

Students desiring to change their major to pre-nursing must meet with an academic advisor in the University College or the Department of Pre-Nursing to complete a **Change of Major Form** prior to the early registration period. Transfer students from other educational institutions must submit an official transcript(s) to the Department of Pre-Nursing and meet with a nursing advisor for transcript evaluation and eligibility for placement. Transfer students who have completed 45 or more credit hours of the lower division and plan to complete the remaining lower division requirements at another educational institution(s) must receive approval through the College of Nursing Department of Student Services, Houston Campus.

### **BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM (CLINICAL STUDIES UPPER DIVISION)**

Applications for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (Clinical Studies Upper Division) are received in the spring and fall semesters through the Prairie View A&M University, Office of Admissions and the College of Nursing Department of Student Services. Admission is competitive and on space availability. Deadlines for applications are March 1<sup>st</sup> for fall admission and October 1<sup>st</sup> for spring admission.

The College of Nursing, Houston Center is the primary site for the baccalaureate nursing program. Also, the College offers the baccalaureate program through distance education at The University Center at The Woodlands, Texas; Huntsville Memorial Hospital, Huntsville, Texas; and at College Station/Bryant, Texas. Only students accepted in the LVN-BSN and RN-BSN programs may enroll in courses offered at the distance education locations.

#### **Admissions Requirements (Clinical Studies Upper Division)**

Admission to the Clinical Studies (upper division) may be considered when the applicant satisfies the undergraduate admission requirements of the University and the College of Nursing as a continuing, Prairie View A&M University pre-nursing major or as a transfer student. The requirements for admission are the same for all applicants.

Students seeking admission to clinical studies must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete the Pre-Nursing Program (Lower Division) with a minimum 2.75 overall cumulative grade-point-average (GPA), and a minimum 2.75 GPA in support courses) in the following areas: microbiology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, sociology, psychology, nutrition, human development life span and statistics.
  - a. Completion of all natural science courses within the last 5 years of admission with a minimum grade of “C”: anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and chemistry; and completion of all support courses within 10 years of admission: sociology, psychology, nutrition, human development life span, and statistics.

- b. The assessment of dated credits and courses requiring updating is made upon receipt of a completed application to the College of Nursing.
  - c. All lower division (core and support courses) classified as Pre-Nursing and the natural science courses may not be repeated more than once to achieve a passing grade of “C”. Also, no more than two Pre Nursing lower division courses may be repeated.
2. Perform satisfactorily on a faculty selected pre-nursing standardized admission test. The pre-nursing test must be taken at the College of Nursing and may not be taken more than two times.

**Admission Procedures for Acceptance to Clinical Studies Upper Division**

The following documentation is required:

1. Submission of an application to the University through the Office of Admissions in accordance with the defined criteria for admissions as outlined in the *Prairie View A&M University Undergraduate Catalog* and the College of Nursing Department of Student Services. An acceptance letter for enrollment to the University does not guarantee a student’s acceptance and enrollment in clinical studies (upper division).
2. Submission of documentation for a completed physical examination; a negative Tuberculin (TB) Skin Test and / or negative chest x-ray; required immunizations: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Chicken-pox (Varicella), Tetanus, and Hepatitis B vaccination series. Proof of immunity by blood titers is acceptable for Hepatitis B, Varicella, and Measles, Mumps and Rubella.
3. Submission of a current CPR certification by the American Heart Association (Healthcare Provider Course).
4. Negative criminal background check and drug screening test by a designated approved agency of the College of Nursing.
5. Acquisition of the student professional liability insurance coverage by a designated approved agency of the College of Nursing.

Verification of applicant’s decision to accept the offer of admission to the nursing program must be received within two weeks from the date of offer for admission. Final admission decisions are dependent on receipt of the completed application package and space availability. Applicants not accepted for admission to the clinical studies upper division may be placed on a waiting list for the semester of application only. Applicants not admitted may reapply at the next admissions period.