

The UTRGV School of Nursing's Early Applicant Selection and Acceptance BSN Generic Applicant Guidelines and Instructions

Early Selection and Acceptance Description:

There are two tiers of acceptance letters that will go out to Generic BSN applicants starting with the Spring 2027 cycle (estimated dates for these two selection tiers are posted under the cycle dates under [“When and How to Apply”](#)).

- **Tier one:** is for Generic BSN Applicants who meet the early selection requirements below.
- **Tier two:** is for all remaining qualified BSN Generic and all the 2nd degree BSN Applicants as regularly scheduled each cycle.

The early selection and acceptance process identifies **high-ranking Generic BSN applicants (90+ points)** who have completed all application eligibility requirements, and the special “early selection” requirements listed below before the cycle closing date and any noted deadlines. There will be no rounding up to 90. Applicants who rank score is 90 or above, but did not meet the eligibility requirements below, including missing any deadlines, will be reviewed by UAPG during the regular Tier 2 selection process.

All applicants, including those who qualify for early selection, must still meet the [Application Eligibility and Admission Requirements](#).

The high-ranked Generic BSN applicants will be reviewed by the School of Nursing's Early Select team, and eligible applicants who are selected receive acceptance letters approximately **30-45 business days after the cycle closes (timeline subject to change)**.

All other applicants who did not receive an acceptance letter during the Tier 1 selection, will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Admission and Graduation Committee (UAPG), and acceptance and denial letters will be emailed to the applicant's UTRGV email as per the posted schedule on the SON website.

Total Number of Generic Applicants Who Can be Selected Early (Tier 1):

80% of available Generic BSN seats may be filled by the early selection and acceptance process each cycle. If more qualified applicants exceed this threshold:

- A secondary filter will be applied based on the earliest application submittals in the application system with the “VERIFIED” status before the cycle closes.

- Applicants who meet the early selection requirements but fall outside the 80% cap will be reviewed by the Undergraduate Admission and Graduation Committee (UAPG).

Minimum Prerequisite GPA and Rank Points Requirement for Early Selection and Acceptance 90+

Applicants must have a 90+ total rank points and a 3.0 GPA for all BSN Generic prerequisites that have been completed by the application closing date (**academic eligibility courses that are ranked must all be completed with a C or higher by the application closing date and may not be planned or in progress**). The rank points are calculated and determined from the

- Strategic GPA
- Science GPA
- Valid HESI Cumulative and Critical Thinking scores

The calculation of the total rank points is the same for all Generic BSN and 2nd degree BSN applicants. See the Review [BSN Generic Roadmap](#) for the 63 hours in required BSN prerequisite courses, including core. Also review [HESI Requirements](#) and [How Applicants are Ranked](#) for further details.

Early Selection and Acceptance Eligibility Requirements

Most requirements are the same as for all applicants, but early acceptance can only be provided to those who are ranked 90+ and their Official Transcripts at UTRGV and in NursingCAS indicates that they have completed all ranked strategic and scientific courses and have met all the application and admissions requirements. To determine eligibility for early acceptance any course substitutions must be reviewed and approved as per the guidelines listed below prior to the application closing deadline so the early selection process can be completed.

A. Degree Status (this is the same requirement for all applicants).

- Must be **first-degree seeking** (Generic BSN would be the first bachelor's degree).
- Applicants cannot hold or earn a bachelor's degree before the program starts.

B. BSN Generic Applicants who want to be considered for early selection must:

1. Abide by the special early selection requirements, deadlines, and timelines listed below.

2. All applicants, including those reviewed for early selection, must follow instructions and complete each application requirement step under [When and How to Apply](#).
 - Ensure you apply to UTRGV via ApplyTexas.org and be accepted to UTRGV **at least 6 weeks before the cycle closes (or during the first week the cycle is open)**. **All applicants must be accepted to UTRGV for the nursing program you intend to apply for and for the admit term you anticipate starting. The above must be completed prior to the nursing application closing deadline.**
 - Currently enrolled students at UTRGV who are first-degree seeking do not need to reapply to UTRGV (your major is changed if accepted to the nursing program).
3. Meet with an Academic Advisor early and review your academic record and readiness to apply, including the possible need for course substitutions (we recommend meeting with an academic advisor the **semester prior to applying or within the first two weeks of the application cycle being open is recommended**). Academic advising is encouraged and recommended for all applicants.
4. Submit application **2-4 weeks before the cycle closes** and achieve the **Verified Status** by the application cycle closing deadline and ensure NursingCAS has received ALL required official transcripts 2-3 weeks before the closing deadline (follow the **“When and How to Apply”** and “Application Requirements” on the SON website link above for detailed instructions). **This is key to ensuring that applications can be verified before the deadline.**
 - Applicants may also utilize the **14 business days grace period** after the cycle closes to resolve any verification issues and to obtain the Verified status (the grace period is not to submit your application or to start ordering Official Transcripts that were required to be received by both UTRGV and NursingCAS before the application closing deadline (see more details about the grace period under the on the **“When and How to Apply”** and “Application Requirements” link above. These are the same requirements for all applicants.
5. **Substitution review requirement for early selection applicants:**

Course substitution requests to determine if you meet any of the prerequisite requirements must be completed at least **14 business days before the cycle**

closes, and all applicants must comply with the [Advising and Course Substitution Assistance](#) request instructions and guidelines.

- Do not delay submitting your NursingCAS application by waiting for this request to be processed. Use your best judgment for completing transcript entries in NursingCAS to not delay the verification process. SON will review and let you know after application submission if the course does not work or not.
- Receive all substitution approval confirmations from the School of Nursing at **least 5 business days before the application closing deadline** to ensure we can review and determine if an application can move forward for early selection process.

The above process and requirements are **very important** for early selection of applicant candidates to complete. It is required to determine if an applicant meets the course requirements, including the total points for ranking that determine if an applicant can move forward for the early selection process.

Any substitution reviews and approval obtained after the application closing deadline, will not be considered for early selection and will be considered by UAPG during the regular selection process (Tier 2)

6. Submit and ensure receipt of all official transcripts to [UTRGV Undergraduate Admissions](#) from **all** other colleges and universities where required credits, including core courses were earned **at least 6 weeks before the application cycle closing deadline (or no later than the first week the cycle is open)** to allow time for official evaluation before the application cycle deadline closes. All transcripts must be received by UTRGV prior to the application closing deadline for early acceptance. This requirement can be completed before the BSN Generic cycle opens. This step is very important to determine if you meet the program prerequisite course requirements and is the same requirement for all applicants.
7. If an applicant does not have the Credit by Exam credits reflected on an official transcript from an institution, submit your scores as per the [UTRGV Undergraduate Admission's Credit By Exam instructions](#), and ensure receipt of all official Credit by Exam test scores for CLEP, AP, IB, etc. to UTRGV Undergraduate Admissions **at least 6 weeks before the application cycle deadline closes (or no later than the first week the cycle is open)** to allow time for official evaluation before the cycle deadline closes. This requirement can also be completed before the BSN Generic cycle opens and is the same requirement for all applicants.

- Ensure that all required prerequisite and core credits earned, including Credit by Exam test scores must be posted on an Official Transcript from another accredited institution and/or in the applicant's UTRGV Academic Record (Official Transcript, Advising History or DegreeWorks) **before the application cycle closing deadline to be able to move forward with the early selection process.**
 - The Official Transcripts with the Credit by Exam Credits must be received by NursingCAS **before the application closing deadline.**
 - Ensure that all official transcripts or Credit by Exam test scores that have not been evaluated and credited on an official transcript are evaluated by UTRGV Undergraduate Admissions and reflected on the applicant's Academic Record **before the application closing deadline.**
 - If the above Credit by Exam requirements are not met by the deadline or any prerequisite courses taken via Credit by Exam, the UAPG committee will review these applicants during Tier 2 selection, regardless of their total rank points.
8. Submit a complete **NursingCAS** application and upload a pdf (no photos) of all required **HESI score documentation** in the designated application area at least **two weeks before the cycle closing deadline (we recommend 4 weeks to allow time to troubleshoot issues and allow time for the verification process)**. This is the same requirement for all applicants.
 9. Ensure that the **NursingCAS application status is marked “VERIFIED” by the cycle closing date (but no later than the 14 business days grace period after closing)**. The grace period is the final deadline to be Verified and no further extensions will be provided. A Verified status does not signify that your application has met all the required documentation or eligibility requirements to apply. **To complete early acceptance and review, there are no exceptions for this deadline and grace period.** This is the same requirement for all applicants.

All applicants missing the final deadline, will need to reapply regarding if Verified status is received later.
 10. Abide by the special early selection requirements, deadlines, and timelines listed below.

11. Complete all **application eligibility courses (ranked courses) with posted grades of a C or higher or Credit (CR) or Pass (P) before the cycle closes.** Applicants with ranked application eligibility courses that are planned or in progress will not be eligible for early selection. All applicants who are missing any application eligibility courses that are ranked but have them in progress at the time of application will be processed via a secondary courtesy review, if available. The UAPG committee will consider these applicants during Tier 2, regardless of their total rank points.
12. Have no more than 18 hours of required admission criteria for courses (courses that are not ranked) planned or in progress by the application closing date. Early selected candidates may receive a conditional acceptance, noting that the admission criteria courses must be completed before the first-class day (admission date). This is the same requirement for all applicants.
13. Complete all required admission criteria courses (courses that are not ranked) before the admission date (start of the program) with a minimum grade of C or higher. This is the same requirement for all applicants.

Important Notice for Early Select Applicant Candidates:

The School of Nursing **will not** confirm early eligibility prior to sending early acceptance letters (the date early select emails were sent will be posted under the application cycle schedule, under [“When and How to Apply”](#)). Do not contact the School of Nursing to inquire.

- Any early select candidate not completing the above requirements by the stated timelines or deadlines will not be considered for early selection and will be considered by UAPG during the regular selection process (Tier 2)
- Meeting early acceptance criteria **does not guarantee early selection and acceptance.**
- Applicants who do not receive early selection will be reviewed by UAPG during Tier 2 selection, and letters of acceptance and denial will be sent via the applicants’ UTRGV email as per the posted schedule.
- Guidelines and requirements are subject to change, and applicants must comply with the most current requirements; updates will be posted on the SON website.
- Early selection is a competitive process; applicants are encouraged to complete all application steps early, meet with an academic advisor, and attend a BSN Information Session. Applicants who submit a complete application and who do **not** receive an early acceptance letter remain under full consideration for admission

and will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance according to the regular review and acceptance decisions made by UAPG as regularly scheduled each application cycle.

The above “Early Applicant Selection and Acceptance Guidelines and Process” are subject to change and any updates will be posted under When and How to Apply on the SON website. Applicants must comply with the most current requirements.