Alvin College

Associate Degree Nursing
2-Year Program



Program Information
and
Application Instructions

Application Period
March 1, 2027 – March 31, 2027
Classes begin in August 2027
(last modified 10/23/2026)

www.AlvinCollege.edu

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

2-YEAR PROGRAM
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Gain Admission to Alvin College

- ☐ U.S. CITIZENS start here: http://www.alvincollege.edu/admissions/getting-started-first-time-students.html
- ☐ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS start here: https://www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/index.html

Apply to Nursing

- ☐ Apply at the ADN web page: https://www.alvincollege.edu/adn/ during the application period. Typically, March for Fall start and September for Spring start for 2-year programs and February for Summer start & May for the Fall start for the LVN-ADN Transition program. See ADN web page for exact dates.
- ☐ Submit official transcripts from ALL previously attended colleges to the Alvin College Registrar (electronic preferred)
- ☐ Meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) standards
- ☐ Meet with a Health Science Pathways Advisor (All new students who have never attended college must meet with a Pathways Advisor to discuss their certificate or degree plan, test results, course selection, and any other academic advising questions. Returning and transfer students are encouraged but not required to meet with a Pathways Advisor.)
- ☐ ADN general education curriculum courses (ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, or the core 40/50 elective requirement) taken at schools out of Texas need to be evaluated by the Registrar's Office to ensure they are equivalent to Alvin College courses. If courses have been articulated to your Alvin College record, evaluation is not needed. Foreign transcripts must be accompanied by an official evaluation from an approved agency.
- ☐ Attend an Applicant Meeting (meeting schedule is on the ADN web page)
- ☐ Hepatitis B: submit proof of the first two hep B immunizations or the first "heplisav" immunization, or submit copy of hep B surface antibody titer report showing immunity. Titers must be within five years of the nursing application period deadline.
- ☐ Take the HESI-A2 exam within 5 years of nursing application deadline. Minimum scores: 78 on reading section, 78 for cumulative score. Order HESI transcript to be sent to Nursing@alvincollege.edu. See additional requirements for HESI exams in the application instructions packet.
- ☐ Have grades of "C" or better, or be in progress taking these prerequisite courses:
  - ENGL 1301 – Composition I
  - PSYC 2301 – General Psychology
  - BIOL 2401 – Anatomy & Physiology I
  - BIOL 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology II
- ☐ Additional courses are required for graduation and may be completed either during the program or before enrolling in the program, but are not needed to apply:
  - PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development
  - BIOL 2420 – Microbiology for Non-Science Majors
  - 3-credit elective in Language, Philosophy & Culture or Creative Arts (see the Application Instructions packet for list of allowed electives)

What's Next?

Approximately six (6) weeks after the nursing application deadline, we will email you whether you are conditionally accepted, or on the alternate list, or neither of these.

If Accepted?

Nursing admission is conditional, based on completing the following:

- ☐ Attend an orientation meeting
- ☐ Pass a drug screen
- ☐ Pass two background checks: one done for the Texas Board of Nursing and another done by a private company
- ☐ Submit copy of Social Security card if the background check is unable to verify your social security number
- ☐ Submit copy of physical examination report
- ☐ Submit copies of tests, titers, immunization series: tuberculosis test, hepatitis B, MMR, adult Tdap, varicella, and seasonal influenza
- ☐ Submit copy of Driver's License or another official picture ID
- ☐ Submit copy of current AHA BLS for Providers CPR card
- ☐ Before starting your second semester in the nursing program, submit proof of health insurance and copy of a hepatitis B titer report. LVN-ADN Transition students are required to submit proof of health insurance and a hepatitis B titer report before beginning the ADN program.

For details on each of the above steps: go to www.alvincollege.edu/adn

Questions? email nursing@alvincollege.edu or call 281-756-5630

Admission steps are subject to change at any time. Please go to the ADN web page for the most up-to-date information.

Alvin College is an Equal Opportunity Institution: If you require special accommodations for a disability, contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services at 281.756.3533 or

281-756-5630 Office
281-756-5606 Fax
nursing@alvincollege.edu

We're glad you're interested in the Alvin College 2-year Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program! Alvin College has educated individuals to enter the nursing profession for over 50 years and has a reputation as an outstanding ADN program. We will accept applications **03/01/2027 through 03/31/2027** for the 2-year ADN program that starts August 2027.

To be considered for the 2-year ADN program, you must meet all admission requirements in the College Catalog and complete all application steps below. The ADN department must receive the application and supporting documents **by 4 PM (CT) on March 31, 2027!**

Approximately 6 weeks after the application deadline, we will email you whether you are conditionally accepted, on the alternate list, or neither of these. Keep your email address(es) current with the ADN department and ensure emails from Alvin College go to your inbox rather than your junk or spam folder. Email is the official means of communication from the college to students.

STEPS FOR APPLYING

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Please use the checklist on the first page of this packet to help you keep track of completed and remaining steps.
- You must meet the following minimum requirements by the nursing application deadline to be eligible to apply to the nursing program. If you do not meet these minimum requirements your application will not be considered.
- GPA = 3.0 or higher: If at the time you apply, you have grades in any courses that are part of our ADN degree, the GPA of those grades must be at least 3.0. Courses in progress at the time you apply do NOT count in the GPA. Grades posted after the deadline will NOT count in the GPA. Grades that are not part of the ADN degree will NOT count in the GPA. See "How do I calculate my GPA" in the Frequently Asked Questions at the end of this document to find out whether your GPA is high enough.
- HESI A2 test scores = 78 or higher: You must make at least 78 for both the reading section and cumulative score. You can make less on other sections (except for reading), but the cumulative score must be at least 78. See the "HESI-A2 Information" section in this packet for more details. ***Minimum wait time between exam or section re-takes is 90 days.***
- Complete the steps below **by the nursing application deadline**.

1. GAIN ADMISSION TO ALVIN COLLEGE

U.S. CITIZENS: http://www.alvincollege.edu/admissions/getting-started-first-time-students.html

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: https://www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/index.html

- You must be admitted to Alvin College before you can apply to the ADN program. You can apply to the college before the nursing application period opens.
- If it has been a year or more since you last applied to Alvin College or took courses at Alvin College, you may need to re-apply to the college and have your transcripts re-sent. Check with the Admissions Office if you are unsure: 281-756-3531.
- You must meet all college admissions requirements, in addition to all nursing requirements, to be eligible to enroll in nursing programs. Please refer to the College Catalog and work with the Admissions Office to be sure you meet all college admission requirements.

2. APPLY TO NURSING at https://www.alvincollege.edu/adn/application.html during the application period

- You must be admitted to Alvin College before you can apply to the ADN program.
- Click the "Apply Here" button on the ADN application page to complete your nursing application. Login to your Alvin College ConexED account or create a Guest Account. After creating a Guest Account return to the nursing application. **You will receive a "form successfully submitted" email at the email address linked with your ConexED login. A**

second email will be sent after your application is under review by the nursing department. If you do not receive these emails, your application is not successfully submitted. The emails mean your application is being reviewed (not that you are admitted to the program). If you do not receive confirmation of successful application submission, contact the nursing program or re-submit the application after verifying all fields are complete before the application deadline.

- Check your milestones on your ConexED dashboard to verify items were received or steps completed. You may also submit milestone completion requests to verify completion of steps. Milestone completion requests will be processed weekly. You can also view your submitted application or upload additional documents in your ConexED dashboard. **It is your responsibility to verify transcripts have been received or steps completed before the end of the application period.**
- If you have issues or questions about the ADN application, please email the ADN department.
- Anyone who previously applied, must submit a new nursing application to be considered in another application period.

3. SUBMIT OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS to the Alvin College Registrar

- Have **all** previously attended colleges and/or universities send official transcripts to the Alvin College Registrar. **DO NOT** bring or send college transcripts to the nursing department or the applicant meeting. These go to the Registrar.
- Students with credits or degrees from foreign institutions must have foreign transcripts evaluated by an approved evaluation company and submit the official report to the Alvin College Registrar. Approved evaluation companies are in the Alvin College Catalog under the heading "Evaluation of Credit from Foreign Institutions"

4. COURSES TAKEN OUTSIDE OF TEXAS MAY NEED TO BE EVALUATED FOR TRANSFER CREDIT

- Nursing applicants with any out-of-state or international transcripts should have courses evaluated to ensure they are equivalent to Alvin College courses. Email registrarsoffice@alvincollege.edu to request evaluation for ADN course transfer (ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, and core 40/50 courses are the only courses that need review for the ADN application). You may apply to nursing without the evaluation, but you will not know in advance if courses are equivalent.
- Foreign transcripts must be accompanied by an official evaluation from an approved agency, which are listed in the college catalog and on the college web site at: www.alvincollege.edu/international-students/foreign-transcripts-evaluation-agencies.html
- The Texas Common Course Numbering System web site may help you with questions about course equivalency for courses taken within Texas. Their website is https://tccns.org/

5. SATISFY TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) STANDARDS

- TSI is a Texas law requiring college students to achieve minimum standards in Reading, Writing, and Math.
- At least one of your Texas college transcripts must state you have met all TSI standards.
- If you have not attended any Texas colleges, call the Alvin College Admissions Office 281-756-3531 to find out how to meet TSI standards.

6. ATTEND AN APPLICANT MEETING (see following pages for meeting schedule).

- Applicant meetings are held online and in person during the application period. The link to online meetings is on the Applicant Meetings web page.
- Select the correct meeting. Log into online meetings PROMPTLY.
- Attendance will be taken during online and in-person meetings.
- In-person meetings are conducted in Room S105 or S103 of the Health Science Building (S Building) at Alvin College (see maps at the end of the packet for directions to the location). **You cannot attend in-person meetings by telephone or online.**
- Anyone who attended an ADN applicant meeting during the March 2026 or September 2026 application period is exempt from attending a meeting at this time. All others must attend one of the applicant meetings on page 5 (also posted on the Applicant Meeting web page). Meeting times are subject to change. Changes will be posted on the web page.
- General information meetings or other nursing program meetings **do not** substitute for the applicant meeting.

7. SUBMIT HEPATITIS B VACCINATION OR IMMUNITY PROOF

- Submit proof of hepatitis B vaccination or immunity with your nursing application. Upload the documentation with your application. One of the following is required: 1) a record showing the dates of at least the first two hep B injections in the conventional vaccination series; 2) proof of the first shot of the two-shot *Heplisav* brand vaccination (document must state that brand); OR 3) report of hepatitis B immunity (called a "hepatitis B surface antibody titer").
- There is no time limit on hep B injections; there is a 5-year time limit on the hep B titer.

8. TAKE THE HESI-A2 TEST

- See the HESI-A2 Information section in this packet for details including how to submit official scores.
- Official test scores must reach us by the end of the application period if the exam is taken at another college.
- You cannot substitute any other test.
- You must take these 5 HESI sections: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & Knowledge, Anatomy & Physiology, and Math. You must make at least 78 on both reading comprehension and the cumulative of the above five sections.
- HESI test scores must be 5 years old or less as of the nursing application deadline.
- There is a **required 90-day minimum wait period between re-tests.**

9. PREREQUISITE COURSES

- Already have grades of "C" or better, or be in progress taking these prerequisite courses:
  - ENGL 1301 – Composition I
  - PSYC 2301 – General Psychology
  - BIOL 2401 – Anatomy & Physiology I (5-year expiration period)
  - BIOL 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology II (5-year expiration period)

  GPA of the courses must be 3.0 or higher.

10. IF APPLICABLE: BONUS POINTS FOR PROOF OF HEALTHCARE-RELATED LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION

- Applicants submitting proof of being certified or licensed as a healthcare provider will receive extra consideration. The license or certification is subject to verification with the certifying or licensing agency.
- Course-completion certificates, diplomas, or transcripts do not count. It must be a copy of the actual certification or license issued by the agency. It must show both the certification or license number and the expiration date.
- Certification or license must be current. Expired or former certifications or licenses do not count. Currently working on a certification or license does not count.
- Examples of healthcare provider include Certified Nursing Assistant, Medication Aide, EMT, Paramedic, Phlebotomy tech, Pharmacy tech, Radiology tech, Sonography tech, Respiratory Care tech, Medical Lab tech, sleep studies tech, massage therapist, veterinary tech, dental assistant, etc. Occupations such as medical billing/coding, medical secretary or scribe do not count because they do not provide medical care to patients.
- CPR certification does not count because that is a skill, not an occupation.
- Bonus points are given for only one certification or license regardless of how many you have.

11. AN APPLICANT IS INELIGIBLE IF:

- GPA in nursing curriculum general education classes is less than 3.0 (GPA is not rounded up)
- HESI Reading Comprehension section score is less than 78
- HESI Cumulative score is less than 78 (Average of Reading, Math, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy & Physiology)
- More than one D or F in a nursing (NURS, RNSG &/or VNSG) or biology (BIOL 2401, 2402, 2420 or the equivalent) course within five years of the application deadline (even if the course was repeated for a higher grade)

- Dismissal for unprofessional or unethical behavior from another allied health program
- Applicants who are convicted of a felony, appealing a felony conviction, have a deferred adjudication felony, or on parole for a felony, are not eligible for admission to Alvin College nursing programs. "Conviction" is defined in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213, RULE §213.1, #12
- **Being eligible for consideration does not guarantee an offer of admission**

12. SUBMIT VERIFICATION OF GOOD STANDING IF PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED IN A NURSING PROGRAM

- If you were enrolled in a nursing program within five years of the application period deadline but did not complete that program, you must submit a verification of good standing from your previous program to the Alvin College Nursing Department.
- Ask the prior school's nursing department to email a letter of good standing to nursing@alvincollege.edu.

MANDATORY APPLICANT MEETINGS FOR 2-YEAR ADN PROGRAM, AUGUST 2027 ADMISSION

- Applicants must attend one meeting from the schedule below.
- Anyone who attended a "general information meeting" must still attend one of the meetings below.
- EXCEPTION: You may skip the March 2027 meeting if you attended an ADN applicant meeting during the March 2026 or September 2026 application period.

Meetings start promptly at the times below.

Online meetings: Go to the ADN meeting https://www.alvincollege.edu/adn/applicant-meetings.html web page and click the ***2-Year ADN Applicant Meeting*** link to join the meeting at the scheduled time.

In-person meetings: Will be in Room S103 or Room S105 in the Health Science Building (Building S) on the Alvin College campus at the scheduled time. The maps at the end of this packet will guide you to the campus and the room.

APPLICANT MEETING SCHEDULE

(All dates/times subject to change.)

Time	Date	Location
2 pm	March 2, 2027 (Tuesday)	online
2 pm	March 16, 2027 (Tuesday)	in-person in S103
2 pm	March 23, 2027 (Tuesday)	in-person in S103
11 am	March 31, 2027 (Wednesday)	online

Note: The college is closed for Spring Break March 8 – March 12, 2027.

ALL APPLICATION STEPS ARE DUE BY 03-31-2027 at 4 PM (CT) INCLUDING:

- Official transcripts from all colleges attended received by the Alvin College Registrar.
- Satisfy TSI requirements.
- HESI-A2 scores received by the ADN office (exception: tests taken by the above deadline at Alvin College - we will wait for the scores to come in even if it is after the deadline)
- Proof of either the first two hep B shots or hep B immunity submitted to the ADN office. If "heplisav" shot, proof of only one shot is needed by the deadline.
- Attend one of the above applicant meetings. (Attending a **general information** meeting does **not** count.)
- Proof of health care occupation certification or licensure that shows an expiration date (if applicable).
- Submit an on-line application to the 2-year ADN program.

Completed Applications: Those who complete all ADN application steps by the nursing application deadline and meet minimum admission criteria are considered for admission. Being eligible for consideration does not guarantee an offer of admission. **It is your responsibility to verify steps were completed by checking your milestone completion status in your ConexED dashboard.** Make sure you have completed all ADN application steps by the deadline. **Only complete applications will be considered. Your application is *not* complete unless all of the above steps are completed and the nursing application submitted by the deadline.** You may contact the ADN office at nursing@alvincollege.edu or 281-756-5630. Email is the official means of communication between Alvin College and students or applicants!

Selection for Admission: Admission is competitive. After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to number of completed courses in the ADN curriculum, the GPA of those courses, and HESI-A2 test scores. Priority admission is given to applicants who: 1) achieve high HESI-A2 test scores; 2) have a high GPA in ADN curriculum courses, and 3) already completed BIOL-2420 and PSYC-2314. Additional consideration is given to applicants who: 1) complete ADN curriculum courses without repeating or withdrawing from courses within five years of the application deadline; 2) complete BIOL 2401/2402/2420 at Alvin College; 3) hold a Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university; 4) hold a current certification or license in a healthcare or veterinary related occupation; and, 5) reside in the Alvin College tax district.

Program Requirements: Program requirements are discussed during applicant meetings and published in the Alvin College Catalog. After initial acceptance and as a condition for final acceptance, applicants must pass two criminal background checks and one drug screen. Applicants must submit a BON declaratory order, outcome letter, or blue card to the ADN department, including applicants who answer "Yes" to any eligibility questions on the "Background Checks" page of this packet, no later than 30 days before start of class. All applicants who are accepted must complete a physical exam and submit proof of completing all required tests and immunizations, including completing the hepatitis-B series, by first day of class. All students must submit proof of hepatitis B immunity (a hepatitis B titer) and proof of health insurance by the end of their first semester in the program.

HESI-A2 Information

What is the HESI-A2?

The **HESI Admission Assessment (HESI-A2)** evaluates whether applicants have the knowledge and skills needed for success in nursing school. Health Education Systems, Inc. produces the tests.

All Alvin College nursing applicants must submit qualifying HESI-A2 scores. No exceptions. Other test scores, such as the TEAS exam, cannot be substituted.

Registration & Test Dates

- Register through **Alvin College Marketplace**: www.alvincollege.edu → Marketplace → Testing Center → HESI.
- Choose a test date **on or before the nursing application deadline**.
- HESI test dates are typically posted during the last week of the previous month.
- If your preferred date is unavailable, it may be full or not yet posted. Check back later or contact the Testing Center at **281-756-3526** or **assessment@alvincollege.edu**.
- If testing at another location, be sure to complete all required sections and allow enough time for your official scores to be sent to Alvin College.

Application Deadline

Testing at Alvin College

- You may test up to the nursing application deadline.
- Scores are automatically retrieved by the Nursing Department within approximately two days.
- Scores received after the deadline are acceptable if you tested at Alvin College by the deadline.

Testing Elsewhere

- Official HESI scores **must be received by the Nursing Department by the application deadline**.
- Score reports may take 10 business days or longer to arrive.
- Late reports will **not** be accepted.

Prometric Testing (at a testing center or online exams)

- Exam fee paid to Elsevier and costs more
- Takes several weeks to arrange the test and sign up **so may not be an option after the application period opens**.
- Email assessment@alvincollege.edu with your name, Evolve username, and date of birth. State that you are requesting to arrange a Prometric HESI exam and your deadline for taking the exam.
- After you are added to the Alvin College roster with Evolve, the testing center will send you the Department ID code that you need to sign up for the exam with Elsevier.
- Do not request the official transcript for Prometric exams arranged through Alvin College because we can retrieve those.

Required Scores

You must complete **all five sections**:

1. Math
2. Reading Comprehension
3. Vocabulary & General Knowledge
4. Grammar
5. Anatomy & Physiology

Multiple exams may be submitted but only exams that meet the requirement of 90+ days from any previous exam section attempt will be used. If an exam does not have all five required sections, additional exams that have the missing sections must be submitted.

Other sections may be taken but we recalculate your score based on the five sections we require.

Minimum Scores

- **Reading Comprehension:** 78%
- **Cumulative Score (average of the five required sections):** 78%

These are strict minimums. Scores are **not rounded up**.

Note: The Nursing Department does not use the Critical Thinking score.

Score Validity

- HESI scores must be **less than 5 years old** as of the application deadline.

Retaking the HESI-A2

- A minimum of **90 days** must pass before retaking any section.
- For section retakes completed **90+ days apart**, the **highest score** is used.
- Retakes completed **less than 90 days apart** will not be counted; the earlier score will be used instead.
- All retakes must still meet application deadlines and score requirements.

Cost

- **Alvin College:** $74 (subject to change).
- Other testing sites set their own fees.
- If testing elsewhere, you must also pay Elsevier to send an official score report to Alvin College.

Sending Scores to Alvin College

If You Test at Alvin College

- Scores are retrieved automatically.
- **Do not pay** to have Alvin College scores sent.

If You Test Elsewhere

- Request an official HESI transcript from Elsevier and have it emailed to **nursing@alvincollege.edu**.
- Link to Elsevier's instructions to request transcripts: https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/8093/kw/hesi%20transcript/supporthub/evolve/role/student/
- Allow at least seven business days for processing and the scores to be sent.
- Student-submitted score reports are **not accepted**.

Preparing for the HESI-A2

Recommended resources:

- **HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review (5th Edition)**
- Online study tools such as **Pocket Prep**
- Practice tests and resources available through the Alvin College Learning Lab (must be admitted to the college and logged into the POD)
- Alvin College does not offer HESI prep courses, but subject tutoring is available through the Learning Lab. The Learning Lab also hosts HESI workshops. Learning Lab contact info is at https://www.alvincollege.edu/learning-lab/

Additional Information

Testing Questions

For test dates, registration, refunds, cancellations, or testing procedures, contact the Testing Center at **281-756-3526** or email **assessment@alvincollege.edu**.

Testing Accommodations

Students needing testing accommodations should contact **Student Accessibility Services** at **281-756-5701** or **SAS@alvincollege.edu** before registering.

Applying to Multiple Nursing Schools

- Check whether other schools require the HESI to be taken on their campus.
- If so, you may test there and send an official score report to Alvin College.
- Ensure all five sections required by Alvin College are completed, even if another school requires fewer sections.

HESI A2 EXAM AT A GLANCE

Required for:	Subjects Tested (*you can select order*):	Number of Questions	Time
★ ADN ★ LVN ★ LVN-ADN Transition	★ Reading Comprehension ★ Grammar ★ Vocabulary ★ Math (*has on screen calculator*) ★ Anatomy & Physiology	55 55 55 55 30	**4 ½ HOURS TOTAL** ***(self-paced)***

QUALIFYING SCORES (***NOTE: scores will NOT be rounded up***)

ADN MINIMUM SCORES:	LVN MINIMUM SCORES:
➢ Reading Comprehension: 78 ➢ Cumulative (Average): 78	➢ Reading Comprehension: 70 ➢ Cumulative (Average): 65 ➢ BONUS: a MATH score of 85 will increase your ranking

FUTURE PLANNING

CURRENT RETAKE POLICY	CLASSES THAT HELP PREPARE FOR HESI
♦ 90+ day wait in between tests ♦ Scores valid for 5 years	♦ ENGL 1301 ♦ MATH Courses ♦ BIOL 2401 & 2402 (Anatomy & Physiology)

EVOLVE (www.evolve.elsevier.com)

Sign In --> Create Account --> Student

After registering, you will be assigned a username. Remember this username to test.

TAKING THE TEST

HOW TO REGISTER:	COST:	WHAT TO BRING TO TEST:
Alvin College Website --> Marketplace --> Testing *(availability is only posted for 1 month at a time)* **Alvin College Testing Center is located in Building A-152**	**$74** *price subject to change*	✓ Photo ID ✓ Know your assigned Evolve username & password

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Alvin College Nursing Recommends:	**Additional Suggestions**:
HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, ***5th Edition*** (*or most recent edition available*) ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Email: nursing@alvincollege.edu	▪ iTunes apps like pocketprep ▪ ***3 Evolve Reach HESI A2 Practice Tests*** by Kathy Zahler ▪ ***CliffsNotes Anatomy & Physiology Quick Review*** by Steven Bassett ▪ Quizlet.com ▪ There are MANY more online resources by searching HESI A2 ▪ Alvin College POD > Tutoring and Writing Center > Test Preparation Support Services > Other Practice Tests (See HESI A2 Information and practice tests)

Nursing (ADN), A.A.S.

(CIP 51.3801)

281-756-5630

Purpose: The program seeks to prepare graduates who are critical thinkers and competent practitioners. As Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) graduates, they will practice within the defined roles and competencies of the Associate Degree nurse. In response to community and societal needs, they will be prepared to care for individuals and families in structured settings. Courses are presented according to their content and effectiveness toward successful fulfillment of state board competencies.

Upon the successful completion of a minimum of two (2) academic years and all program requirements, the graduate is eligible to make application to write the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). The mission of the BON is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. The ACEN is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national accrediting body for all types of nursing education programs. The Associate Degree nursing program at Alvin College located in Alvin, Texas is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)
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1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10-200
Austin, TX 78701
512-305-7400
http://www.bon.texas.gov/

ACEN
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404-975-5000
https://www.acenursing.org/

A person who has been convicted of or received deferred adjudication for anything other than a minor traffic violation, has been diagnosed with mental illness, or has a history of substance abuse, should contact the Texas Board of Nursing for licensure eligibility criteria. Individuals with felonies are ineligible for admission to the ADN Program.

Admission Requirements:

A new class begins each fall and spring semester. Applications are available at www.alvincollege.edu/adn during the application period. Application periods are typically in March and September. Refer to the website for the specific dates of each application period. Qualified applicants are admitted according to space available. To be considered for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, the applicant must:

1. Be fully admitted to Alvin College.
2. Submit an ADN application to the ADN department during the application period.
3. Submit, by the application deadline, proof to the ADN department of having met the following minimum admission standards:
    a. HESI A2 test score of 78 or higher on the cumulative and a 78 or higher on the Reading section. The following HESI A2 sections must be taken: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy and Physiology. Section scores may be combined from more than one HESI A2 test. All HESI A2 section scores must be less than or equal to 5 years old as of the ADN application deadline. Beginning January 2022, ADN applicants may repeat individual HESI-A2 sections no less than 90 days apart. Students may submit two HESI-A2 exams from a twelve-month period. Each exam submitted must be at least 90 days from any prior HESI exam section attempt for the new section score to be considered. For any HESI-A2 section(s) repeated less than 90 days apart, the earlier section score is counted and the latter section score is not, regardless of which section score is the highest. For any HESI-A2 section(s) repeated 90 or more days apart, not exceeding the maximum of twice a calendar year, the highest section score is counted. For tests taken prior to January 2022, sections may be repeated no less than 30 days apart. For any HESI-A2 section(s) repeated less than 30 days apart, the earlier section score is counted and the latter section score is not, regardless of which section score is the highest. This policy applies regardless of the testing location.
    (The ADN department does not accept HESI A2 score reports from students. HESI A2 score reports are automatically available to the

ADN department if the HESI A2 is taken at Alvin College. If the HESI A2 is taken elsewhere, the applicant must pay a fee to Elsevier to have the official score report sent to the ADN department.)

b. TSI (Texas Success Initiative) requirement satisfied as determined by Alvin College's testing and placement policies. Transfer students must meet the transfer institution's TSI requirements if not enrolled at Alvin College.

c. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in nursing and nursing curriculum courses.

d. Receipt of at least two (2) of the three (3) immunizations for the conventional hepatitis B vaccination or one (1) of the two (2) immunizations for the HEPLISAV-B Vaccine or proof of Hepatitis B immunity (positive HBsAB) by application deadline. All vaccinations in either series must be completed by the start date of the program.

4. Attend one of the mandatory ADN Applicant meetings discussing specific program policies and requirements held during the application period.
5. Submit to the Alvin College Registrar's office official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended. No academic course with a grade below C is accepted for transfer credit in the ADN program. Academic courses include composition/written communication, social/behavioral/biological sciences, humanities, and visual/performing arts. Do not submit college transcripts to the nursing office. Applicants with credits from institutions outside the United States must have their foreign transcripts evaluated by one of the approved companies listed in the Evaluation of Credit from Foreign Institutions section of the College Catalog. The ADN department will use the evaluation company's report when assessing the applicant's foreign credits and grades. The applicant must submit the original evaluation report to either the ADN department or the Admissions Office by the nursing application deadline. Any out of state transcript must be evaluated by an advisor at least 45 days prior to the application deadline. Make an appointment at: Advising@alvincollege.edu.
6. Have completed or be in-progress taking the prerequisite courses of BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, PSYC 2301, and ENGL 1301.
7. Students are ineligible for admission if at the time of application transcripts reflect more than one (1) D or F in a nursing course or nursing curriculum science course (BIOL 2401, 2402, and 2420) taken within five years of the application deadline. This includes RNSG, VNSG, and BSN courses regardless if the course is in the Alvin College ADN curriculum. The student is ineligible even if the course is repeated and the student earns an A, B, or C in the subsequent attempt.
8. A student is ineligible for admission to the Alvin College nursing program if he/she has been dismissed for unprofessional or unethical conduct while previously enrolled in a health occupation program.

Selection for Admission

Admission to the ADN program is competitive. After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to the number of completed courses in the ADN curriculum, the GPA of those courses, and HESI A2 test scores. Priority admission is given to applicants who: 1) achieved high standardized test scores (HESI A2) and 2) earned a high GPA in the ADN curriculum academic coursework. Additional consideration is given to applicants who: 1) complete ADN curriculum courses without repeating or withdrawing from courses in the last five years from the application deadline; 2) complete ADN curriculum courses at Alvin College; 3) completed BIOL 2420; 4) hold a current certificate in a health profession (for example, but not limited to: CNA, CMA, EMT, dental assistant, etc.) 5) hold a Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university; and, 6) reside in the Alvin College tax district.

Program information:

1. BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 must be taken within five years of application deadline. BIOL courses completed more than five years prior to the application deadline must be repeated or the student may demonstrate competency through the National League for Nursing (NLN) exam. This exam may only be taken once and if the student does not pass on the first attempt the courses will have to be repeated. Contact the Testing Center for information about the examination.
2. The following (a-j) are requirements that must be completed after conditional acceptance in order to become fully accepted. There are specific instructions and deadlines for meeting them in the packet sent to all conditionally accepted applicants.
   a. Complete the prerequisite courses of BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, PSYC 2301, and ENGL 1301.
   b. Attend the ADN Program new student orientation.
   c. Complete two criminal background checks. A social security number is required and will be verified during the background checks. The first is a DPS/FBI background check that the Texas Board of Nursing requires on all accepted nursing students. The second background check is done by a private firm and is required by clinical affiliates. A satisfactory criminal background check as determined by the requirements of the Texas BON and clinical affiliates is required for final admission into the ADN program. See ADN application packet for further information about BON background check procedures. Individuals with felonies are ineligible for admission. A person with a criminal history other than a felony may be eligible to be considered for admission if:
      i. The Texas Board of Nursing indicates in a letter that a petition for "Declaratory Order" (DO) was received and the individual is eligible to apply to take the licensure examination. The BON website, www.bon.texas.gov, contains eligibility questions and the link to the Nurse Portal to submit the DO. And,
      ii. The ADN clinical affiliates permit the person to practice in their agency.
   d. CPR Certification from American Heart Association: Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers.
   e. Physical examination. Form provided by the department.
   f. Up-to-date immunizations as required by the Texas Department of Health and clinical affiliates (measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, varicella, complete hepatitis B series, seasonal flu). An immunity titer is required for hepatitis B at the end of the 1st semester for Traditional students and an immunity titer is required for hepatitis B at the beginning of the 1st semester for Transition students. Some clinical facilities require you to provide both your hepatitis B immunization records and your hepatitis B

titer. If you lack documentation for your hepatitis B immunizations, you may need to receive another hepatitis B shot to meet clinical compliance requirements at certain facilities. Additional immunization requirements may be required by the clinical facilities.

g. Negative tuberculin screen (yearly) [Initial testing must be a 2-step skin test or Quantiferon Gold blood test.]
h. Pay for and submit a urine drug screen. The screen must be negative in order to maintain accepted student status.
i. Purchase of a school uniform and lab supplies.
j. Health insurance is required beginning the 2nd semester for Traditional students and the 1st semester for Transition students.

3. Each student is required to pay for standardized, computerized exams administered throughout the program, as well as testing software used to administer unit and final exams.
4. Students attend various clinical sites in the Houston/Galveston region throughout the program. Clinical times/days vary each semester and include weekend and evening hours.
5. Statutory law (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53) requires the Alvin College nursing and allied health programs to notify prospective applicants and future healthcare professionals a licensing/credentialing authority may suspend or revoke a license/credential, disqualify a person from receiving a license/credential, or deny to a person the opportunity to take a licensing/credentialing examination on the grounds that the person has been convicted of certain criminal behavior.
6. Students who do not begin in the semester that they are offered admission, must reapply to the nursing program during the next application period.

Transfer of Nursing Credits:

1. Courses accepted for transfer must be similar in content and credit to the Alvin College course(s).
2. No grade below a "B" in any (RNSG) nursing course is accepted for transfer.
3. Transfer applicants who, in the last 2 years, were enrolled in a professional nursing program and attempted/completed nursing course(s) with clinical component(s), are considered for admission on a space available basis. Applicants must:
   a. Apply and meet the criteria for admission to the ADN program at Alvin College during an application period.
   b. Have a written recommendation from the Dean/Director of their previous nursing program.
   c. Demonstrate competency in previously completed nursing courses prior to admission through our Prior Learning Assessment process. Applicants will take a written departmental examination and a clinical skills competency demonstration to be awarded transfer credit. The tests will be administered once per semester and evaluated by a faculty review committee. Contact the department for test dates.

Progression / Dismissal Policies:

1. Students will abide by the current ADN admission, curriculum, and program requirements at the time they are admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
2. Once a student has enrolled in the ADN Program, all nursing courses and related courses must be completed in proper sequence as shown in the catalog and degree plan. The program must be completed within three (3) years of the initial acceptance.
3. No grade below a C in nursing curriculum science and nursing courses will be acceptable for progression.
4. In order to receive a grade of C, a minimum grade of 75% must be attained in each nursing course.
5. Once enrolled in the ADN program, it is expected that enrollment is continuous. Students with a break in enrollment must apply for readmission. A break in enrollment includes: 1) Receipt of a grade of D, F, or W in a nursing course requiring a repeat of the course, 2) Withdrawal from a nursing course with a clinical component, and/or 3) Non-enrollment in a nursing course for one (1) or more semesters (excluding summer).
6. A student who withdraws from a nursing course with a related clinical component must withdraw from the corresponding course.
7. A student who receives a grade of D or F in a nursing course with a related clinical component will be assigned the grade of "R" in the corresponding course. The student must, if eligible, re-enroll in both the theory and clinical sections of that course. Each semester's co-requisite RNSG courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C in order to progress.
8. A student must achieve an overall GPA of 2.0 in all courses in the nursing curriculum in order to progress to the next nursing course.
9. A student will be terminated from the ADN Program if he/she has received more than one (1) D or F in a nursing course. This includes courses which have been repeated and a passing grade (A, B, or C) received in a subsequent attempt, regardless of the college or university where the initial grade (D or F) was received.
10. Co-requisite courses must be completed for a student to progress to the next semester.
11. A student requiring hospitalization, has a serious illness, is pregnant, or sustains an injury may be required to obtain a written statement from his/her physician verifying the health status of the student is adequate for performance in class, lab, and in the clinical setting. A student may not be allowed to return to the clinical or lab area if he/she is unable to perform the required job functions or if he/she must be on medications which may interfere with his/her ability to perform satisfactorily.
12. Due to the physical nature of the profession, technical standards, and job requirements, there is no "light duty" in this program. If a student cannot perform the required duties for any reason, the student will be required to withdraw in good standing and return as soon as the student is cleared by his/her physician, when the course is offered again. A plan for completion will be established that meets the needs of the student and the college time line.
13. A student may be dismissed from the program for demonstration of unprofessional and unsafe behaviors as described in the Texas Administrative Code 215.8. When dismissed, a grade of "F" will be assigned to the RNSG course where the behavior occurred. A "W" will be

assigned to any other RNSG courses taken concurrently.

14. A student may be dismissed from the program for academic dishonesty. When dismissed, a grade of "F" will be assigned to the RNSG course where the behavior occurred. A "W" will be assigned to any other RNSG courses taken concurrently.
15. Notification by the BON that a student has been involved in criminal activity may result in temporary withdrawal or termination from the ADN program.

Readmission: Students may be readmitted to the ADN Program ONCE after withdrawal or failure of a course.

1. Once enrolled in the ADN program, a student who receives a D, F, or W in a nursing course or drops a nursing course, must, if eligible apply for readmission.
2. Students are readmitted on a space available basis and on the student's compliance with conditions/requirements established by the Director. These requirements may include remediation in academic course work, repeat of nursing course(s) previously taken, or documentation of recovery from illness. Inability to meet the readmission stipulations may be grounds for denial or permanent dismissal from the program.
3. Students applying for readmission must apply in writing to the Director at least 30 days prior to the semester in which readmission is desired. Include the following information: Date of withdrawal from the Program; primary reason(s) for withdrawal from the Program; understanding of the requirements for readmission at the time of withdrawal; ways in which recommendations at the time of withdrawal have been completed; and what has been done to improve chances for successful completion.
4. A student who has withdrawn from the ADN program during the first semester must reapply during the program application period and be ranked with that applicant pool.
5. Evidence of competency in previously completed nursing courses will be required prior to readmission. This will be accomplished through an examination and a clinical skills competency demonstration. Tests will be administered once per semester and evaluated by a faculty review committee. Contact the Director for test dates.
6. Re-entering students must abide by the current admission, curriculum and program requirements of the department.
7. Following a second withdrawal from the program, a student will not be readmitted. Students may petition for re-admission when a withdrawal occurs because of a catastrophic event. The student must have had a passing grade in the RNSG course at the time of withdrawal. Petition will be considered by a faculty review committee.
8. The department reserves the right to deny readmission to a student who discontinued the program due to academic dishonesty or exhibited unsafe and/or unprofessional behavior. The decision to deny or accept readmission will be made by a faculty review committee.
9. Students who are unsuccessful in a professional nursing program and subsequently complete a vocational nursing program are eligible to apply to the LVN-ADN Transition track. Eligibility penalties for the "D's, F's or W's" earned in nursing courses while previously enrolled in the professional nursing program are eliminated for these students. Grades of "D" or "F" still apply for BIOL.
10. All courses must be completed within three (3) years of original enrollment date into the ADN program.

The following courses have been adopted by THECB as part of a Field of Study Curriculum in Nursing: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, MATH 1342, ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, and BIOL 1322/HECO 1322 . The Nursing FOS is intended for the generic baccalaureate degree seeking student.

Prerequisites

- BIOL 2401 - Anatomy and Physiology I **4 Course Credits** Δ +
- BIOL 2402 - Anatomy and Physiology II **4 Course Credits** Δ +
- ENGL 1301 - Composition I **3 Course Credits** Δ +
- PSYC 2301 - General Psychology **3 Course Credits** Δ +

Semester Credits: 14

First Year

First Semester

- PSYC 2314 - Lifespan Growth and Development **3 Course Credits** Δ**
- RNSG 1219 - Integrated Nursing Skills I **2 Course Credits**
- RNSG 1260 - Clinical RN I **2 Course Credits**
- RNSG 1523 - Intro to Prof Nur for Integrated Program **5 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 12

Second Semester

- BIOL 2420 - Microbiology for Non-Science Majors **4 Course Credits** Δ **
- RNSG 1129 - Integrated Nursing Skills II **1 Course Credits**
- RNSG 1461 - Clinical II RN **4 Course Credits**
- RNSG 2504 - Integrated Care - Common Needs **5 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 14

Second Year

First Semester

- Select 3 Course Credits from Creative Arts Core Curriculum **+

  or
- Select 3 Course Credits from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum **+
- RNSG 2462 - Clinical III RN **4 Course Credits**
- RNSG 2514 - Integrated Care - Complex Needs **5 Course Credits**

Semester Credits: 12

Second Semester

- RNSG 2435 - Integrated Care - Management **4 Course Credits**
- RNSG 2463 - Clinical-RN IV **4 Course Credits** *

Semester Credits: 8

Total Credits Required for A.A.S. Nursing: 60

+ Denotes core requirement. Speak with Department Chair or Pathways Advisor for proper course selection.

* Capstone Course

Δ Field of Study Curriculum course.

** May be taken prior to admission to the ADN program.

Priority admission for applicants who:

1. achieved high standardized test scores, and
2. earned a high grade point average in the ADN curriculum academic coursework.

Statutory law (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53) requires the Alvin College nursing and allied health programs to notify prospective applicants and future healthcare professionals a licensing/credentialing authority may suspend or revoke a license/ credential, disqualify a person from receiving a license/credential, or deny to a person the opportunity to take a licensing/credentialing examination on the grounds that the person has been convicted of certain criminal behavior.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Two clear background checks are required **as a condition of full acceptance** after initial acceptance into an Alvin College nursing program and before you may enroll in any nursing course that has a clinical component: (1) a DPS/FBI background check conducted by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON); and (2) a background check by a private company, which is required by clinical affiliates.

A Petition for Declaratory Order (DO) is a formal disclosure to the Board of Nursing of an eligibility issue that may prevent an applicant from taking the NCLEX and receiving initial licensure. **The DO permits the Board to make a decision regarding a petitioner's eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program.**

A Petition for DO should only be submitted after receiving an outcome letter requesting it, or if you received a Blue Card, BUT have to disclose a non-CBC related eligibility issue (i.e. answering "yes" to any questions other than Question 4).

You should submit the **DO & $150** if:

- You submitted fingerprints as part of the New/Accepted Student Roster process & you received an outcome letter from the Board requesting the submission of the DO & $150.

You should submit the **DO ONLY** if:

- You submitted fingerprints as part of the New/Accepted Student Roster process & received a Blue Card, **BUT** have to disclose a non-CBC related eligibility issue (i.e. answering "yes" to any question other than Question 4 on the following license eligibility questions).

You will need to contact the Board for specific instructions on submitting the DO without the $150 payment. Please send an email with your name, DOB, and last 4 of your SSN to webmaster@bon.texas.gov. The subject line should be DO – Payment Bypass.

The Petition for DO must be submitted electronically via the Nurse Portal (https://www.bon.texas.gov/texasnurseportal/).

If you submit a Petition, the BON will investigate your case and then send you a letter stating whether you are eligible to sit for the NCLEX licensure exam. If the BON letter says you are eligible to sit for the licensure exam, you must submit the letter to the nursing department no later than 30 days before first day of class. If you do not have the BON letter by 30 days before first day of class, you will not be eligible to enroll in the nursing program, and you will have to re-apply to the next nursing program after you do receive the BON letter.

You are eligible for admission into an Alvin College nursing program only after you: (1) Submit the Petition for Declaratory Order form to the BON; (2) Receive the BON outcome letter verifying your eligibility for future licensure; (3) Submit the BON outcome letter to the nursing department no later than 30 days before first day of class; and (4) meet the minimum standards set by clinical affiliates.

If you know you have an issue that will require disclosure, you may begin gathering necessary documentation and writing a letter of explanation. However, you should wait for the outcome letter requesting the Petition for DO, or a Blue Card, IF you have to disclose a non-CBC related eligibility issue (i.e. answering "yes" to any question other than Question 4 on the following license eligibility questions).

Satisfactory criminal background check findings are determined by the licensure eligibility criteria established by the BON and standards mandated by clinical affiliates and ADN program policy.

Applicants who are convicted of a felony, appealing a felony conviction, have a deferred adjudication felony, or are on parole for a felony, are not eligible for admission to Alvin Community College nursing programs. "Conviction" is defined in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213, RULE §213.1, #12

This policy is applicable even if a prospective student has filed a "Petition for Declaratory Order" with the BON and received BON consent to sit for the NCLEX-RN after graduation from an approved ADN program.

Texas Board of Nursing (BON) Licensure Eligibility Questions

1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?

3. Have you, in the last 5 years*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

4. For any criminal offense*, including those pending appeal, have you:
(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal application.)

A. been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
B. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
C. been convicted of a felony?
D. pled nolo contendre, no contest, or guilty?
E. received deferred adjudication?
F. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
G. been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
H. been granted pre-trial diversion?
I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offense, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure: Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multistate privilege to practice that you held?

6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?

7. *Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

8. *Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program? (This includes all confidential programs)

NOTE: Any positive response will remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure unless required by law.

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?

NOTE: This does not apply to any nursing license(s) issued by another US state or territory, excluding Puerto Rico. If you were licensed in Puerto Rico, you should be answering yes.

*Pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code §301.207, information, including diagnosis and treatment, regarding an individual's physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individual's criminal history is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Texas Occupations Code §301.466.

ALVIN COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

APPROXIMATE COST for 2-YEAR ADN PROGRAM

Semester	RNSG Credit Hours	Alvin College Tuition			Alvin College Fees	Course Fees	Required Texts	Additional Expenses *see below*	TOTALS		
		In-district	Out-of-district	Out-of-state					In-district	Out-of-district	Out-of-state
FIRST	9	459	918	1395	311	591	245	1075	2,681	3,140	3,617
SECOND	10	510	1020	1550	321	611	265	50	1,757	2,267	2,797
THIRD	9	459	918	1395	311	529			1,299	1,758	2,235
FOURTH	8	408	816	1240	301	529	123	974	2,335	2,743	3,167
TOTAL	**36**	**$1,836**	**$3,672**	**$5,580**	**$1,244**	**$2,260**	**$633**	**$2,099**	**$8,072**	**$9,908**	**$11,816**

Costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Costs <u>for nursing courses only</u> (courses starting with "RNSG"); non-nursing courses are extra

Approximate costs for <u>required</u> nursing texts only; optional nursing texts are extra

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

1st Semester	Cost
Uniform+shoes (varies by size and gender)	315
Nurse Pack	325
Supplies-(Stethoscope, Scissors, etc)	96
ANSA dues	10
Criminal Background Check + Drug Screen and Health Portal - Complio	115
Criminal Background Check - BON DPS/FBI	40
CPR certification	100
HESI-A2 test fee	74
Apple iPad, Kindle, or Tablet	varies
Physical exam, TB test, immunizations	varies
Subtotal	**$1,075**

2nd Semester	Cost
Health Insurance	varies
Mandatory Hepatitis-B titer (cost varies)	50
Subtotal	**$50**
Last Semester	**Cost**
Licensure Application fee - Texas BON	100
NCLEX-RN Registration	350
NCLEX-RN Review Course (recommended)	400
Pictures for Licensure	27
Associate Degree Nursing Pin	40
Lamp for Pinning Ceremony	20
Graduation Cap and Gow n	37
Subtotal	**$974**

Alvin College may change tuition rates and other fees without notice or when so directed by the Board of Regents.

Please contact the college business office if you need an exact cost listing for financial aid purposes.

Check with your health care provider regarding costs of physical exam, TB screen & immunizations.

Transportation costs and parking fees at clinical sites vary depending on clinical sites attended.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How do I get an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) application?** There is no paper application form; you must apply online at the ADN web page: https://www.alvincollege.edu/adn/ during a nursing application period. Please see the ADN web page for application period dates. You must be admitted to Alvin College before you can apply to ADN.

2. **When does the program begin?** 2-year ADN programs begin every August and January. One-year LVN-to-ADN Transition programs begin every summer and fall semester (usually June and August).

3. **What are the requirements for admission?** Please see the ADN admission requirements in the current Alvin College catalog and ADN application instructions. All ADN applicants must meet minimum admission requirements for both the COLLEGE and the ADN PROGRAM to be eligible for consideration for acceptance into an ADN program.

4. **What are the prerequisite courses?** The 2-year program prerequisites are BIOL-2401, BIOL-2402, ENGL-1301 and PSYC 2301. The Transition prerequisites are BIOL-2401, BIOL-2402, BIOL-2420, ENGL-1301, PSYC-2301 and PSYC-2314. You may apply to a nursing program while "in progress" in prerequisites, but if you are accepted into a nursing program, you must have passing grades in all the prerequisites before the nursing program starts. Any "in progress" prerequisite courses are not counted in your GPA when ranking you against other applicants.

5. **What admission test is used for nursing?** All ADN applicants must take the HESI-A2 entrance exam, which is mandatory regardless of educational background - no exceptions. Acceptable HESI-A2 scores must be submitted to the ADN department by the ADN application deadline. Required minimum scores: at least 78 on the cumulative score and at least 78 on the reading section. All of these sections must be taken: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy and Physiology. The HESI-A2 must be taken within 5 years of the ADN application deadline. We do not accept HESI score reports from students. See the ADN application instructions for more details on the HESI exam.

6. **How are students selected for admission?** Admission is competitive. After the application deadline, applicants are ranked primarily according to the number of completed courses in the ADN curriculum, the GPA of those courses (GPA must be at least 3.0), and HESI A2 test scores (see minimum scores above). Priority admission is given to applicants who: 1) achieve high HESI A2 scores; 2) have a high grade point average in ADN curriculum academic coursework; and 3) completed BIOL-2420 and PSYC-2314. Additional consideration is given to applicants who: 1) complete ADN curriculum courses without repeating or withdrawing from courses in the last five years from the application deadline; 2) complete ADN curriculum courses at Alvin College; 3) hold a Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university; 4) hold a current certification or license in a healthcare or veterinary related occupation; and, 5) reside in the Alvin College tax district.

   To get a high ranking, you should have a high GPA in as many ADN curriculum courses as possible, and achieve high HESI-A2 scores. We do not count grades of courses that are not part of the ADN curriculum. Admission is very competitive, and students accepted into the program usually have completed many ADN curriculum courses with an A or B grade and have HESI scores significantly higher than the required minimum scores.

7. **How do I calculate my GPA?** To find out whether your GPA meets the minimum requirement of 3.0, go to a GPA calculator web page. Put in grades for all the non-RNSG courses you have that are in our ADN degree plan. If you repeated a course, only put in the highest grade you made for that course. Allowed electives are in the box at the bottom of the "catalog" page in the packet. If you have more than one elective, only put the highest grade you made in ONE elective. DO NOT put in grades for any other courses. For each course, put the letter grade (A, B, C, D) in the left column and the course's number of credit hours in the right column. Click the "Calculate" button after entering all your grades. The GPA must be 3.0 or higher for you to be eligible to apply to the ADN program. If a course was previously completed and a repeat is in-progress, the original course grade is used in calculating the GPA until the repeat is complete. Grades posted after the application period deadline will NOT count in the GPA.

8. **What courses can I take before starting the ADN program?** You may take some or all the general education (non-RNSG) courses ahead of time, with the requirement that all prerequisites must be completed before starting an ADN program. Applicants who complete many general education courses with a high GPA will rank higher in the admission process. Whatever grades you have in general education courses at the time you apply, the GPA of those grades must be at least 3.0. "In-progress" courses, or grades awarded after the nursing application deadline, are not counted in your GPA in the ranking process.

9. **Will courses from other colleges transfer to the Alvin College ADN program?** Courses are eligible for transfer from regionally accredited colleges and universities when content and credit hours are equivalent to the courses in the ADN curriculum. Transferred general education (non-RNSG) courses must have a grade of "C" or better. Transferred nursing courses must have a grade of "B" or better. Please see information in the "Transfer of Nursing Credits" section of the College Catalog for details on transferring nursing courses.

10. **Is there a time limit on courses?** BIOL 2401 and 2402 courses more than 5 years old as of the nursing application deadline must either be repeated, or you must pass a competency exam for A&P 1 & 2 (the *NLN* A&P exam – score must be 75 or higher to pass). If you pass the competency exam(s), your old BIOL grade(s) will be used when ranking you against other applicants. Call the Testing Center 281-756-3526 for information about competency exams. **Applicants are limited to one NLN A&P exam attempt each 12 months. If the exam is taken more than one time in a 12-month period, the earlier score will be used.** See the "Transfer of Nursing Credits" section of the College Catalog for details about time limits on nursing courses.

11. **How long does it take to finish the nursing program?** 2-year ADN: Once enrolled in the first nursing course, the ADN program takes 21 months during four 16 week semesters (no summer RNSG courses). LVN-ADN Transition: Once enrolled in the first nursing course, the Transition Program takes one year.

12. **Can I work while I am in a nursing program?** The nursing program is very demanding in terms of time and effort. Depending on the semester, the classroom, lab and clinical hours will total 17-20 hours/week. In addition, students should spend at least three hours of outside study time for each hour spent in class. While some students are employed during their enrollment, a full-time work schedule of 40 hours/week is difficult to maintain. Work schedules must be planned around classroom and clinical requirements and must also be flexible since lecture and clinical hours may change from semester to semester.

13. **What are the days & hours of nursing classes?** Nursing classes are generally scheduled for four or five days per week: two to three short days and two long days. Nursing theory courses meet two or three days/week for 2-5 hours/day and are usually between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm. Clinical/lab days are 6 to12 hours long and are held either in the campus skills lab or in a hospital or other clinical agency in the Houston/Galveston area. Clinical start/end times vary from semester to semester, but are usually between 6 am and 6 pm. Some clinical rotations may be during evenings, nights, or weekends.

14. **How much does the nursing program cost?** The approximate cost for tuition, fees, required textbooks and supplies for the entire 2-year program of RNSG courses is approximately $8,000 if you live in-district or $9,900 if you live out of district (see cost breakdown page in the application packet). Costs for non-RNSG courses in the ADN degree are extra. Costs for the following items are also extra: physical exam, tuberculosis test, immunizations & titers, health insurance, a smart device (tablet or smart phone), and optional textbooks. These extra costs are too variable to include in the above estimates; you will need to estimate these extra costs yourself based on your personal situation. Alvin College may change tuition rates and other fees without notice or when so directed by the Board of Regents.

15. **What is the current job market for nurses?** Nursing is the largest healthcare occupation with more than 2 million jobs. According to government statistics, it is one of ten occupations projected to have the greatest number of new jobs.

16. **What is the salary potential for a new graduate nurse?** Earnings vary according to location and schedule worked. Starting salaries average just over $50,000/year.

17. **Is financial aid available?** Students can apply for scholarships, grants and loans through the Financial Aid Office 281-756-3524. Alvin College Financial aid web page: https://www.alvincollege.edu/financial-aid/

18. **What are the physical requirements to enter the nursing program?** The student must be in good health and not pose a threat to the health and safety of themselves or others. For more details, see section "ADA and Performance Requirements" in the *ADN Student Handbook* in the Student Resources section on the ADN web page. After an applicant is accepted into the program, they must undergo a physical examination and submit a completed and signed "Statement of Fitness" form to the nursing office.

19. **Do I need to have health insurance?** Yes - clinical sites require students to have health insurance by the end of the first semester in the program. The clinical sites do not specify the type or extent of coverage you should buy; they just require you to be covered by a health insurance policy. Not having health insurance may prevent you from attending clinicals and prevent you from progressing in the nursing program.

20. **IMPORTANT - HEPATITIS B SHOTS:** You must turn in proof of at least your first two hepatitis B shots or proof of hep B immunity by the nursing application deadline. There is no time limit on hepatitis B shots; childhood hep B shot record is acceptable. There is a 5-year time limit on the hep B immunity report. You will be told of other immunizations and medical tests to turn in only if you are accepted into a nursing program. All students must submit hep B immunity report (called a hep B titer) by the end of their first semester in the program.

Are there legal limitations for ADN program admission and licensure? Yes! If you have a history of criminal, psychiatric, or substance abuse events, the "Background Checks" page in the ADN application packet will tell you what to do. Applicants convicted of a felony, appealing a felony conviction, have a deferred adjudication felony, or on parole for a felony, are not eligible for admission to Alvin College nursing programs. "Conviction" is defined in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 213, RULE §213.1, #12

BON LAWFUL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT: Texas Board of Nursing Rule 217.8 requires applicants for nursing licensure to verify U.S. citizenship or lawful presence and authorization to legally work in the United States before a nursing license may be issued or renewed. Students who are unable to meet these requirements may complete the nursing program but may be ineligible to obtain a Texas nursing license and therefore may be unable to practice as a licensed nurse in Texas.
BON lawful presence requirements may be viewed at https://www.bon.texas.gov/guidance_lawful_presence.asp.html

If you have further questions, you are welcome to contact the ADN department
nursing@alvincollege.edu 281-756-5630

ELECTIVES - COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The ADN degree requires ONE core 40 or 50 elective course which can be taken either before or during the nursing program. We will count the elective with the highest grade when ranking you during the nursing admission process. The elective must be on the list below. Classes designated core 40 or core 50 at other colleges in Texas may also be considered.

If you do not see a course number on the list below matching an elective you already have, use the course descriptions as a guide. You may also call the Admissions department 281-756-3531 for assistance in determining whether your elective is on the list below.

Language, Philosophy & Culture

COMM 1307 - Introduction to Mass Communication (3 credits) - Survey of basic content and structural elements of mass media and their functions and influences on society. (3 lecture hours per week).

ENGL 2322 - British Literature I (3 credits) - A survey of the development of British literature from the Anglo-Saxon period to the Eighteenth Century. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical, linguistic, and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

ENGL 2323 - British Literature II (3 credits) - A survey of the development of British literature from the Romantic period to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

ENGL 2327 - American Literature I (3 credits) - A survey of American literature from the period of exploration and settlement through the Civil War. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character. (3 lecture hours per week)

ENGL 2328 - American Literature II (3 credits) - A survey of American literature from the Civil War to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from among a diverse group of authors for what they reflect and reveal about the evolving American experience and character. (3 lecture hours per week)

ENGL 2332 - World Literature I (3 credits) - A survey of world literature from the ancient world through the sixteenth century. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

ENGL 2333 - World Literature II (3 credits) - A survey of world literature from the seventeenth century to the present. Students will study works of prose, poetry, drama, and fiction in relation to their historical and cultural contexts. Texts will be selected from a diverse group of authors and traditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

FREN 2311 - Intermediate French I (3 credits) - This course provides a review and application of skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. It emphasizes conversation, vocabulary acquisition, reading, composition, and culture. (3 lecture and 1 lab hour per week)

FREN 2312 - French II (3 credits) - This course provides a review and application of skills in listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing. It emphasizes conversation, vocabulary acquisition, reading, composition, and culture. (3 lecture and 1 lab hour per week)

HUMA 1301 - Introduction to Humanities I (3 credits) - This stand-alone course is an interdisciplinary survey of cultures focusing on the philosophical and aesthetic factors in human values with an emphasis on the historical development of the individual and society and the need to create. (3 lecture hours per week).

HUMA 1302 - Introduction to Humanities II (3 credits) - This stand-alone course is an interdisciplinary survey of cultures focusing on the philosophical and aesthetic factors in human values with an emphasis on the historical development of the individual and society and the need to create. (3 lecture hours per week).

PHIL 1301 - Introduction to Philosophy (3 credits) - A study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications. (3 lecture hours per week)

PHIL 1304 - Introduction to World Religions (3 credits) - A comparative study of world religions, including but not limited to Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, Sikhism, Jainism, and Shinto. (3 lecture hours per week)

PHIL 2306 - Introduction to Ethics (3 credits) - The systematic evaluation of classical and/or contemporary ethical theories concerning the good life, human conduct in society, morals, and standards of value. (3 lecture hours per week)

SPAN 2311 - Intermediate Spanish I (3 credits) - This course consolidates skills acquired at the introductory (beginning) level. It provides further development of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. It emphasizes comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. (3 lecture and 1 lab hour per week).

SPAN 2312 - Intermediate Spanish II (3 credits) - This course continues the consolidation of skills acquired at the introductory (beginning) level. It provides further development of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing. It emphasizes comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish speaking world. (3 lecture and 1 lab hours per week).

SPAN 2313 - Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers I (3 credits) - This course builds upon existing oral proficiencies of heritage speakers of Spanish. Enhances proficiencies in the home - based language by developing a full range of registers including public speaking and formal written discourse. Emphasis on comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish - speaking world. (3 lecture hours and 1 lab hour per week)

SPAN 2315 - Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers II (3 credits) - This course builds upon existing oral proficiencies of heritage speakers of Spanish. It enhances proficiencies in the home-based language by developing a full range of registers including public speaking and formal written discourse. It emphasizes comprehension, appreciation, and interpretation of the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world. (3 lecture hours and 1 lab hour per week).

Creative Arts

ARTS 1301 - Art Appreciation (3 credits) - A general introduction to the visual arts designed to create an appreciation of the vocabulary, media, techniques, and purposes of the creative process. (3 lecture hours per week).

ARTS 1303 - Art History I (3 credits) - A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from prehistoric times to the 14th century. (3 lecture hours per week).

ARTS 1304 - Art History II (3 credits) - A chronological analysis of the historical and cultural contexts of the visual arts from the 14th century to the present day. (3 lecture hours per week).

COMM 2366 - Introduction to Cinema (3 credits) - Survey and analyze cinema including history, film techniques, production procedures, elected motion pictures, and cinema's impact on and reflection of society. (2 lecture and 4 lab hours per week).

DRAM 1310 - Introduction to Theater (3 credits) - Survey of theater including its history, dramatic works, stage techniques, production procedures, and relation to other art forms. Participation in productions may be required. (3 lecture and 2 lab hours per week).

DRAM 2362 - History of the Theater II (3 credits) - Study of the history of the theater from the Renaissance through today. (3 lecture hours per week).

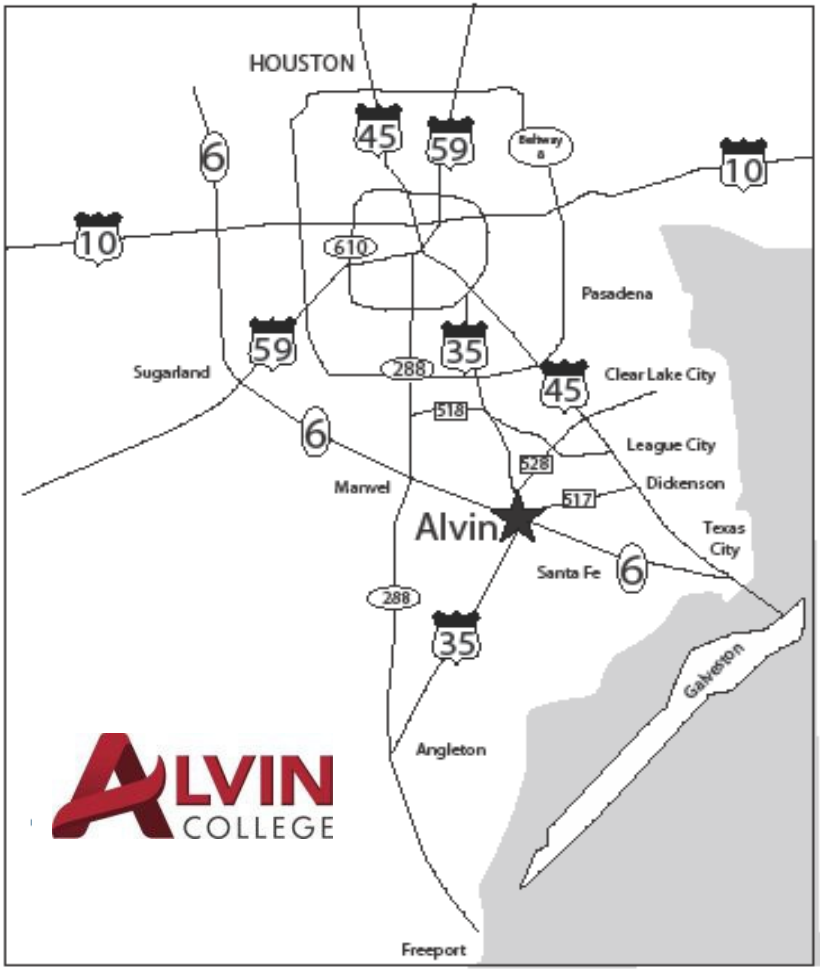
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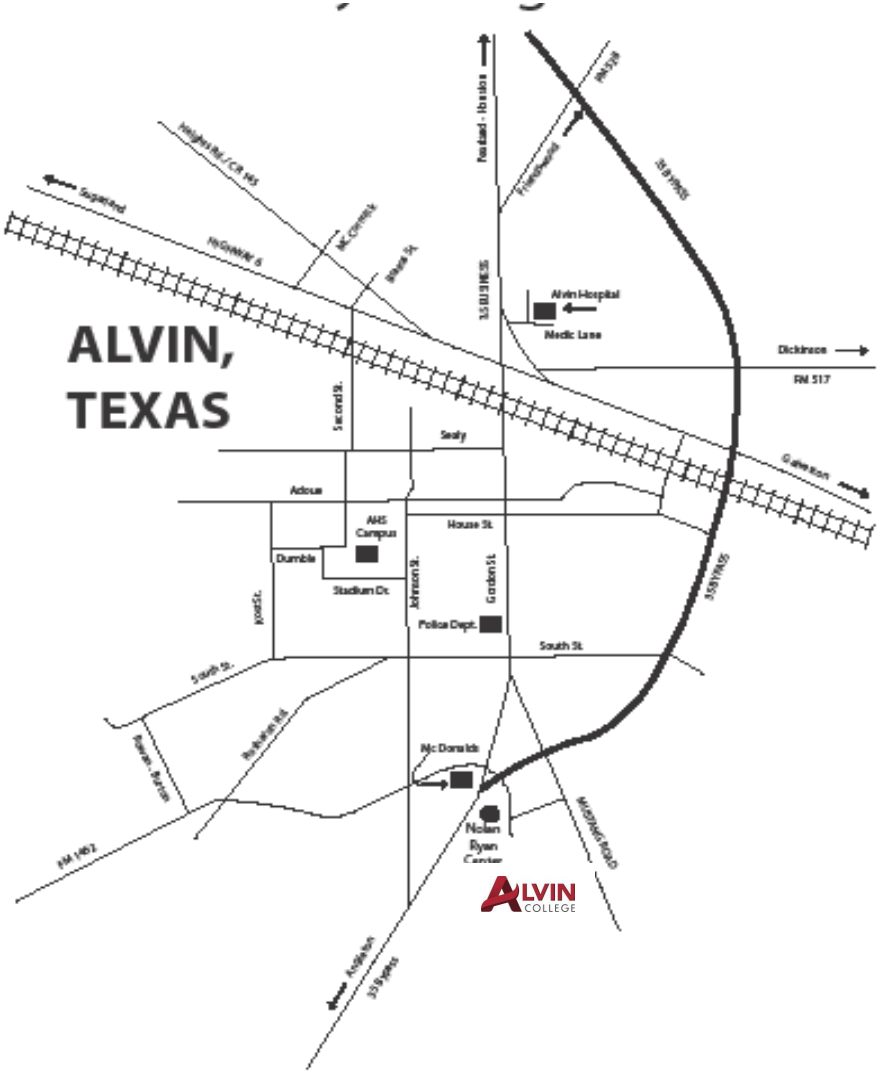
MUSI 1306 - Music Appreciation (3 credits) - Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements. Illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music major degree.) (3 lecture hours per week).

MUSI 1307 - Music Literature (3 credits) - A survey of the styles and forms of music as it developed from the middle ages to the present. This course will familiarize the student with cultural context, terminology, genres, and notation. (3 lecture hours per week).

MUSI 1310 - American Music (3 credits) - General survey of various styles of music in America. Topics may include jazz, ragtime, folk, rock, and contemporary art music. (3 lecture hours per week).

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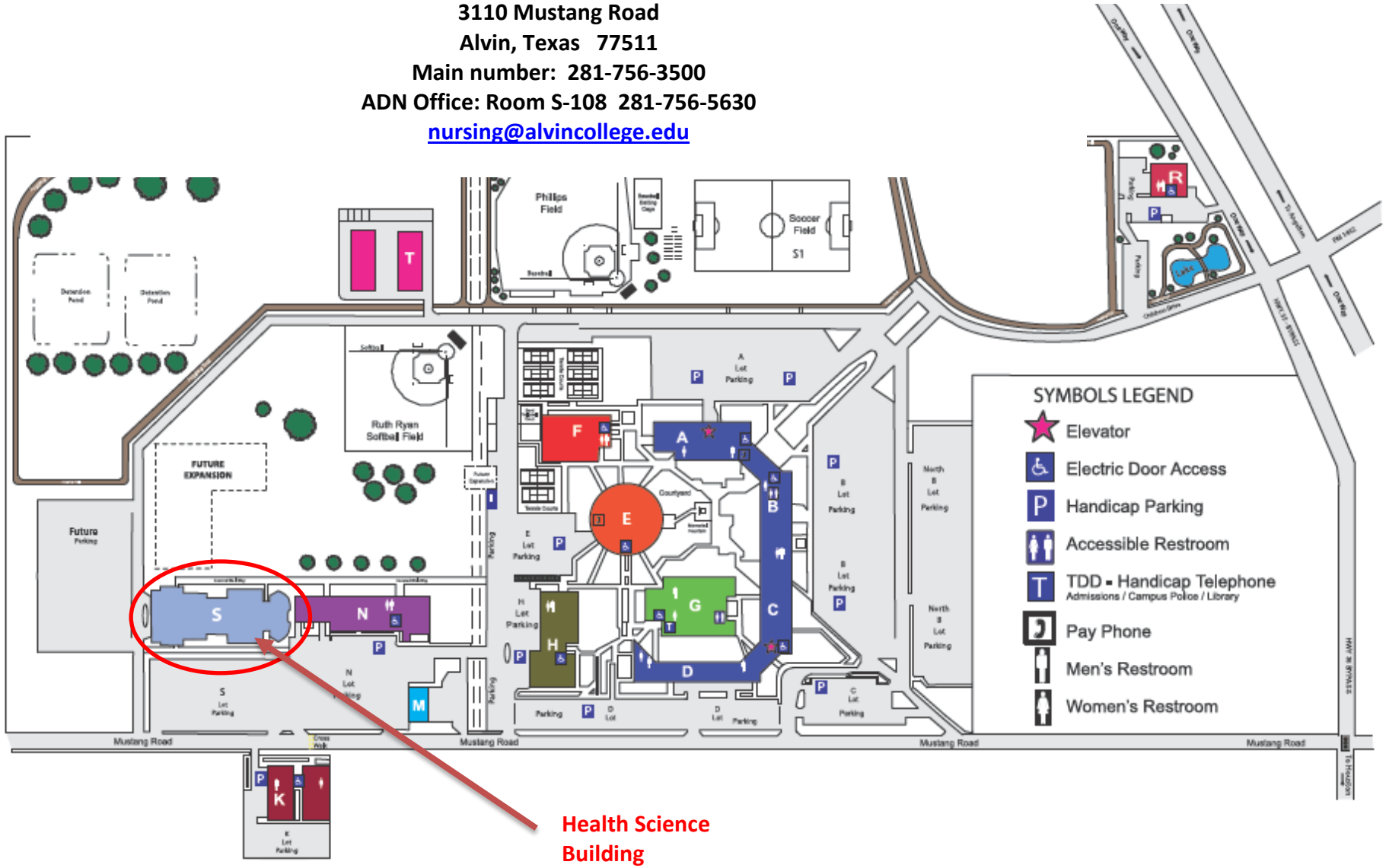


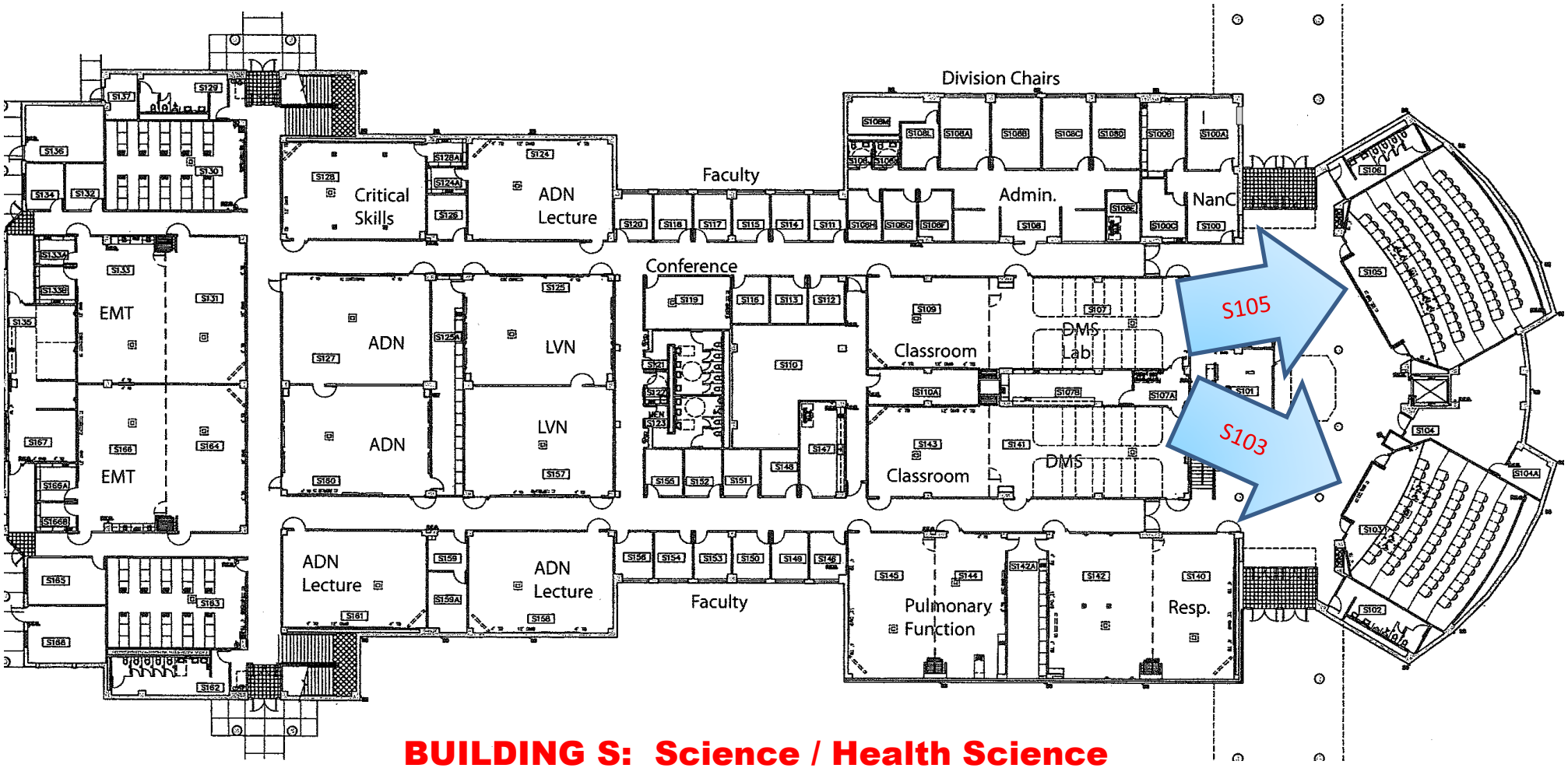
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From Galveston, use Hwy. 6 to reach Hwy. 35 Bypass. From Angleton and points south, use Hwy. 35.

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