



ANDY AND BARBARA GESSNER COLLEGE OF NURSING

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

The Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing offers BSN, MSN and DNP degrees. The college advises students in the Pre-Nursing pathway (started fall 2020) that includes more than 300 Pre-Nursing students. Our Vision is NURSING. EXCELLENCE. PERIOD. We are dedicated to promoting nursing excellence by offering our students direct access to faculty, practice in our state-of-the-art simulation labs and clinical rotations in nationally ranked hospitals (Houston Methodist, Memorial Hermann, HCA Houston Healthcare, etc.) including the Texas Medical Center. Start your journey to become a nurse at the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing today!

The U.S. is projected to experience a shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs) that is expected to intensify as baby boomers age and the need for healthcare grows. The Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing is dedicated in contributing to the formation of new nurse leaders and clinical experts who provide nursing care in the communities where we serve. Students chose our college based on three primary ideas: cost, ease of the program in their lives and quality of the program.

COST

Our BSN program has the lowest median debt of any university nursing program in the state of Texas. We know funding is incredibly important, and we thank our donors for their impactful support that means so much to our students.

QUALITY

Our BSN students have consistently passed the NCLEX-RN at 100%.

PROGRAM

The BSN curriculum is designed with our students and their learning in mind. Every semester, students have direct patient care. They have access to their nursing faculty weekly, in class, in clinical, online, in office hours and in professional forums.

HEALTHCARE IS A TEAM EFFORT!

The Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing has partnered with the Graduate School of Social Work and the Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine to create interprofessional teams of students with different expertise working together to care for participants of the Household-Centered Care program. The Household-Centered Care (HCC) Program at the University of Houston works with families from two communities with the poorest health outcomes in Harris County – the East End and Third Ward. Together, the teams identify social risk factors and barriers for the community and work with the participants to find ways to overcome these challenges.

NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements for assured admission:

CLASS RANK	WITH A TEST SCORE SAT ACT	WITHOUT A TEST SCORE Calculated Unweighted GPA
Top 25%	1220 (630 ERW) 25 (54 ENG + READ)	3.70
26-50%	1270 (630 ERW) 26 (54 ENG + READ)	3.80
51% and Lower/No Rank	1300 (630 ERW) 27 (54 ENG + READ)	3.90

In addition, applicants to the college of nursing must complete the following high school coursework:

Biology, Chemistry, and 2 other advanced science courses:	4 units
English:	4 units
Algebra:	2 units
Geometry:	1 units
Pre-Calculus or other advanced math:	1 units

Students who wish to graduate from the Andy and Barbara Gessner College of Nursing Traditional BSN program need to start their academic journey at UH. Students can apply only 15 semester credit hours of transfer coursework to the Traditional BSN degree plan; all dual credit, AP and IB credit is not counted toward the 15 transfer credit hour limit. The 15 semester credit hour transfer limit starts once a student graduates from high school.

In addition, while UH has test optional admission, the Gessner College of Nursing requires all students applying to the Traditional BSN program to have SAT or ACT scores on file at UH.

ACCOLADES



The Gessner College of Nursing is nationally recognized with the Health Professions Higher Education in Diversity Award. This is the only award given for diversity and inclusion in higher education in the United States.

HEALTH CLINIC

The Gessner College of Nursing also runs a nurse-managed clinic, the College of Nursing Health Clinic, for the underserved and individuals experiencing homelessness. The clinic is in collaboration with St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) on Fannin Street in downtown Houston.

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