pre-Requisite for the ADN program starting in the Spring 2022 Application cycle.

ENGL 1301 will not be accepted as a pre-requisite starting in the application cycle of 2022 spring.

Deadlines for Completing Admissions Requirements

Odessa Traditional is May 1st through June 1st

Andrews Transition Spring is October 1st – October 20th

Odessa Transition Summer is March 1st – March 20th.

Due to time constraints incomplete applications will NOT be accepted

Students are required to provide copies of all documents required

Program Specific Requirements for Ranking

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

- Must have a *current* American Heart Association BLS CPR card cannot expire during the semester.
- Meet current immunization requirements.
 - **NEW for 2021- COVID vaccine required for all accepted students.**
 - 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. Immunity on a screening titer is acceptable.
 - Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine-if first time college student (under the age of 22)
 - Substitute Tdap for Td once, then Td booster every 10 years (prevents whooping cough)
 - Students are required to have a PPD (TB) screening prior to entry into program and must keep updated yearly. 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 the first year.
 - Flu vaccine required during flu season.
- Provide proof of health insurance which must be maintained throughout the program.

Additional Information

- Maximum Students Admitted: **30** students in the Fall Semester and **20** Spring and Summer 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/In person): 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 acceptance 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.**

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING: Students who fail to obtain clearance will be prohibited from admission, clinical participation and program continuation.

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.

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.

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

PSYC 1300 Learning Framework (2022)

A=1 point, B= 0.5 point

HUMA (choice of 3 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**

****A student who graduated from the Odessa College Vocational Nursing program will receive 2 additional points in this category**

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