

Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program (A.A.S.) – Traditional Option Admission Packet

The Nursing program is a course of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The Nursing courses in the traditional option at RSCC are offered over 4 semesters. In addition to the nursing courses, there are 27 credit hours of general education that must be completed for the A.A.S. in Nursing degree. Total degree requirements are 66 credits. Since nursing students spend a significant amount of time outside of class in study, clinical and laboratory practice, completion of general education requirements is recommended prior to beginning the nursing program.

Admission Process for the Traditional Program Option

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the Nursing Program are listed below. **All items are required. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

Step 1: Apply to the College

In order to apply to the traditional option of the nursing program the applicant must first be admitted to Roane State. All college transcripts should be submitted to the Roane State Admissions and Records Office prior to the nursing application deadline.

Step 2: Meet Below Eligibility Requirements Prior to the Nursing Application Deadline

Complete at least 13 of the 27 required hours of nursing general education courses. These **must** include Math 1530, BIOL 2010, ENGL 1010 and PSYC 1030.

1. Satisfy any required learning support competencies prior to the application deadline.
2. Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all required general education courses.
3. Achieve a minimum 2.75 GPA on required college courses completed prior to admission. (GPA calculated only on the required general education courses).
4. Achieve a minimum score of 75 on the both the reading and math portion of the HESI A-2 nursing pre-admission exam (Test can be retaken after 30 days up to 3 times per eligibility period). Cumulative scores will not be considered. (This requirement is waived for applicants upon proof of an associate, bachelor’s or master’s degree from a SACS-COC accredited college or university)

Step 3: Submit Online Nursing Application

The online Nursing Application must be submitted through the student’s RaiderNet account. This must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the date of the application deadline, which is the 4th Friday in January. Upon submission of your application applicants receive a confirmation email that it has been received. Please print and retain this confirmation email. Applications submitted after the application deadline will NOT be considered. If an applicant is not accepted, then the student must submit a new application for future terms. Application for future terms open on May 1st.

Step 4: Selection of Applicants

Acceptance to the Nursing Program is a competitive process. A point system is used to rank each applicant based on the following criteria:

Criteria and Value

Possible Score

GPA in required general education classes calculated from the courses required in the nursing curriculum.

- 2.75 – 2.99= 1 point
 - 3.00 – 3.24= 2 points
 - 3.25 – 3.49= 3 points
 - 3.50 – 3.74= 4 points
 - 3.75 – 4.00= 5 points
- Math/science grades-based on most recent attempt
- BIOL 2010-A&P 1- B= 2 points
 - BIOL 2010-A&P 1- A= 4 points

 - BIOL 2020-A&P 2- B= 2 points
 - BIOL 2020-A&P 2- A= 4 points

 - BIOL 2230-Micro- B= 2 points
 - BIOL 2230-Micro- A= 4 points

 - MATH 1530-Stats-B= 2 points
 - MATH 1530-Stats-A= 3 points

Step 5: Notification of Admission Status

Applicants are notified of their admission status via their official Roane State email account (Raidernet). **Applicants should begin regularly checking their email regarding their admission status mid-March.**

Step 6: Accept or Decline Admission

Students who have been accepted to the traditional nursing program **must** respond via email to accept or decline their admission by the deadline specified in the notification email.

Step 7: Attend the Required Information Session During the Summer

A mandatory Nursing Program information session will be held late May to mid-June (You will be notified in your admission email of the specific date, time and location.)

- During this information session, accepted students receive specific information about health requirements including required immunizations, private health insurance, criminal background checks, drug screenings, and CPR Health Care Provider certification.
- Background checks and drug screens must be acceptable to clinical affiliates in order for students to attend clinicals and meet the requirements of the program. Students who are not cleared by the clinical affiliates may not be able to complete the program. The student is responsible to clear any discrepancies in their personal background checks and urine drug screens.

Step 8: Submit Required Information

During the information session held in the summer, students are informed about various requirements and the date the information is due to the nursing office. **The information must be submitted in its entirety. Partial submissions will not be accepted.** The required information includes the following:

- Completed physical and immunization record,
- Background check and urine drug screen,
- Completion of CPR for healthcare provider,
- Proof of health insurance, and
- Any other specified requirements.

Step 9: Attend Fall Orientation Session

An orientation session is scheduled prior to the start of fall semester for nursing students. Students are required to attend this session.

Step 10: Attend Class and Clinical

Faculty are required to report student's first day of attendance.

Additional Requirements for Students Accepted to the Traditional Option

It is the student's responsibility to review the catalog and complete course prerequisites for each individual nursing course. Students who have not completed mandatory course prerequisites will not be allowed to enroll in the next sequenced nursing course and will not be allowed to progress in the program. Students accepted to the program must meet certain requirements before they can attend the required clinical rotations.

Nursing Pre-Admission Examination for the Traditional Option – Additional Information

Registration information relating to the nursing pre-admission examination for the traditional option (HESI A-2) is available on the RSCC Testing Center webpage. The nursing pre-admission exam must be taken and passed by the application deadline for the traditional nursing program. Students are advised to schedule and take the HESI A-2 as soon as possible. If the exam has been taken at another college, please request the college where the exam was taken to submit the scores to the Nursing Admission Advisor. Roane State waives the nursing pre-admission examination requirement for applicants who have a college degree from an accredited college (SACS-COC or equivalent.)

If unsuccessful on the first attempt, the applicant must wait 30 days to re-test. Once passed, the exam scores are valid for three years. Any repeat testing within the 30 day waiting period will not be considered. This is to ensure that that all students are treated equally. There is an optional study guide entitled Admission Assessment Exam Review. (If you desire to obtain the study guide, it is recommended that you purchase the most recent edition).

General Education Requirements – Additional Information

The 27 credit hours of general education requirements for the nursing program may be completed prior to acceptance into the program. However, **science courses** completed prior to admission must be within **5 years** of the date of admission and be completed with a C or better to apply toward the degree requirements. Students completing required science courses after acceptance into the program must attain a C or better in order to retain their spot in the program. Only students officially admitted to the nursing program may register for nursing classes.

Nursing General Education Requirements

Requirement	Courses	Comments	Credits
ENGL 1010 *Must be completed by the application deadline	Composition I	Composition I	3 cr. hours
Humanities Elective *Must be completed by graduation.	Choose one course from the RSCC approved list, which includes: ART 1035 Introduction to Art ART 2000 Art History Survey I ART 2020 Art History Survey II HUM 1010 Early Humanities MUS 1030 Introduction to Music PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy PHIL 1040 Introduction to Ethics PHIL 2200 Introduction to World Religions PHIL 2640 Science and the Modern World THEA 1030 Intro to Theatre	ENGL literature is also acceptable; however, ENGL 1020–Composition II is a prerequisite to any literature course *If more than 1 course meets the requirement, the course with the highest grade will be used for admission purposes.	3 cr. hours
MATH 1530 *Must be completed by the application deadline	MATH 1530 Probability and Statistics	No Substitutions Allowed	3 cr. hours
PSYC1030 *Must be completed by the application deadline	Introduction to Psychology		3 cr. hours
BIOL 2010 *Must be completed by the application deadline	Anatomy and Physiology I (+ lab)	All learning support requirements must be completed prior to taking this course. Science courses cannot be more than 5 years old .	4 cr. hours
BIOL 2020 *Must be completed no later than end of 1 st semester after admission.	Anatomy and Physiology II (+ lab)	Must successfully complete BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course	4 cr. hours
BIOL 2230 *Must be completed no later than end of 2nd semester after admission.	Microbiology (+ lab)	Must complete either BIOL 1110–General Biology or BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course	4 cr. Hours
Guided elective *Must be completed by graduation.	Choose one of the following: ENGL 1020 – Composition II PSYC 2130 – Lifespan Development Psychology COMM 2025-Fundamentals of Communication	Recommended course is ENGL 1020	3 cr. hours

Additional Requirements for Accepted Students

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Who to Contact at RSCC	
Enrollment Services/Recruitment (865) 882-4554 (865) 481-2000 ext 2362 Oak Ridge Any RSCC Campus location	Prospective students How to enroll at the college International Student Admissions
One-Stop (865) 882-4523 (866) 462-7722 Toll free Email: onestop@roanestate.edu	Receipt of transcripts/test scores MMR and Hepatitis B immunizations/forms Official evaluation of transfer credit EVEA
Health Science/Nursing Admissions Coordinator (865) 882-4608	Nursing application status
Health Sciences Division (865) 882-4605 Roane County	Inquiries of students already accepted into the program. RSCC Courses Course substitutions Transfer Credit appeals
Testing-for HESI/Accuplacer 865-882-4661/4678/4819-Roane County 865-481-2000 x2251 or x4804-Oak Ridge Email: robbinsjm1@roanestate.edu	