

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Admission Requirements for BSN Track

Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas offers a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program/track to this remote area of the Texas-Mexico border. Program graduates possess the potential for evidence-informed clinical judgment, ethical comportment, assessment skills, direct patient care, nursing leadership, and management potential in a community setting as they assume leadership roles on the health-care team.

Students interested in applying for admission the BSN program must:

1. Be admitted to Sul Ross State University (SRSU).
2. Complete 42 semester credit hours of required core courses at SRSU or transferable from a university or college with “core complete” on the transcript.
3. Successfully complete the latest version of the TEAS examination provided by the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI).
4. Achieve scores in individual areas of the TEAS: Reading-70; Math-69. (remediation plan available for students approaching target scores)
5. Have a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale, with a “B” average for science courses.
6. Submit all transcripts from colleges and universities previously attended to the Office of Admissions at SRSU.
7. Be in good academic standing at previously attended institutions.

Following successful completion of the stated admission requirements, potential students can apply for the SRSU BSN program at https://www.sulross.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/SRSU-Dept-of-Nursing-Application-Fillable_updated.pdf. The completed forms must be returned to the Department of Nursing on or before January 31 to be considered for admission to following summer cohort.

Application Requirements

Completion of all documents must be submitted to the Department of Nursing including notification from the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) that you have been cleared to enter the nursing education program. After the following criteria are submitted, an interview will be scheduled with a designated faculty member. Guidelines and forms for selected references and references to TBON expectations will accompany the application. The following requirements included in the application packet require the applicant to provide:

1. A written summary of the reasons the applicant chose the profession of nursing.
2. Three letters of reference and completed forms from individuals chosen by the applicant.
3. Proof of immunizations.
4. Completed Licensure Eligibility Form and completion of activities designated by the TBON.

Texas Board of Nursing Confirmation of Eligibility

For admission to the SRSU Baccalaureate Nursing Program and subsequent licensure in Texas upon graduation, applicants must provide information demonstrating that they meet requirements identified in the Texas Board of Nursing, Rules and Regulations for the Practice of Nursing.

1. Following completion of admission process, the Nursing Program Director will submit a Student

- Roster to the TBON.
2. Following review, the Board of Nursing will notify the applicant to submit a request for fingerprinting.
 3. When the applicant is notified by the Board of Nursing, he/she will complete the request for fingerprints following instructions found at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms/web-requests.asp.html>
 4. The required Criminal Background Check and fingerprinting are completed by the TBON. The steps to this process are outlined at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/forms_pdfs/applications_pdfs/CBCFPOOS.pdf
 5. Review the frequently asked questions and answers posed at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/faq_licensure.asp.html
 6. Applicants whose background checks are cleared will receive a “BLUE CARD” from the Board of Nursing and must sign and submit a copy of this card to the Nursing program to be placed in the student’s permanent file.

Petitions for Declaratory Order

Applicants whose background checks are not cleared will receive an email from the TBON notifying them of this outcome. These applicants must complete and submit a petition for a Declaratory Order to the Texas Board of Nursing. Information and required fees related to submitting a petition for a Declaratory Order is available at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp.html

Results of the investigation must be submitted to the Nursing Department indicating whether the applicant is eligible for licensure.

The Nursing Program will maintain the results of the Criminal Background Check and, if submitted, the Declaratory Order throughout the student’s tenure in the Nursing Program.

Notification of Selected Applicants

Selected applicants will be notified of their acceptance via e-mail or phone. All decisions regarding student selection rests with the Admission Committee. Students who are selected for the Nursing Program will be required to attend an orientation session at a time designated by the Nursing Program. The program director or assigned counselor will advise the student regarding planning for the program of study. Any remediation plan provided to accepted students not meeting target scores on the TEAS will be accepted on a provisional basis and these students must satisfy conditions set for successful remediation before complete acceptance to the SRSU BSN Nursing Program.

Requirements for Enrollment In Nursing Courses

To enroll in nursing courses, evidence of the following requirements must be on file in the Department of Nursing Office:

1. Completion of all core curriculum and departmental requirements prior to enrollment in nursing courses.
2. Evidence of current health insurance coverage. The student must be covered with health insurance upon admission to the nursing program. Insurance coverage must be maintained for the duration of the nursing program.
3. A record of all immunizations, vaccinations, or acceptable titer levels, as required by the Texas Department of Health and Texas Education Code Sec 515.933.
4. Current CPR certification for Health Care Providers. CPR classes will be made available to incoming students not certified.

5. Negative drug urine screen documented within 30 days of enrollment in nursing courses.
Notification for the drug screen will come from the Department of Nursing Office.

References

Immunizations - SUL ROSS. (2022, July 29). SUL ROSS. <https://www.sulross.edu/student-life/student-health-services/immunizations/>

Texas Education Code Sec. 51.933 <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.51.htm>

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 21, Subchapter T, §21.612, §21.613, and §21.614.

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