School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Student Application Packet – Fall Admission

Early Application Deadline – March 1

Late Application Deadline – May 1

Applications must be received in the HPU School of Nursing office by this date

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Mail or deliver completed application to: **Howard Payne University**
School of Nursing
1000 Fisk Street
Brownwood, Texas 76801

Admission Information and Requirements

Admission Information:

There are specific admission criteria for entrance to the Howard Payne University (HPU) School of Nursing Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate Nursing Education Program. The HPU university catalog contains this information.

The selection process is governed by the HPU School of Nursing Faculty. Nursing course class size is limited. Early admission paperwork due to the School of Nursing by March 1. Late admission paperwork must be submitted no later than May 1.

Once students have completed admission paperwork and have submitted all information required, faculty will utilize an admission criteria worksheet to rate students and admit based on rating and number of open seats.

Admission Requirements Include:

1. Accepted or currently enrolled as a student at HPU http://www.hputx.edu/campus-offices/admissions/apply/
2. Completed application packet (Early Admission Due Date: March 1; Late Admission Due Date: May 1)
3. American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR) Healthcare Provider (Call the HPU School of Nursing to register for a CPR course)
4. Immunization Records https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html (Note: Additional agency requirements may occur during clinical rotations requiring additional vaccinations)
   a. Hepatitis B (3 HepB immunizations)
   b. Measles, mumps, rubella (1 dose of MMR or evidence of immunity)
   d. Meningococcal (MenACWY) (within 5 year period)
   f. Tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis (TDAP) (must be current within 10 years)
   g. Varicella (evidence of immunity, immunization-2 doses, or titer)
   h. Zoster for individuals over 50 years old (2 doses of RZV preferred or 1 dose of ZVL)
   i. Pneumococcal for individuals over 65 years old (1 dose of PCV13 and PPSV23 one year after receiving PCV13)
   j. TB Skin Test 2-Step (Two Annual Mantoux- TST that is negative are required). If TB test is positive, chest x-ray or Interferon Gamma Release Assay or IGRA (blood test) results may be submitted. https://www.cdc.gov/tb/topic/testing/healthcareworkers.html
   k. Influenza Vaccine Annual (1 dose in the previous 12 months)
5. Recommendation Forms (2); from a current or former college instructor/professor
6. 3.0 GPA cumulative
7. HESI® A2 with critical thinking entrance exam
8. General Education and Nursing Pre-requisite Requirements (See the degree plan included in the admission packet)
   a. Bible (Old and New Testament)

b. Math (College Algebra and Statistics)
c. History
d. Government
e. Biology (Health Professions Seminar)
f. English (Composition I & II, Literature)
g. University Seminar
h. Kinesiology (Principles of Personal Fitness and Wellness and 2 Activity courses)
i. Communication
j. Medical Terminology
k. Fine Arts

8. Prerequisite courses which require a B or above
   a. Pathophysiology or General Biology
   b. Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry
9. Prerequisite courses which require a C or above
   a. Anatomy and Physiology I & II
   b. College Algebra
   c. Intro to Psychology
   d. Fundamentals of Microbiology
   e. Lifespan Development
10. Criminal Background Check completed and cleared by the Texas Board of Nursing as eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam (follow the instruction on the following form https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/forms_pdfs/applications_pdfs/fp-generalinst.pdf to complete the background check)
11. Drug screen completed prior to beginning the first clinical course (Call the HPU School of Nursing to find a location for a drug screen)

Pre-Entrance Examination: HESI® A2 Testing Requirements
*Call the HPU School of Nursing to register for the HESI® A2 exam

It is strongly recommended that students' wait until they have successfully completed all required English, mathematics and science courses (Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology and Microbiology) before attempting the exam.

A minimum score of 75% is required on each science section (Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology & Anatomy and Physiology I & II). If the HESI® A2 is re-taken to improve scores, the student only has to show proficiency (75%) once in each section during each admission cycle. Additionally, a HESI® A2 cumulative score of 75% or better and critical thinking score of 750 or better is required.

HESI® A2 Scores will become a part of the applicant's admission consideration file. HESI® A2 scores are considered valid for two admission cycles. After which, all sections must be retaken.

HESI® A2 may only be retaken once per admission cycle. HESI® exam scores from another institution may be sent to HPU, if all of the required sections were taken. If any part of the

HESI® A2 exam required was not completed, the score report will not be accepted, and the student will be expected to sit for the full HESI® A2 entrance exam.

To transfer test results, the student must contact Elsevier to request the scores be sent to HPU Admissions Committee Chairperson. A nominal fee is charged by Elsevier for this service.

HESI® EXAM RE-TEST REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who must re-test are required to wait 30 days. Applicants may only take the HESI® A2 test twice within the academic year, between January 1 and December 31. These factors and deadlines should be considered when scheduling to take the initial test. The identical procedure will be utilized taking the second test, as set forth in the initial test.

HEALTH RECORDS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Being free of communicable diseases is critical for students, and students must be protected against communicable diseases during clinical experiences. During the application for admission process, students must submit verification of all immunizations required by the university as well as those required by the School of Nursing. (Deadline will be stated in acceptance notification.)

See Admission Requirements for the list of immunizations required. Other vaccinations may be required by specific clinical agencies. Students will be informed of additional requirements as needed.

Howard Payne University School of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

Application for Admission into Nursing Courses

(Please type or print clearly)

1. Name _____

   Last First Middle Maiden

2. Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth_____
3. HPU ID _____
4. Semester applying for entry into the nursing program_____
5. Mailing Address _____

   Address City State Zip

6. HPU Email Address _____
7. Telephone (_____) _____
8. Emergency Contact

   Name _____ Phone (_____)_____

   Last First

   Address _____

   Street City State Zip

   Relationship _____
9. Have you been previously enrolled in a nursing program? _____Yes _____No

   Nursing School Name_____

   Dates Attended _____

   Reason Program Not Completed_____
10. List all previous college, university or professional schools that coursework has been completed

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11. List any certifications or licensures you currently hold_____

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12. The following courses are required prerequisite courses for entry into nursing courses. Coursework completed elsewhere will be evaluated for transfer credit or substitution towards Howard Payne University courses. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to final acceptance into the HPU School of Nursing.

Course Number	Course Name
BIB 1303	Introduction to the Old Testament
*MAT 1351	College Algebra
HIS 1310 or HIS 1320	US History to 1877 or US History since 1877
BIO 1159	Health Professions Seminar
ENG 1311	English Composition I
GEN 1101	University Seminar
KIN 1100	Personal Fitness and Wellness
BIB 1304	Introduction to the New Testament
**CHE 1430	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry
*PSY 1311	Introduction to Psychology
ENG 1312	English Composition II
COM 1310	Fundamentals of Human Communication
KIN 11XX	Exercise and Sports Science Activity (Class A)
GOV 2311	American Government
*BIO 2489	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
ENG 23XX	English Literature (ENG 2351, 2353, or 2373)
**BIO 3399 or **BIO 1459	Pathophysiology or General Biology
SCI 1200	Medical Terminology
ART 1361 or MUS 1353 or THR 1311 or GEN 1311	Fine Arts course chosen from the approved list
*BIO 2499	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
*BIO 2409	Fundamentals of Microbiology
*PSY 2355	Life Span Development

KIN 11XX	Exercise and Sports Science Activity (Class A,B,C or MUS)
MAT 2342	Introduction to Probability and Statistics

*** Foundation courses requiring a grade of "C" or better**

**** Nursing Pre-requisite courses requiring a grade of "B" or better**

List any prerequisite courses that you have not completed at this time and your plan for completion.

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I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate in every respect. I understand that failure to provide accurate and complete information or providing false information may results in cancellation of the application, denial of admission, and/or revocation of admission.

Printed Name_____ Date_____

Signature _____

Howard Payne University School of Nursing

Faculty or Teacher Recommendation for Admittance into the HPU School of Nursing

Applicant Name (please print): _____

I hereby waive my right to have access to this recommendation form.

Applicant Signature _____ Date_____

1. Rate this individual in terms of the qualities listed below by checking the appropriate spaces.

Characteristics	Superior	Good	Fair	Poor	No Basis for Judgment
Intellectual Ability					
Accountability					
Emotional Stability					
Attitude					
Motivation					
Ability to Get Along with Others					
Ethical Behavior					
Self Confidence					
Maturity					
Initiative					

Comments_____

_____

2. Do you have confidence in this individual's integrity? ____Yes or _____No

   Explain Briefly_____

   _____

3. Indicate below your overall recommendation of this individual.
   _____ Recommend
   _____ Do Not Recommend

   Comments_____

   _____

Signature_____ **Date**_____
Printed Name_____

Please scan and email the completed form to nursing@hputx.edu or mail the completed form.

*Note: Applicant please provide a stamped envelope addressed to the HPU School of Nursing, 1000 Fisk Street, Brownwood, TX 76801

Howard Payne University School of Nursing

Faculty or Teacher Recommendation for Admittance into the HPU School of Nursing

Applicant Name (please print): _____

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School of Nursing
Criminal Background Check Consent and Compliance Agreement

The emphasis on patient safety in healthcare organizations is a very high priority. The HPU School of Nursing is required to have documentation on file showing completion of criminal background checks on students prior to their entry into clinical agencies for the purposes of observing or providing patient care.

Please initial each statement below and sign this agreement.

_____ I consent to a criminal background check as part of the requirements for admission to the HPU nursing program, to comply with board of nursing requirements for licensure as a Registered Nurse, and to meet requirements of clinical agencies used for my training and education. I understand that this will require that my name, mailing address, social security number, and date of birth be sent to the Texas Board of Nursing. I also understand that I will be required to pay the current fee and provide my fingerprints via a computer scan at an IdentGo by Morpho Trust Company.

_____ I agree to present the HPU School of Nursing with the original criminal background check notification card or letter as provided to me by the Texas Board of Nursing. I understand that this document must be provided by the due date stated in the acceptance letter that I may receive from the HPU School of Nursing in order for me to be unconditionally admitted to the program. I further understand that the HPU School of Nursing will retain the original or a copy or the original for my file.

_____ I agree to comply with and consent to any additional backgrounds checks, which may include use of my fingerprints, which may be required by HPU clinical affiliates.

_____ I agree that the HPU School of Nursing may provide evidence, as provided to me by the Texas Board of Nursing, of my criminal background check for the purpose of securing and maintaining agreements with clinical sites and agencies necessary for my training and education in professional nursing.

Applicant Signature_____ Date _____

Applicant Printed Name _____

Course Organization and Sequence

Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program

Course Sequence	Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Freshman Fall Term	BIB 1303	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
	*MAT 1351	College Algebra	3
	HIS 1310 or HIS 1320	US History to 1877 or US History since 1877	3
	BIO 1159	Health Professions Seminar	1
	ENG 1311	English Composition I	3
	GEN 1101	University Seminar	1
	KIN 1100	Personal Fitness and Wellness	1
		Total for Term	15
Pre-requisite Freshman Spring Term	BIB 1304	Introduction to the New Testament	3
	**CHE 1430	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry	4
	*PSY 1311	Introduction to Psychology	3
	ENG 1312	English Composition II	3
	COM 1310	Fundamentals of Human Communication	3
	KIN 11XX	Exercise and Sports Science Activity (Class A)	1
		Total for Term	17
Pre-requisite Freshman Summer Term	GOV 2311	American Government	3
		Total for Term	**3**
Pre-requisite Sophomore Fall Term	*BIO 2489	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	ENG 23XX	English Literature (ENG 2351, 2353, or 2373)	3
	**BIO 3399 or **BIO 1459	Pathophysiology or General Biology	4.00
	SCI 1200	Medical Terminology	2
	ART 1361 or MUS 1353 or THR 1311 or GEN 1311	Fine Arts course chosen from the approved list	3
		Total for Term	**15/16**
Pre-requisite Sophomore Spring Term	*BIO 2499	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	*BIO 2409	Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
	*PSY 2355	Life Span Development	3
	KIN 11XX	Exercise and Sports Science Activity (Class A,B,C or MUS)	1
	MAT 2342	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3
		Total for Term	**15**
Must be admitted to nursing program prior to enrollment in nursing (NUR) courses			
Junior Fall Term	NUR 3334	Elements of Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
	NUR 3421	Health Assessment- EBP Across the Lifespan	4
	NUR 3622	Clinical Nursing I: Introductory EBP Concepts Across the Lifespan (Medical/ Surgical Nursing Concepts)	6
	NUR 3323	Pharmacology Nursing Perspectives	3
	Total for Term		**16**
Junior Spring Term	NUR 3368	Collaborative Healthcare Practice	3
	***NUR 3315	Healthcare Informatics	3
	NUR 3645	Clinical Nursing II: Fundamental EBP Concepts Across the Lifespan (Mental Health Nursing/ Perioperative and Psychosocial Concepts)	6
	NUR 3370	Aging, Chronicity and End of Life Perspectives (Geriatric Nursing)	3
		Total for Term	**15**
Senior Fall Term	NUR 4343	Theoretical Concepts and Research in Nursing	3
	NUR 4645	Clinical Nursing III: Intermediate EBP Concepts Across the Lifespan (Maternal/Child Health Nursing and Pediatric Nursing)	6
	NUR 4366	Nursing: A Christian Worldview	3
	NUR 4335	Population and Community Health Nursing	3
		Total for Term	**15**
Senior Spring Term	NUR 4352	Nursing Leadership, Ethics, Management and Delegation	3
	NUR 4651	Clinical Nursing IV: Advanced EBP Concepts Across the Lifespan (Medical/ Surgical Nursing Concepts)	6
	NUR 4353	Professional Nursing Capstone	3
	NUR 4000	NCLEX-RN Readiness and Comprehensive Exam	0
		Total for Term	**12**
Total Hours for BSN Degree- 124 hours			

**** Foundation courses requiring a grade of "C" or better***

*****Nursing Pre-requisite courses requiring a grade of "B" or better***

******NUR 3315 should be used to fulfill the technology component.***