GALVESTON COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Application Deadline March 5th, 2021

Application Instructions: Please read ***carefully*** and follow ***all*** instructions:

1. If you are not currently a Galveston College student, you must apply for admission to Galveston College following the guidelines in the General Catalog. Along with the application to the College, submit Official Transcripts from all universities and colleges you have attended to the **Office of Admissions**, 4015 Avenue Q Galveston, Texas 77550.

   The Galveston College application is *separate* from the one required by the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN). Applicants will be considered for admission for the Nursing Department *after* students are admitted to Galveston College.

2. Submit the attached application for admission to the Department of Nursing in the Regents Hall of Galveston College by ***March 5th, 2021***. This application is formatted for download from the Nursing Department webpage and completion on your computer (except for your signature). Once completed, print, sign, and submit the application. Hard copy applications are also available in the Nursing Department.
   For a complete application, please submit: Photo copy of valid ID or driver's license, all college transcripts, CastleBranch summary page reflecting uploaded immunizations/ background summary page, valid TEAS test scores.

3. Meet the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standards with a math score of at least 350 within the past 5 years, or successfully complete any of the following developmental math courses: MATH 0308, 0314, 0324, 0332, 0342, or MATH 0304 (taken between fall 2016-fall 2019), or pass any college-level math course (no expiration).

4. Achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If at the time you apply, you have grades in any courses that are part of the ADN program, the GPA of those grades must be at least 3.0. Grades that are not part of the ADN program will not count in the GPA.

5. Obtain a clear background check. Once you apply to the nursing program, your name will be sent on a list to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON). You will be sent instructions by the TBON to schedule an appointment for fingerprinting. Once your fingerprints and background check have been cleared you will receive a BLUE CARD (postcard) from TBON. You must bring this card to the Department of Nursing where a copy will be made and the original will be returned to you. You can also take a picture of the front and back of the blue card and send it by email to Dyone Little at: dlittle2@gc.edu. If you have had any prior criminal convictions or have been treated for certain mental illnesses (see list below) you may be required by the TBON to submit a Petition for a Declaratory Order of eligibility, which will determine your eligibility to take the licensure examination upon completion of the nursing program.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions you may be required to submit a Petition for Declaratory Order (https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp).

- ❖ FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE, INCLUDING THOSE PENDING APPEAL, HAVE YOU:
- Been arrested and have a pending criminal change?
- Been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- Been convicted of a felony?
- Pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- Received deferred adjudication?
- Been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- Been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court ordered confinement?
- Been granted pre-trial diversion?
- Been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- Been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- Been subject of a court-martial: Article 15 violation: or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?
- Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or government agency investigation?
- Has ANY licensing authority refused to issue a license or ever revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate, or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
- Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia, and/or psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder which impaired or does impair your behavior, judgement, or ability to function in school or work?

The Petition for Declaratory Order may take several months, so begin work on this as soon as you receive instructions from the Board of Nursing to do so. Once you receive the official letter of eligibility from the Board of Nursing, you MUST bring the letter to the Nursing Department and we will make a copy for your permanent file and return the original to you.

6. Admission to the ADN Program is contingent upon successful completion of a Criminal Background check via CastleBranch. To place your order go to: https://portal.castlebranch.com/gf14

   The application for admission will be evaluated on the following basis:
   A. **Grade point average of 3.0 or > for science courses**: BIOL 2401, 2402 and 2421. Science and math courses must be within 5 years of program start (this includes the TSI). No grade less than a "C" is acceptable.

   B. **Grade point average of 3.0 or > for all prerequisite courses**: BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402, RNSG 1215, and Math 0308 or higher **_OR_** TSI 350 or above. No grade less than a "C" is acceptable.

   C. TEAS Entrance Exam: Minimum of 65 cumulative score on the TEAS Exam. Visit www.atitesting.com for more information. Please note, the exam MUST be taken prior to the application deadline and may only be taken twice per admission period.
   D. Admission criteria are listed on the Galveston College website in the nursing section and in the General Catalog.

   E. The number of applicants admitted to the Nursing Program is based on the faculty, clinical, and space availability.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING

- Completion of ALL items on this application; incomplete applications **will not** be considered.
- Remember you may be contacted by phone, email or regular mail during the application process. **The Nursing Department must have your current contact information.** If you phone, address, or email changes, please contact the department immediately at: (409) 944-1396. **Your PERSONAL e-mail address is required.**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden

GC Student ID#	Personal E-Mail Address	GC E-Mail Address

Work Phone	Cell Phone

Mailing Address (this is the address that I want to use for all correspondence from the Nursing Department)

Street, P.O. Box, Route, Apt.	City	County	State	Zip Code

Permanent Address

Street, P.O. Box, Route, Apt.	City	County	State	Zip Code

Emergency Contact Information

Name	Phone

Address, City, State, Zip Code

List all colleges attended, with dates of attendance, prior to applying to the nursing program:

College/University	Degree or Certificate Awarded	Dates Attended / Graduated

List any degrees awarded at the baccalaureate or higher level:

Degree	Major	Institution	Year Awarded

Have you ever been enrolled in another nursing program? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If yes, which program: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Date of Pre-Nursing Orientation: _____

_____   **_____**

Applicant Signature   **Date**

REQUIRED CORE AND PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

Course	Semester	Year	Grade	Location (Campus)
❖ **Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2401)**				
❖ **Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 2402)**				
❖ **Health Assessment (RNSG 1215)**				
Math Requirement of TSI score of 350 or higher, or MATH 0308, 0314, 0332, 0342, or 0304 (taken fall 2016-fall 2019)				
Microbiology (BIOL 2421)				
English Composition I (ENGL 1301)				
General Psychology (PSYC 2301)				
Creative Arts/Language, Philosophy, or Culture Elective				
Lifespan Growth and Development (PSYC 2314)				

❖ **All prerequisite course must be completed prior to entrance into the ADN program.**

All Sciences and Math courses must be taken within five years of program entry.

No grade lower than a "C" is accepted.

RNSG 1215 Health Assessment must be taken within 24 months of program entry.

*If you have taken any college level math course, you may list it. There's no expiration date for a college level math course.

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STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Responsibilities and standards in nursing practice are determined by the Texas Board of Nursing, national accreditation guidelines, and clinical agencies. Additionally, as described in various clinical evaluation tools and course guidelines, students MUST BE able to provide safe patient care.

Technical Standards for Nursing Practice: Nursing is a practice discipline and successful completion of the nursing program requires that students demonstrate ability to effectively and safely perform several essential skills. ALL students are assessed in practice labs and clinical practicums throughout the program to confirm adherence to the technical standards, with or without accommodations.

Intellectual Requirements: Critical thinking is an important part of clinical judgment needed to provide safe patient care. Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, and quickly analyze information in order to apply complex information in the classroom and clinical settings.

Gross and Fine Motor Requirements: Nursing students must be able to provide general care (including preparing medications and administering treatment and completing patient assessments). For example, students must be able to perform basic life support (CPR), function in an emergency situation, and have the ability (within reasonable limits) to assist a patient in moving, such as from the chair to the bed. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be able to see marking on syringes to be able to administer medications. Must be able to hear blood pressure, heart, lungs and bowel sounds.

Observation Skills: Student nurses must be able to observe patients accurately to assess their condition and perceived signs of disease and response to treatments through physical examination, including visual images, auditory information (patient voice, heart tones, bowel sounds, and lung sounds), and palpable changes in certain organs and tissues.

Communication Requirements: Nursing students must be able to communicate effectively with patients, staff, physicians, and family members, verbally and in a written format. Students must be able to process and accurately convey information about the patient's status to faculty, staff, and other healthcare providers in a timely manner.

Social and Behavioral Requirements: Student nurses must possess sufficient mental and emotional health to exercise good judgment, promptly complete assessments, and function in what can be a physically and emotionally demanding dynamic environment. Nursing students must be able to demonstrate compassion, empathy, and concern for others while maintaining a mature, sensitive, and effective relationship with patients, families and other professionals.