Alvin College

RN to BSN Program



Program Information and Application Instructions

Application Period
January 11, 2027 – April 30, 2027
Classes begin in August 2027

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Gain Admission to Alvin College

- ☐ U.S. CITIZENS start here: http://www.alvincollege.edu/admissions/getting-started-first-time-students.html
- ☐ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS start here: https://www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/index.html

Apply to Nursing

- ☐ Apply at the RN to BSN Program web page: https://www.alvincollege.edu/rn-bsn/ during the application period. See the Program website for dates.
- ☐ Submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended colleges to the Alvin College Registrar (electronic preferred)
- ☐ Have an Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- ☐ Have grades of "C" or better in all curriculum courses or be in progress taking them
- ☐ Any curriculum courses taken at schools outside of Texas need to be evaluated by the Registrar's Office to ensure they are equivalent to Alvin College courses. If courses have been articulated to your Alvin College record, evaluation is not needed. An official evaluation from an approved agency must accompany foreign transcripts.
- ☐ Complete the RN to BSN Program Planning form.
- ☐ Hold an unencumbered license to practice registered nursing in the State of Texas by the nursing application deadline OR be scheduled to graduate from the Alvin College ADN program. Current Alvin College ADN students must take and pass the NCLEX-RN before beginning the first-semester courses.

What's Next?

Approximately four to six weeks after the application deadline, we will email you whether you are conditionally accepted, on the alternate list, or neither of these.

If Accepted?

Admission is conditional based on completion of the following:

- ☐ Orientation Module
- ☐ Any courses in progress at the time of application with a grade of "C" or better
- ☐ Current Alvin College ADN Students: Obtain a license to practice registered nursing in the State of Texas and complete the degree with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Requirements Needed for Enrollment in the Leadership Clinical Course

- ☐ Pass a drug screen
- ☐ Pass a background check
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Social Security card if the background check is unable to verify your Social Security number
- ☐ Submit a copy of your physical examination report
- ☐ Submit copies of tests, titers, immunization series: tuberculosis test, hepatitis B, MMR, adult Tdap, varicella, and seasonal influenza
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Driver's License or another official picture ID
- ☐ Submit a copy of your current AHA BLS for Healthcare Providers CPR card
- ☐ Submit proof of health insurance
- ☐ Additional requirements may be necessary depending on the clinical facility chosen

For details on each of the above steps, go to https://www.alvincollege.edu/rn-bsn/

Questions?

Email nursing@alvincollege.edu or call 281-756-5630

Admission steps are subject to change at any time. Please go to the RN to BSN Program website for the most up-to-date information.

Alvin College is an Equal Opportunity Institution: If you require special accommodations for a disability, contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services at 281.756.3533 or sas@alvincollege.edu

281-756-5630 Office
281-756-5606 Fax
nursing@alvincollege.edu

We're glad you're interested in the Alvin College RN to BSN Program! Alvin College has educated individuals to enter the nursing profession for over 50 years. We will accept applications from **1/11/2027 through 4/30/2027** for the RN to BSN Program, which starts in August 2027.

To be considered for the RN to BSN Program, you must meet all admission requirements in the College Catalog and complete all application steps below. The Nursing Department must receive the application and required supporting documents **by 4 PM (CT) on April 30, 2027!**

Approximately 4 to 6 weeks after the application deadline, we will email you whether you are conditionally accepted, on the alternate list, or neither of these. Keep your email address(es) current with the Nursing Department and ensure emails from Alvin College go to your inbox rather than your junk or spam folder. Email is the official means of communication from the college to students.

STEPS FOR APPLYING

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Please use the checklist on the first page of this packet to assist in keeping track of what steps you have taken and what steps remain to be completed.
- You must meet the following minimum requirements by the nursing application deadline to be eligible to apply to the RN to BSN Program. If you do not meet these minimum requirements, your application will not be considered.
- Associate Degree in Nursing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher: An Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that is accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency or a Diploma in Nursing from an institution that is accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency is required.
- Minimum Grade on Prerequisites: Any course included in the RN to BSN Program degree plan must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before enrollment.
- Licensure: All applicants must have a current, unencumbered Texas Nursing License or be scheduled to graduate from the Alvin College ADN program. Current Alvin College ADN students must take and pass the NCLEX-RN before beginning the first semester courses.
- Complete these steps **by the nursing application deadline**.

1. GAIN ADMISSION TO ALVIN COLLEGE

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: https://www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/index.html

- You must be admitted to Alvin College before you can apply to the RN to BSN Program. You can apply to the college before the nursing application period opens.
- If it has been a year or more since you last applied to Alvin College or took courses at Alvin College, you may need to re-apply to the college and have your transcripts re-sent. Check with the Admissions Office if you are unsure: 281-756-3531.
- You must meet all college admissions requirements, in addition to all nursing requirements, to be eligible to enroll in a nursing program. Please refer to the College Catalog and work with the Admissions Office to be sure you meet all college admission requirements.

2. APPLY TO NURSING DURING THE APPLICATION PERIOD

- Click the "Apply Here" button on the Application Instructions page to complete your nursing application. Log in to your Alvin College ConexED account or create a Guest Account. You may need to create a Guest Account, then return to the nursing application. **You will receive a "form successfully submitted" email at the email address linked with your ConexED login. The Nursing Department will send a second email after it reviews your application. If you do not receive these emails, your application is not successfully submitted. Neither email means you were admitted to the program. They only indicate that your application form was submitted. If you do not receive confirmation of successful application submission, contact the Nursing Department or re-submit the application after verifying all fields are complete before the application deadline.**
- Check your milestones on your ConexED dashboard to verify items were received or steps completed. You may also submit milestone completion requests to verify completion of steps. Milestone completion requests will be processed weekly. You can also view your submitted application or upload additional documents to your ConexED dashboard. **It is your responsibility to verify that transcripts have been received or steps completed before the end of the application period.**
- If you have questions about the RN to BSN Program application, please email the Nursing Department at nursing@alvincollege.edu.
- DO NOT turn in a printed RN to BSN Program application.
- Anyone who previously applied to any Alvin College Nursing Program must submit a new application for the current RN to BSN Program.

3. SUBMIT OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS TO THE ALVIN COLLEGE REGISTRAR

- Send official transcripts from **all** previously attended colleges and/or universities to the Alvin College Registrar. **DO NOT** bring or send college transcripts to the Nursing Department! These go to the Registrar.
- Students with credits or degrees from foreign institutions must have foreign transcripts evaluated by an approved evaluation company and submit the official report to the Alvin College Registrar. Approved evaluation companies are in the Alvin College Catalog under the heading "Evaluation of Credit from Foreign Institutions".

4. PREREQUISITE COURSES

- Have grades of "C" or better or be in progress taking these prerequisite courses:
    - Associate Degree in Nursing (A.A.S.)
    - ENGL 1302 – Composition II
    - MATH 1342 – Elementary Statistical Methods
    - HECO 1322 – Nutrition & Diet Therapy OR
    - BIOL 1322 – Nutrition & Diet Therapy
    - Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core – Select 3 credit hours
    - HIST 1301 – United States History I
    - HIST 1302 – United States History II
    - GOVT 2305 – Federal Government
    - GOVT 2306 – Texas Government
    - Component Area Group 1 – Select 3 credit hours from Component Area Options Group One Core
    - Component Area Group 2 – Select 3 credit hours from Component Area Options Group Two Core
- **A minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for the Associate Degree in Nursing (A.A.S.) is required.**
- If a course was previously completed and a repeat is in progress, the original course grade is used in calculating the GPA until the repeat is complete. Grades posted after the application period deadline will NOT count in the GPA. See "How do I calculate my GPA" to find out whether your GPA is high enough.
- To ensure that you have completed all prerequisite courses, complete the RN to BSN Program Planning Form. This form will be required with the application. If you are unsure which courses count for the different credits, see the Core Curriculum section of the Alvin College Catalog at this link: https://catalog.alvincollege.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=7&poid=949.

5. HAVE OUT-OF-TEXAS COURSES OR ANY COURSES THAT ARE NOT DIRECT EQUIVALENTS TO CURRICULUM COURSES EVALUATED FOR TRANSFER CREDIT

- Nursing applicants with any out-of-state or international transcripts must have courses evaluated to ensure they are equivalent to Alvin College courses. Email registrarsoffice@alvincollege.edu to request evaluation for course transfer. If any courses taken in the state of Texas are not directly equivalent to general education curriculum courses (for example, Anatomy and Physiology taken as separate courses or substituting a higher-level course), the course should be reviewed with your Pathways Advisor. After submitting official college transcripts showing the courses, meet with your advisor or email registrarsoffice@alvincollege.edu to request evaluation of the courses for equivalency to RN to BSN Program curriculum courses for your Alvin College nursing application. If the course is not equivalent, you should meet with an Alvin College Pathways Advisor to determine if a course substitution would be permitted or what steps you should take. You may apply to nursing without the evaluation, but you will not know in advance if courses are equivalent.
- Foreign transcripts must be accompanied by an official evaluation from an approved agency, which is listed in the College Catalog and on the college website at: www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/foreign-transcripts-evaluation-agencies.html
- Any course substitutions are unofficial until approval by the subject area Department Chair has been completed. Course substitutions cannot take place until the student is enrolled in program courses.

6. REGISTERED NURSING LICENSURE

- All applicants must have a current, unencumbered Texas Nursing License or be scheduled to graduate from the Alvin College ADN program. Current Alvin College ADN students must take and pass the NCLEX-RN before beginning the first-semester courses.

7. AN APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE IF:

- GPA for the Associate Degree in Nursing (A.A.S.) is less than 2.5 (GPA is not rounded up)
- Dismissal for unprofessional or unethical behavior from another Allied Health program
- Applicants who are convicted of a felony, appealing a felony conviction, have a deferred adjudication felony, or are on parole for a felony may not be eligible for admission to Alvin College Nursing Programs. "Conviction" is defined in the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 213, RULE §213.1, #12
- **Being eligible for consideration does not guarantee an offer of admission.**

ALL APPLICATION STEPS ARE DUE BY 4-30-2027 at 4 PM (CT), INCLUDING:

- Official transcripts from all colleges attended received by the Alvin College Registrar
- Submission of unencumbered Texas RN license number
- Submit an online application to the RN to BSN Program

Selection for Admission: After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to the number of courses completed in the curriculum and the GPA of those courses. Additional consideration is given to applicants who: 1) have completed the Alvin College ADN Program and 2) reside in the Alvin College tax district.

Program Requirements: Program requirements are published in the Alvin College Catalog. After initial acceptance and as a condition for final acceptance, applicants must complete an orientation module, complete any courses in progress at the time of application with a grade of "C" or better, and current Alvin College ADN students must submit their Registered Nursing license number before beginning classes.

APPROXIMATE COST FOR RN TO BSN PROGRAM

Semester	NURS Credit Hours	Alvin College Tuition			Alvin College Fees	Course Fees	Required Resources	Additional Fees	TOTALS		
		In-district	Out-of-district	Out-of-state					In-district	Out-of-district	Out-of-state
FALL	11	561	1122	1705	331	40	250		1,182	1,743	2,326
SPRING	11	561	1122	1705	331	40	250		1,182	1,743	2,326
SUMMER	8	408	816	1240	301	40	0		749	1,157	1,581
TOTAL	**30**	**$1,530**	**$3,060**	**$4,650**	**$963**	**$120**	**$500**		**$3,113**	**$4,643**	**$6,233**

Costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Costs <u>for nursing courses only</u> (courses starting with "NURS"); non-nursing courses are extra.

Approximate costs for <u>required</u> nursing resources only; optional nursing resources are extra.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Item	Cost
Criminal Background Check, Drug Screen, and Health Portal: Complio	**$115**
Clinical Requirements: CPR Certification, Physical Exam, Immunizations/Titers/TB Test	**Varies**

Alvin College may change tuition rates and other fees without notice or when so directed by the Board of Regents.

Please contact the Alvin College Business Office if you need an exact cost listing for financial aid purposes.

Check with your health care provider regarding costs of physical exam, TB screen, & immunizations.

Transportation costs and parking fees at clinical sites vary depending on clinical sites attended.

RN to BSN, Bachelor's

Return to: Degree and Certificate Programs

(CIP 51.3801)

281-756-5611

Purpose: The Alvin College RN to BSN program is designed to provide registered nurses (RNs) with an affordable, flexible pathway to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). This program is structured to meet the needs of the working RN while delivering a comprehensive education grounded in evidence-based practice, leadership, and community health.

The program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The mission of the BON is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely.

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512-305-7400
http://www.bon.texas.gov/

Admission Requirements

A new class begins each fall and spring semester. Applications are available at https://www.alvincollege.edu/rn-bsn/ during the application period. Refer to the website for specific dates of each application period. Qualified applicants are admitted according to space availability. To be considered for admission to the RN to BSN Program, the applicant must:

1. Be fully admitted to Alvin College.
2. Submit an RN to BSN Program application to the Nursing Department during the application period.
3. Submit, by the application deadline, proof to the nursing department of having met the following minimum admission standards:
   - TSI (Texas Success Initiative) requirement is satisfied as determined by Alvin College's testing and placement policies.
   - A grade of "C" or better on all prerequisite courses.
   - An Associate Degree in Nursing or a Diploma in Nursing from an accredited nursing program with a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4-point scale.
   - A current, unencumbered Texas Registered Nursing License.

4. Submit to the Alvin College Registrar's office official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. No academic course with a grade below C is accepted for transfer credit in the RN to BSN program. Do not submit college transcripts to the Nursing Office. Applicants with credits from institutions outside the United States must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by one of the approved companies listed in the Evaluation of Credit from Foreign Institutions section of the College Catalog. The Nursing department will use the evaluation company's report when assessing the applicant's foreign credits and grades. The applicant must submit the original evaluation report to either the Nursing department or the Admissions Office by the nursing application deadline. Any out-of-state transcript must be evaluated by an advisor at least 45 days prior to the application deadline. Make an appointment at: Advising@alvincollege.edu.
5. Have completed or be in progress taking the prerequisite courses.
6. A student is ineligible for admission to the Alvin College nursing program if he/she has been dismissed for unprofessional or unethical conduct while previously enrolled in a health occupation program.

Selection for Admission

Admission to the RN to BSN program is competitive. After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to the number of completed courses in the RN to BSN curriculum and the GPA of those courses. Additional consideration is given to applicants who: 1) completed curriculum or ADN courses at Alvin College and 2) reside in the Alvin College tax district.

Program Information

1. Students must complete all prerequisite courses to be fully accepted into the program.
2. Statutory law (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53) requires the Alvin College nursing and allied health programs to notify prospective applicants and future healthcare professionals a licensing/credentialing authority may suspend or revoke a license/credential, disqualify a person from receiving a license/credential, or deny to a person the opportunity to take a licensing/credentialing examination because the person has been convicted of certain criminal behavior.
3. Students who do not begin in the semester that they are offered admission must reapply to the nursing program during the next application period.

Transfer of Nursing Credits

No RN to BSN courses may be transferred in for credit.

Progression, Withdrawal, and Dismissal Policies

Progression: Students will abide by the current admission, curriculum, and program requirements at the time of admission. Once a student has enrolled in the RN to BSN Program, all curriculum courses must be completed within four (4) years of the initial acceptance.

No grade below a C in RN to BSN curriculum courses will be acceptable for progression. To receive a grade of C, a minimum grade of 75% must be attained in each course.

A student requiring hospitalization, who has a serious illness, who is pregnant, or who sustains an injury, may be required to obtain a written statement from his/her physician verifying that the health status of the student is adequate for performance in the class or clinical setting. A student may not be allowed to return to the clinical area if he/she is unable to perform the required job functions or if he/she must be on medications that may interfere with his/her ability to perform satisfactorily.

Due to the physical nature of the profession, technical standards, and job requirements, there is no "light duty" in this program. If a student cannot perform the required duties for any reason, the student will be required to withdraw in good standing and return as soon as the student is cleared by his/her physician, when the course is offered again. A plan for completion will be established that meets the needs of the student and the college timeline.

Withdrawal: Once enrolled in the RN to BSN program, it is expected that enrollment is continuous. Students with a break in enrollment must apply for readmission. A break in enrollment includes: 1) receipt of a grade of D, F, or W in a nursing course requiring a repeat of the course, 2) withdrawal from a nursing course, and/or 3) non-enrollment in a nursing course for one (1) or more semesters.

Dismissal: A student will be terminated from the RN to BSN Program if he/she has received more than one (1) D or F in a nursing course. This includes courses that have been repeated and a passing grade (A, B, or C) received in a subsequent attempt.

A student may be dismissed from the program for demonstration of unprofessional or unsafe behaviors as described in the Texas Administrative Code 215.8 or for academic dishonesty. When dismissed, a grade of "F" will be assigned to the nursing course where the behavior occurred. A "W" will be assigned to any other nursing courses taken concurrently.

Notification by the BON that a student has been involved in criminal activity may result in temporary withdrawal or termination from the RN to BSN program.

Readmission

Students may be readmitted to the RN to BSN Program ONCE after withdrawal or failure of a course. Once enrolled in the RN to BSN program, a student who receives a D, F, or W in a nursing course or drops a nursing course must, if eligible, apply for readmission.

Students are readmitted on a space-available basis and on the student's compliance with conditions/requirements established by the Program Director. These requirements may include remediation in academic coursework or documentation of recovery from illness. Inability to meet the readmission stipulations may be grounds for denial or permanent dismissal from the program.

Students applying for readmission must apply in writing to the Program Director at least 30 days before the semester in which readmission is desired. Include the following information: Date of withdrawal from the program; primary reason(s) for withdrawal from the program; understanding of the requirements for readmission at the time of withdrawal; ways in which recommendations at the time of withdrawal have been completed; and what has been done to improve chances for successful completion.

A student who has withdrawn from the RN to BSN program during the first semester must reapply during the program application period. Re-entering students must abide by the current admission, curriculum, and program requirements.

Following a second withdrawal from the program, a student will not be readmitted. Students may petition for readmission when a withdrawal occurs because of a catastrophic event. The student must have had a passing grade in the RN to BSN program course(s) at the time of withdrawal. The petition will be considered by a faculty review committee.

The department reserves the right to deny readmission to a student who discontinued the program due to academic dishonesty or exhibited unsafe and/or unprofessional behavior. The decision to deny or accept readmission will be made by a faculty review committee.

All courses must be completed within four (4) years of the original enrollment date into the RN to BSN program.

Prerequisites

Associate Degree Nursing (A.A.S.) from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- ENGL 1302 - Composition II **3 Course Credits +**
- MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods **3 Course Credits +**
- HECO 1322 - Nutrition & Diet Therapy **3 Course Credits**

  OR
- BIOL 1322 - Nutrition & Diet Therapy **3 Course Credits**
- Select 3 Course Credits from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum +
- HIST 1301 - United States History I **3 Course Credits +**
- HIST 1302 - United States History II **3 Course Credits +**
- GOVT 2305 - Federal Government **3 Course Credits +**
- GOVT 2306 - Texas Government **3 Course Credits +**
- Select 3 course credits from Component Area Options Core Curriculum - Group 1 +
- Select 3 course credits from Component Area Options Core Curriculum - Group 2 +

FIRST YEAR

FALL or SPRING

1st 8 weeks

- NURS 3350 - Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing **3 Course Credits**
- NURS 3353 - Informatics & Technology in Healthcare **3 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 6

2nd 8 weeks

- NURS 3351 - Research & Evidence-Based Nursing Practice **3 Course Credits**
- NURS 4341 - Health Promotion Across the Lifespan (BSN) **3 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 6

FALL

1st 8 weeks

- NURS 4455 - Community & Public Health **4 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 4

2nd 8 weeks

- NURS 4160 - Community & Public Health Clinical **1 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 1

SPRING

1st 8 weeks

- NURS 4457 - Leadership & Management **4 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 4

2nd 8 weeks

- NURS 4161 - Leadership & Management Clinical **1 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 1

SUMMER

- NURS 3244 - Issues & Trends in Nursing **2 Course Credits**
- NURS 4358 - Public & Global Health Policy **3 Course Credits**
- NURS 4326 - Legal & Ethical Considerations in Nursing **3 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 9

Total Minimum Credits Required for RN to BSN, Bachelor's: 120

[+]Denotes core requirement. Speak with Department Chair or Pathways Advisor for proper course selection.