BLINN COLLEGE DISTRICT
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

GENERIC APPLICATION PACKET

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(For Admission Spring 2020)
A Letter from the Program Director

Dear Associate Degree Nursing Program Candidate:

Thank you for inquiring about the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. The Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program is located on the Texas A&M Health Science Center campus in Bryan, Texas. Enclosed you will find program information, including the admission requirements and an admission application for the ADN Program.

The ADN Program begins a new class twice a year, in the fall and in the spring. The ADN Program is designed to be completed in two years. We also admit a new LVN-Transition class once a year in the summer. The LVN-Transition Option program is designed to be completed in one year.

If you wish to be considered for admission into the program, you must submit evidence of meeting all of the Application/Admission requirements. The applicant is responsible to ensure all application information has been received at the Blinn College ADN Program office and their admission file is complete.

If you have questions once you have reviewed the application packet, call 979-691-2012 or email ADN@blinn.edu.

Best wishes in the pursuit of a rewarding career in nursing through our Associate Degree Nursing Program at Blinn College.

Sincerely,

Karla Ross, DNP, RN, CNE
Program Director
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following are requirements for application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. These requirements must be fulfilled and evidence of their completion must be submitted. Failure to submit evidence of ALL application requirements will exclude the applicant from consideration for admission.

☐ Complete all Blinn College admission requirements and be admitted to Blinn College (NOTE: Previous Blinn students who have not been enrolled in Blinn College for the previous spring or fall semester must reapply to the college). All applicants must be TSI compliant.

☐ Submit a completed Associate Degree Nursing Application to the ADN office. (NOTE: Admission to the ADN program is a separate process from admission to Blinn College and requires a separate application). Acceptance to Blinn College does not guarantee acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

☐ Submit ALL official college/university transcripts with your nursing application to the ADN office. (NOTE: This includes Blinn College official transcripts). The applicant is responsible to make sure official transcripts are also on file in the Admissions and Records Office at Blinn College.

☐ Highlight all courses on official transcripts listed on the Application Degree Worksheet (see last page of the application). You may open your official transcript in order to highlight courses. All “Prerequisites” and “Co-requisites” must be completed with a “C” or above and the minimum overall GPA for those “Prerequisites” and “Co-requisites” must be a 2.5. The three science courses (Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, and Microbiology) must not be more than five years old when you submit your nursing application. (NOTE: Blinn College ADN Program averages all final grades for courses in degree plan. If a course is taken more than once within 5 years, grades for each attempt are averaged.)

☐ Take the ATI TEAS administered by the Blinn College Testing Center. Please see the ATI TEAS information page in this packet for further details. The ATI TEAS must be completed prior to submitting nursing application and the ATI TEAS score sheet must be included in nursing application packet. Student is ineligible for admission if ATI Academic Preparedness Level is “Basic” or “Developmental” on the ATI TEAS.

☐ Students whose first/native language is not English (ESL), are required to take the TOEFL iBT, regardless of US education, or years of residence. (See TOEFL information page in this packet for further details).

☐ Complete a mandatory criminal background check (CBC), including fingerprints, prior to the start of the first semester of the nursing program. The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) will require the CBC be done through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The ADN Program will notify all qualified applicants as to the steps to follow to complete the CBC. The criminal background check will take place after the nursing application deadline. (Go to http://www.blinn.edu/twe/adn/criminal_background_check.html for further information).

Fall Admission – Application due or postmarked by March 1st
(ADN Office will accept applications beginning January 3rd)

Spring Admission – Application due or postmarked by September 27th
(ADN Office will accept applications beginning August 12th)
Essential Qualifications

Basic Competencies for Progression and Graduation (including Physical and Emotional Standards)

Successfully completing Blinn’s ADN Program means the graduate has been educated to competently practice nursing in all healthcare settings and to apply for RN licensure. The education of a future nurse requires assimilation of knowledge, acquisition of skills, and development of judgment through patient care experiences in preparation for independent, semi-autonomous practice where making appropriate decisions is required.

The curriculum requires students to engage in diverse, complex, and specific experiences essential to the acquisition and practice of essential nursing skills and functions. Unique combinations of cognitive, affective, psychomotor, physical, and social abilities are required to satisfactorily perform these functions. In addition to being essential to the successful completion of this program, these functions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of patients, fellow students, faculty, and other healthcare workers.

Physical and emotional health are also critical to the successful progression and completion of this Program. Physical health is defined as the ability to perform both fine and gross motor skills, being able to perform normal weight-bearing activities, and be free of communicable diseases. Emotional health is defined as reacting appropriately to stressful situations, understanding one’s own ability to cope with stressful situations, and behaving appropriately within the current environment.

The essential abilities necessary to acquire or demonstrate competence in a discipline as complex as nursing and needed for successful progression by nursing, (in addition to the standards of behavior and conduct set forth by Blinn College), include but are not limited to the following:

Motor Skills

Students should have sufficient motor function so they are able to execute movements required to provide safe effective general care and treatment to patients in all healthcare settings. [For example: For the safety and protection of the patients, the student must be able to perform basic life support, including CPR, and function in an emergency situation. The student must have the ability, within reasonable limits, to safely assist a patient in moving, for example, from a chair to a bed, or from a wheelchair to a commode.]

- Mobility – possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces and stand and walk for extensive periods of time.
• Weight-Bearing – possess ability to lift and manipulate and move 45-50 pounds (22 Kg) sometimes daily.

Sensory/Observation

Students must be able to acquire the information presented through demonstrations and experiences in the basic and nursing sciences. He or she must be able to observe a patient accurately, at a distance and close at hand, and observe and appreciate non-verbal communications when performing nursing assessments and interventions or administering medications. The student must be capable of perceiving the signs of disease and infection as manifested through physical examination.

• Hearing – possess auditory ability sufficient for observation and assessment. For example, hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, and cries for help.
• Visual – possess visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment. For example, observe patient responses to interventions.
• Tactile – possess tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment. For example, perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or related therapeutic intervention, and insertions of various catheters.

Communication

Students must communicate effectively and sensitively with other students, faculty, staff, patients, family, and other professionals. He or she must express his or her ideas and feelings clearly and demonstrate a willingness and ability to give and receive feedback. A student must be able to: convey or exchange information at a level allowing development of a health history; identify problems presented; explain alternative solutions; and give directions during treatment and post-treatment. The student must be able to communicate effectively in oral and written forms. The student must be able to process and communicate information on the patient’s status with accuracy in a timely manner to members of the health care team. The appropriate communication may also rely on the student’s ability to make a correct judgment in seeking supervision and consultation in a timely manner.

Cognitive

Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate, and synthesize in the context of the nursing curriculum. The student must be able to quickly read and comprehend extensive written material. He or she must also be able to evaluate and apply information and engage in critical thinking in the classroom and clinical setting. Students must organize responsibilities and make appropriate decisions.

• Critical Thinking/Clinical Reasoning – process critical thinking and clinical reasoning ability sufficient for nursing clinical judgment. For example, must be able to identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations.
Behavioral/Emotional

Students must possess the emotional health required for the full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients and families. In addition, he or she must be able to maintain mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients, students, faculty, staff and other professionals under all circumstances (with different social, intellectual, and cultural backgrounds) including highly stressful situations. The student must have the emotional stability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment that may change rapidly without warning and/or in unpredictable ways. The student must be able to experience empathy for the situations and circumstances of others and effectively communicate that empathy. The student must know that his or her values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions, and experiences affect his or her perceptions and relationships with others. The student must be able and willing to examine and change his or her behavior when it interferes with productive individual or team relationships. The student must possess skills and experience necessary for effective and harmonious relationships in diverse academic and working environments.

Professional Conduct

Students must possess the ability to reason morally and practice nursing in an ethical manner. Students must be willing to learn and abide by professional standards of practice. Students must not engage in unprofessional conduct, and must possess attributes that include compassion, empathy, altruism, integrity, honesty, responsibility, and tolerance. Students must be able to engage in patient care delivery in all settings and be able to deliver care to all patient populations including but not limited to children, adolescents, adults, developmentally disabled persons, medically compromised patients, and vulnerable adults.

Content Credit: University of Washington School of Nursing, Rowan Cabarrus Community College, and Blinn’s Radiologic Technology Program
**Description of ATI TEAS:**

The ATI TEAS is a required test for students submitting application to the Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program. The ATI TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science and English language usage. These entry level skills were deemed important for health science program applicants by a panel of subject matter experts. The structure of the ATI TEAS will remain the same as the TEAS V. The test will have a time limit of 209 minutes and is broken down into the four sections described above.

**Preparing for the ATI TEAS**

Students can prepare for the ATI TEAS with several resources including the Official ATI TEAS study manual (sixth edition), now available for purchase. Online practice assessments and the study package are available at www.atitesting.com.

The following items are available for purchase from Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) at www.atitesting.com:

- ATI TEAS Study Manual (6th edition)
- ATI TEAS Online Practice Assessment A&B
- ATI TEAS Transcripts

**ADN Program Instructions for taking ATI TEAS:**

- Applicant must take ATI TEAS prior to submitting your nursing application. Applicant must include ATI TEAS score sheet in your application packet.

- Applicant may take ATI TEAS twice during an application period, but must test at least 4 weeks apart. ATI TEAS testing must take place before nursing application due date.

- If applicant has taken the ATI TEAS during a previous application period or for a different nursing program and wants to use those score results, then applicant must make sure that test date is within one year of the application due date.

- If applicant resides out of town/state, the ATI TEAS may be taken at another educational institution or testing facility.

- The Blinn College Testing Center will no longer offer walk in testing on Saturdays. In order to register for a Saturday test date students must prepay Monday – Friday in Enrollment Services in Bryan only. Seating is limited! No forms of payment will be allowed on Saturday testing dates. Instructions for completing the ATI TEAS at the Blinn College campus in Bryan, Texas are found on the Blinn College website at http://www.blinn.edu/testing/teas_v.html.
TOEFL iBT Information

Applicants whose first/native language is not English are required to take the TOEFL iBT, regardless of US education, or years of residence, and provide scores to Blinn College by the nursing application deadline. Suggest students take the TOEFL iBT at least eight weeks prior to the nursing application due date.

☐ The Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program requires ESL applicants to attain a **minimum score of 83 on the Internet based test (iBT)**, with a **minimum of 20 in reading, 20 in writing, 20 in speaking, and 20 in listening**. TOEFL results will not be considered if they are more than two years old when nursing application is submitted. Information about the TOEFL iBT may be obtained from the following website, [www.toeflgoanywhere.org](http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org).

*Please Note: the TOEFL score required by the Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing Program is higher than the minimum required by Blinn College.*

TOEFL iBT scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to Blinn College Admissions. The Destination Institution (DI) code for the TOEFL at Blinn College is 6043. Also, applicant should include copy of TOEFL iBT score sheet with nursing application.
Tests and Immunizations Required by Blinn College Health Sciences Division

The following is a list of tests and immunizations required by students who are accepted into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. All ADN applicants must provide documented proof of each requirement below in order to receive full admission into the nursing program. These documents will be required once student has been notified they are accepted into the program. (NOTE: Hepatitis B testing and immunization can take several months and the applicant may need to plan in advance to meet requirement). VERY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENT STARTS IMMEDIATELY TO PULL THESE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER ONCE THEY KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO APPLY TO THE ADN PROGRAM.

❖ Tuberculosis Skin Test (PPD-TB Test) OR Chest X-Ray (required if skin test is positive) MANDATORY:
  (skin test or x-ray must be within 6 months of program start date)
  Recommend student gets PPD test within 30 days of program start date. Student is required to receive PPD test annually while in the nursing program.

❖ Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDAP) MANDATORY:
  One TDap Booster (within 10 years)

❖ Measles (Rubeola) MANDATORY: Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:
  A. Serologic test positive for measles antibody/immunity
  OR if necessary, without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccine:
  B. Two doses of MMR Vaccine at least 4 weeks apart

❖ Mumps MANDATORY: Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:
  A. Serologic test positive for mumps antibody/immunity
  OR if necessary, without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccine:
  B. Two doses of MMR Vaccine at least 4 weeks apart

❖ Rubella MANDATORY: Those born on or after January 1, 1957, must show proof of either:
  A. Serologic test positive for rubella antibody/immunity
  OR if necessary, without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccine:
  B. Two doses of MMR Vaccine at least 4 weeks apart

❖ Varicella (Chicken Pox) MANDATORY: must show proof of
  A. Serologic test positive for varicella antibody/immunity
  OR if necessary, without serologic evidence of immunity or prior vaccine
  B. Two doses of varicella at least 4 weeks apart

❖ Hepatitis B Immunity MANDATORY:
  There is potential of exposure to Hepatitis B during clinical assignments. All students must have had the Hepatitis B series of vaccinations. The CDC recommends (and we require) serologic testing for all Health Sciences students, except Vet Tech students. Specifically, we require a quantitative Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) to document immunity. If the test comes back with a protective concentration of less than 10 mIU/mL, student needs to be revaccinated with 3 doses (over 4-6 months). This is followed by another serologic test for immunity 1-2 months after the third dose.

❖ Influenza MANDATORY:
  All healthcare providers and students in these professions will receive annual vaccination against influenza. One dose of influenza vaccine annually, live inactivated injectable influenza vaccine IM or live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) intranasally (ONLY for non-pregnant, healthy HCP aged 49 or younger).

❖ Meningococcal (Meningitis) Vaccine (MCV4): MANDATORY FOR ALL “NEW” STUDENTS <22 YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE ACADEMIC TERM BEGINS. VACCINE MUST BE ADMINISTERED AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEMESTER. All students must follow Blinn’s policy regarding the Bacterial Meningitis requirements. Go to www.blinn.edu/immunization.html for all information.
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

Contact Information

If you wish to mail your application, the mailing address is:

Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing
P.O. Box 6030
Bryan, Texas 77805

If you wish to deliver your application in person the address is:

Blinn College Associate Degree Nursing
RELLIS Campus • Blinn College Faculty Annex
1455 4th Street
Bryan, Texas 77807

Contact Information:

Phone: 979-691-2012
Email: ADN@blinn.edu
**BUILDING NUMBER & NAME**

1. RELLIS Academic Complex Phase 1 (Opening Fall 2019)
2. Blinn College Walter C. Schwartz Building
3. Blinn College Faculty Annex
4. TEEX Law Enforcement Office Building
5. TEEX Law Enforcement Gym
6. Architecture Fabrication and Design Lab
7. Architecture Fabrication and Design Lab
8. Conservation Research Lab
9. RELLIS Campus Administration and Operations Building (Opening Spring 2019)
10. RELLIS Central Utility Plant
11. TTI Environmental & Emissions Research Lab
12. TTI Research Storage Building
13. RELLIS EHS Hazardous Waste Facility
14. TTI Machining Facility
15. TTI Proving Ground Research Support
16. TTI Proving Ground Research Hangar
17. TTI Office Building
18. TTI Research Pendulum Test Facility
19. TEES Energy Systems Lab
20. Center for Infrastructure Renewal (CIR)
21. TTI Headquarters Building
22. Joint Library Facility with University of Texas

**PARKING LOT PERMITS**

Visitors needing to park at RELLIS should use the Parkmobile app at transport.tamu.edu/Parking or pay stations to pay by the hour. Or go online to purchase an annual permit beginning August 1.

- Parking lot 1000 for Academic Alliance
- Parking lot for CIR
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
APPLICATION CHECKLIST
(Must be included with application)

Please initial each item below and submit this checklist with the application packet.

Submit the completed Application packet in the following order.

1. _______ Application Checklist

2. _______ Completed Associate Degree Nursing Program Application (3 pages)

3. _______ ATI TEAS Score Sheet

4. _______ TOEFL iBT score sheet if applicant is ESL student

5. _______ Official Transcripts from Colleges/Universities with courses highlighted

All applications must be submitted in person or by mail. We do not accept applications that are faxed or submitted via email.

Please place application packet in brown 9 x 12 envelope with your name on the envelope if you are submitting the packet in person.

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Spring Admission – Application due or postmarked by September 27th
(ADN Office will accept application beginning August 12th)

I have read and understand all the requirements and pre-requisites for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

_____________________________________
Applicant Printed Name

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Applicant Signature  Date
NOTE: YOU MUST MAKE APPLICATION TO BLINN COLLEGE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ANY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS

APPLICANTS WILL BE TESTED FOR DRUGS AND A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK WILL BE CONDUCTED. SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CAN BE ACCESSED FROM EACH PROGRAM'S WEB-SITE AT www.blinn.edu

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HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED TO A BLINN COLLEGE HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM?
Which one? ______________________ When? ______________________

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Provide official transcripts from every College/University you have attended with this application (Including Blinn). It is your responsibility to also provide Blinn Admissions with an official transcript. You must also be a high school graduate or have obtained a GED to be admitted to any Health Science Program.

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Must have documentation of immunity for Hepatitis B. (>10mIU/ml)
### EMPLOYMENT

(Begin with the most recent years or attach a resume.)

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### MAY WE CONTACT YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYER?

- [ ] Yes
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### PLEASE LIST TWO CONTACTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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### SIGNATURE

I certify that the information, provided in this application, is correct and complete. I understand that omission or falsification of information is grounds for exclusion and dismissal. If accepted into the program, I agree to meet all entrance requirements and to conform and abide by the letter and spirit of the rules, regulations, and procedures of Blinn College and this program.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

Please indicate the manner in which you found out about this program:

- [ ] Career Fair(s)
- [ ] Community Contact(s)
- [ ] Family Member
- [ ] High School Counselor
- [ ] Movie
- [ ] Recruiting Presentation @ Your High School
- [ ] Other ___________________________
NOTE: Please provide the necessary information in the blanks below. Attach official transcript(s), highlighting courses and grades to show where each grade was obtained. Indicate classes in progress by placing the current semester and year in the Sem/Yr column.

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**BONUS: Applicant will receive 1 bonus point in total point calculation if they have taken HPRS 2301 Pathophysiology (3 credit hour) and made a “B” or higher. Grade will not be calculated in total GPA for Prerequisites and Co-requisites above.

Any proposed course substitutions on this degree worksheet are subject to review and verification by the Program Director & Dean of Health Sciences.

Institutions Attended

___________________________  Yes___________  No_________
___________________________  Yes___________  No_________
___________________________  Yes___________  No_________

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
TSI Initiative:  Reading _______________________
                 Writing _______________________
                 Math _______________________

Transcripts Sent to Blinn College Admissions

TOEFL Reading Score:   ____________
TOEFL Writing Score:   ____________
TOEFL Speaking Score:  ____________
TOEFL Listening Score: ____________
TOEFL Total Score:     ____________