 Registered Nursing

What is a registered nurse? Registered nurses (RNs) have a variety of tasks to take care of daily. RNs keep records, administer medication, consult with other healthcare providers, monitor patients and educate individuals and families. RNs must also stay up to date with new technology and tools. These skills help nurses provide the best care to patients and families and the best support to doctors and other healthcare professionals involved in the care of their patient.

RN basic skills include:

- Patient care
- Treatment planning
- Advanced cardiac life support (ACLS)
- Clinical experience
- Acute care
- Case management

In addition to medical skills, nurses must also have a blend of active listening, critical thinking, social perceptiveness, and decision making skills.

According to labor and wage information provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, the average annual salary of a registered nurse is $67,490

How do I apply? There are 2 ways to apply to a RN program.

- Earn a bachelor’s degree from Texas A&M University, then choose between applying to:
  - Any traditional 2 yr nursing program, BSN or AND (both are RNs)
  - A fast track BSN program, which takes the traditional 2 yr program and condenses it to 12-15 months. This choice is only for students who will have a bachelor’s degree prior to entry in a program
- Attend any college to take the required prerequisite courses then
  - Apply to any traditional 2 yr nursing program, BSN or AND (both are RNs).

It is important to note that with the first option you will earn 2 degrees, one from TAMU and the other from the nursing program you choose. The second option only gives you a degree from the program you choose.

General Prerequisite courses for Registered Nursing programs currently in Texas.

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Please note: All prerequisites and information are subject to change at any time without notice. It is the responsibility of the applicant to remain up-to-date on all requirements.
Registered Nursing programs in Texas:

Angelo State University – San Angelo  
http://www.angelo.edu/

Baylor University @ Dallas  
http://www.baylor.edu/

Chamberlain College of Nursing - Houston  
http://www.chamberlain.edu

Concordia University Texas - Austin  
www.concordia.edu/

East Texas Baptist University - Marshall  
https://www.etbu.edu/

Houston Baptist University  
https://www.hbu.edu/

Lamar University @ Beaumont  
http://www.lamar.edu/

Midwestern State University  
https://mwsu.edu/

Patty Hanks Shelton – Abilene  
http://www.phssn.edu/

Prairie View A&M University – Houston  
http://www.pvamu.edu/

Sam Houston State University – Huntsville  
http://www.shsu.edu/

Southwestern Adventist University – Keene  
https://www.swau.edu/

Stephen F. Austin State University – Nacogdoches  
http://www.sfasu.edu/

Tarleton State University – Stephenville  
http://www.tarleton.edu/home/

Texas A&M HSC -College Station  
https://www.tamhsc.edu/

Texas A&M International University – Laredo  
http://www.tamiu.edu/

Texas A&M University –Commerce  
http://www.tamuc.edu/

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi  
http://tamucc.edu/

Texas Christian University - Fort Worth  
http://www.tcu.edu/

Texas State University - San Marcus  
http://www.txstate.edu/

Texas Tech University HSC - Lubbock  
http://www.ttuhsc.edu/

Texas Tech University HSC – El Paso  
http://elpaso.ttuhsc.edu/

Texas Woman's University - Denton  
http://www.twu.edu/

University of Houston – Sugar Land  
http://www.uh.edu/sugarland/

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor - Belton  
http://www.umhb.edu/

University of St. Thomas - Houston  
http://www.stthom.edu/Home/Index.aqf

University of Texas @ Arlington  
http://www.uta.edu/uta/

University of Texas @ Austin  
http://www.utexas.edu/

University of Texas @ El Paso  
https://www.utep.edu/

University of Texas @ Rio Grande Valley (Edinburg)  
http://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/

University of Texas @ Tyler  
http://www.ultyler.edu/

UTSCH @ Houston  
https://www.uth.edu/

UTHSC @ San Antonio  
http://www.uthscsa.edu/

UTMB @ Galveston  
https://www.utmb.edu/

University of the Incarnate Word – San Antonio  
http://www.uiw.edu/

Wayland Baptist University - Plainview  
https://www.wbu.edu/

West Texas A&M University - Canyon  
http://www.wtamu.edu/