

# Connors State College Nursing Program

## Traditional Student Advisement Information

### Associates of Applied Science in Nursing

#### APPLICATION PERIOD

**FALL ENTRY: Between November 15 – March 1**

**SPRING ENTRY: Between April 15 - October 1**

**Applications Will **ONLY** Be Accepted During the Time Periods Indicated**

#### ADVISEMENT

All students declaring a nursing major are assigned to the Department of Nursing for advisement. Students may schedule an appointment to speak to a nursing advisor by going to the Connors website and clicking on the “campus tours/advisement” link. Next “click here to schedule an advising appointment” near the bottom of the page. Select the Pre-Nursing Advisor and make an appointment. Pre-Nursing students should visit with the pre-nursing advisor in their course work. Early pre-enrollment is encouraged. For more information about the nursing program, you may call (918) 684-5436, or come to the nursing office between 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. while school is in session. The CSC Nursing Program is located at the Muskogee – Three Rivers Port Campus (Nursing and Allied Health Facility), 2501 North 41<sup>st</sup> Street East, Muskogee, OK.

CSC Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

#### TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

This program requires extensive use of technology including required textbooks delivered as e-books, paperless clinical documentation, and regular interface with the online classroom. For this reason, students accepted to the program must have a computer and internet access at home. You will purchase your laptop through Connors. You will use this device during class time and in the clinical setting. ***Once you accept this device it cannot be returned to the college. No other alternative device will be allowed for use during class or in the clinical setting.*** The device may be purchased with the use of financial aid or a payment plan through the college.

#### APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

Students submit an application to the program during the designated time frame. A new application must be received for each application period; even if the student has applied to the program before they **MUST** submit a **NEW** application. All applications **MUST** be signed and dated with the required supporting documents as listed on the application form.

#### ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Students wishing to be considered for the program should meet the admissions requirements to Connors State College and have the following data in their file by the final closing date of the application period:

1. Nursing Application signed and dated with required supporting documents (*official or copies of all transcripts from previously attended colleges and the HESI Nursing Admissions*)

Assessment Exam Results). It is the student's responsibility to make sure all documents are submitted with application.

2. Minimum scores required for the "HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam."
  - Reading 70%
  - Math 65%
  - Science 70%
- The HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam is administered in the nursing department at \$60.00 per exam. *(Testing fees are non-refundable and subject to change.)*
- The HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam can be taken only twice per application period. Completed test results will be valid for up to two (2) years. Only the latest test and all results from that test will be used.

*Students applying to the CSC Nursing Program are selected on the basis of a point system. No student is guaranteed admission to the nursing program.*

It is strongly recommended that all the support courses be completed before beginning the nursing program. To be considered for admission to the program, students will have to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in required general education and support courses. **A student cannot be considered as a candidate for selection with a "D" in any required courses on transcripts for current application period.** Successful completion of the nursing program requires a "C" in all courses related to the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Degree.

### **ENTRY LEVEL ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT**

Entry level assessment for the appropriate course placement of students is conducted using ACT score and Accuplacer. Sub scores or subject scores on these assessments may trigger the use of multiple measures including high school GPA and successful high school subject completion within the last seven (7) years.

As part of the advising process, student ACT scores (when available) and high school preparation are considered when determining course placement and the need for remedial coursework. If no ACT score is available, or seven (7) years have passed since the student took the ACT, students take the Accuplacer course placement exam to assess proficiency in reading, English, and mathematics.

Those students obtaining scores in the college-level range will have demonstrated competency and may pursue college-level course work, while those students with scores below the college-level range will be placed in noncredit bearing remedial courses or credit bearing corequisite courses with developmental lab work to improve skills in one or more of the following: reading, English, and math.

### **HESI NURSING ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM**

The "**HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam**" will be given in the nursing department's computer lab. The student is required to register for the HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam **online**. To register for the "HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam" go to <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing>. Then on the Nursing Links page select "HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Dates". You will need to fill out a pre-registration form with the nursing department. This is where you will select the date that you want to take the exam. Carefully read all instructions, then complete and submit the registration form via email as instructed. **NOTE: student will receive a confirmation notice after email is sent; noting the date/time of exam when scheduled, and the cost of the exam.** If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call (918)684-5436 to see if the pre-registration form was received. To cancel a scheduled exam the student should notify the nursing department first, and then reschedule the exam online by selecting an alternate date.

The HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam is administered on the *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m.* throughout the application period (see important HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test dates listed on the CSC Nursing Program website <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing> and select “*HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Dates*” to see the exam dates at the bottom of the page.

Students must bring the completed registration form for their ticket to the test. Students without a completed registration form will not be allowed to take the test. It is recommended the students arrive 30 minutes early for registration. Once the exam begins no one will be allowed in the room. Students arriving late will not be permitted to test. **It is recommended that all personal items (cell phones, purses, school bags, etc.) be left in your vehicle,** otherwise they will be left in the nursing department’s coordinator of nursing and allied health office during the testing.

### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

The following essential physical and mental requirements are necessary to be considered for admission into and progression through the Connors State College Nursing Program but are not limited to:

1. The ability to lift weights of up to 35% of recommended body weight independently.
2. The ability to move around the clients' rooms and in work areas to administer various procedures.
3. Visual acuity sufficient to observe and assess client behavior, prepare, and administer medications, and accurately read monitors.
4. Auditory acuity sufficient to hear instructions, requests, and monitoring alarms, and to auscultate heart tones, breathe sounds, and bowel sounds.
5. The motor ability necessary to manipulate equipment and supplies and to utilize palpation and percussion in client assessment.
6. Communication abilities sufficient for interactions with others in verbal and written form such as explaining treatment procedures, initiating health teaching, documenting and interpreting nursing actions and client responses.
7. The ability to communicate in a professional manner, establish rapport with clients and colleagues, use problem solving skills, and function effectively under stress.
8. Perform within a crisis situation providing care to meet physical, emotional, or psychosocial needs of the patient/client.
9. Critical thinking abilities for clinical judgment to identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations.

### **CLINICAL RECORDS**

After acceptance into the program students will need to provide documentation of the following:

1. Proof of two (2) MMR’s or positive titers for measles, mumps, and rubella.
2. Hepatitis B three (3) series, titer, or signed declination form.
3. Proof of two (2) Varicella vaccines or a positive varicella titer.
4. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TdaP) vaccine within the last 10 years.
5. Current influenza vaccination. Flu season is from October to February. Students entering in fall should not receive their flu shot until October 1. Students entering in January should receive their flu shot between October 1 and January 1.
6. Tuberculosis (ppd) testing showing negative status yearly. Students with history of positive TB test will need a chest x-ray every 5 years and an approval for public contact from the Health Department or healthcare provider. Quanti-Ferron lab work indicating immunity is also acceptable.
7. COVID-19 immunization status. Original vaccinations and any available booster should be included.

8. American Heart Association (AHA) current CPR/BLS certification which must include adult, child, and infant.
9. Negative Federal Criminal Background check (sex-offender is included).
10. Negative Drug Screen.

### **BLENDED CLASSES**

Career ladder students use a combination of conventional classroom meetings with independent study via the Internet and e-mail. Students must have access to a computer and the Internet and possess basic Internet skills. It is important to be familiar with MS Windows environment, be able to manipulate files/folders and use Microsoft Word Processing.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Students may obtain financial aid packets, verify filing deadlines, and get assistance filing forms from the Financial Aid office, (918) 463-2931 ext 6220 or (918) 684-5402. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES. IF THERE IS A QUESTION, SEE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR.

### **LOAN/GRANT INFORMATION**

- Federal and State Grant/Loans--Advisement and Student Admission Services
- Regents Scholarship (Fee Waiver)--applications are in the Registrar's Office.
- Eastern Workforce Development--For information on eligibility contact the agency at 918-683-8553
- Foundation Scholarships/Loans--918-463-6342
- Reach Higher --[Home - Reach Higher Oklahoma](#)
- Oklahoma Health Care Workforce Training Commission--Nursing Department, Financial Aid Office, or [Nursing Student Assistance Program \(oklahoma.gov\)](#)
- VA Funding-Advisement and Student Admission Services  
Website: [Financial Aid Home – Connors State College](#)

### **CONNORS STATE COLLEGE STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

Membership in Connors State College Student Nurses' Association (CSCSNA) is available to both nursing and pre-nursing students. This is the officially recognized organization for nursing students. Membership in the CSCSNA is encouraged as it provides the student with opportunities for professional development. Activities related to leadership, education and service are emphasized.

### **PLAN FOR SUCCESS**

Because of the vital nature of nursing, this is a demanding program of study. Success depends primarily on adequate preparation and planning. The following suggestions are offered to help assure success:

- Complete as many of the support courses as possible before beginning the nursing courses. Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, and Microbiology are particularly important to provide a knowledge base for understanding nursing concepts.
- Plan three to four hours' study time each week for each credit hour in which you are enrolled. Example: Students enrolled in 12 credit hours should plan 36 hours of study time each week, in addition to class and lab time.
- Consider enrolling in NURS 1002 Success in Nursing Education.

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING**

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b>			<b>CREDIT HOURS: 30</b>
English	6 cr	ENGL 1113 ENGL 1213	English Composition I English Composition II
American History	3 cr	HIST 1483 HIST 1493	US History to 1865 or US History since 1865
US Government	3 cr	POLS 1113	American Federal Government
Support & Related Courses	18 cr	PSYC 1113 FCSE 1213 ∞*BIOL 1314 ∞*BIOL 1324 *BIOL 2124	Introduction to Psychology Introduction to Nutrition Anatomy and Physiology I Anatomy and Physiology II General Microbiology
∞BIOL 2104 Anatomy <u>and</u> BIOL 2114 Physiology can be substituted for A & P I <u>and</u> II BIOL 2104 and BIOL 2114 require pre-requisite of BIOL 1114 General Biology			
<b>RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES</b>			
	3 cr	NURS 1003	Medical Terminology
	3 cr	MATH 1513	PreCalculus Algebra <b>or</b>
	3 cr	MATH 1473	Applied Mathematics
	3 cr	COMS 1133	Fundamentals of Computer Usage
	5 cr	*CHEM 1315	General Chemistry I
	2 cr	NURS 1002	Success In Nursing Education
	6 cr	HUMN	Humanities (2 courses)
	3 cr	STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics
<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			<b>CREDIT HOURS: 42</b>
# *Nursing	7 cr 2 cr  7 cr 3 cr  7 cr 3 cr  7 cr 3 cr 2 cr <b>TOTAL: 42 cr</b>	NURS 1117 NURS 1143  NURS 1227 NURS 1223  NURS 2137 NURS 2133 NURS 1232  NURS 2247 NURS 2243 NURS 2252	Foundations of Nursing Foundations of Nursing Clinical  Maternal & Pediatric Nursing Maternal & Pediatric Nursing Clin.  Psych & Med-Surg Nursing Psych & Med-Surg Nursing Clinical ONL-Pharmacology <i>(Elective with NURS 2137)</i> Critical Care & Leadership Dev. Critical Care & Lead. Dev. Clinical Trends & Issues
*Course has pre-requisite (See course description section of catalog) #Requires acceptance into the Nursing Program		<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 72</b>	

Students desiring an Associate of Science degree will need the following courses in addition to those listed for the Associated of Applied Science in Nursing. This is particularly advisable for those students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree after completing the Associate Degree in Nursing.

- College Orientation (1 hour)
- Humanities (6 hours)
- PreCalculus Algebra (3 hours) or Applied Mathematics (3 hours)
- Microcomputers or Fundamentals of Computer Usage (3 hours)

## STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Students applying to the Connors State College Nursing program are selected on the basis of a point system. No student is guaranteed admission/acceptance. All courses below must be completed with course grades posted on an official transcript. No points will be given for a course “in progress.” Points are awarded for the scores received on the “HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam.” Student must obtain a minimum of 70% in Reading; 70% in Math; and 70% in Science to be considered for the nursing program. Also, completion of general education and support courses with a “C” or better, completion of any 4 recommended electives with a “C” or better, Connors State College course work only, GPA, and a degree in another area. The specific points awarded are shown below.

### POINT SYSTEM

<b>HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Test Reading</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Reading Score 70%-79%	1	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Reading 80%-89%	2	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Reading 90%-100%	3	
<b>HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Test Math</b>		
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Math Score 70%-79%	1	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Math 80%-89%	2	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Math 90%-100%	3	
<b>HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Test Science</b>		
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Science Score 70%-79%	1	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Science 80%-89%	2	
HESI Nursing Admissions Assessment Test Science 90%-100%	3	
<b>Support Courses completed with a “C” or above, or passing advanced placement exams</b>		
BIOL 1314 Anatomy & Physiology I	5	
BIOL 1324 Anatomy & Physiology II	5	
BIOL 2124 Microbiology	5	
ENGL 1113 English Comp I	1	
ENGL 1213 English Comp II	1	
PSYC 1113 General Psychology	1	
HIST 1483 or 1493 US History	1	
POLS 1113 Federal Government	1	
FCSE 1213 Intro to Nutrition	1	
<b>Recommended Electives completed with a “C” or better (1 pt each up to 4 pts)</b>	1-4	
NURS1003 Medical Terminology-ONL or In Class		
NURS1002 Success in Nursing Education-BLE		
CHEM1315 General Chemistry 1		
MATH1513 PreCalculus Algebra or Applied Mathematics		
COMS1133 Fundamentals of Computer Usage		
STAT 2013 Elementary Statistics		
HUMN Any Humanities		
BIOL 1114 General Biology		
<b>Connors State College Courses Only</b>	2	
<b>GPA (Calculated only on required nursing courses)</b>		
2.5 – 2.7	1	
2.8 – 3.0	3	
3.1 - 3.4	6	
3.5 - 3.7	8	
3.8 - 4.0	10	
<b>Degrees In Other Areas</b>		
BS/BA Degree or higher in another area	2	
AS or AA Degree in another area	1	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	48 Max	

**CONNORS STATE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES**

Item Description	Estimated Unit Price	Total
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 72 credit hours</li> <li>• Nursing Lab fee</li> <li>• General Student Fees (Parking, ID, room/board, activity fee, technology fee, student records fee, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 150.00/credit hour (OK Resident) <i>or</i> \$ 160.76/credit hour (Out-of-State)</li> <li>• \$197.50 / Semester</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://connorsstate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/FY2023-Tuition-and-Fee-Schedule.pdf">https://connorsstate.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/FY2023-Tuition-and-Fee-Schedule.pdf</a></p> <p><i>See the website for a breakdown of applicable general student fees. The amount varies per student.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10,800.00</li> <li>• \$ 790.00</li> <li>• <u>\$ 2,000.00</u></li> <li>• <b>\$ 13,590.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Class Expenses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Device</li> <li>• Traditional Skills Kit</li> <li>• Traditional E-Books Package</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 800.00-\$900.00</li> <li>• \$ 237.45</li> <li>• \$1,299.25 1st Semester</li> <li>• \$804.00 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Semesters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 900.00</li> <li>• \$ 237.45</li> <li>• \$ 1,299.25</li> <li>• <u>\$ 2,412.00</u></li> <li>• <b>\$ 4,848.70</b></li> </ul>
<b>Estimated Clinical Expenses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza (x 2)</li> <li>• MMR</li> <li>• Varicella</li> <li>• T-dap</li> <li>• TB Skin Test (PPD) (\$26.50/year)</li> <li>• Hepatitis B Series</li> <li>• Covid Immunization(s)</li> <li>• AHA BLS Provider CPR Class</li> <li>• Liability Insurance (\$13.00/year)</li> <li>• Verified Credentials (Entrance Background Check, Drug Test, &amp; Document Tracker)</li> <li>• Clinical Hub (\$35/year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 81.98</li> <li>• \$103.99</li> <li>• \$313.98</li> <li>• \$ 74.99</li> <li>• \$ 53.00</li> <li>• \$302.97</li> <li>• \$ 0.00</li> <li>• \$ 50.00</li> <li>• \$ 26.00</li> <li>• \$175.25</li> <li>• \$ 70.00</li> </ul>	<p><i>The cost of immunizations or titers varies based on insurance, the number of immunizations needed, the location obtained, titers, etc. These prices are from the Walgreen Pharmacy website.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$ 1,252.16</b></li> </ul>
<b>Uniforms and Related Expenses</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two professional uniforms (Connors logo black scrubs)</li> <li>• One white scrub jacket</li> <li>• Two name tags</li> <li>• One stethoscope</li> <li>• One pair of black leather nursing shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$120.00</li> <li>• \$ 45.00</li> <li>• \$ 22.00</li> <li>• \$ 50.00</li> <li>• \$ 65.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$ 302.00</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pinning/Graduation/ NCLEX Fees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pinning/Commencement (pin, lamp, nursing cap, cap/gown)</li> <li>• NCLEX-RN Licensure Exam</li> <li>• NCLEX Fingerprint/Background Check</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$180.00</li> <li>• \$ 85.00 Single-State <i>or</i> \$150.00 Multi-state</li> <li>• \$ 51.25</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>\$ 381.25</b></li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20,374.11</b>

## **Notice of Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rule Change Regarding Criminal Offenses and Background Checks**

“The Nursing Program at Connors State College is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status [59 O.S. §§567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the authority to deny a license, recognition or certificate; issue a license, recognition or certificate with conditions and/or an administrative penalty; or to issue and otherwise discipline a license, recognition or certificate to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made. Potential applicants to state-approved education programs, with a criminal history, may obtain a determination of eligibility for licensure or certification from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for a fee. The determination of eligibility for licensure petition can be accessed at <http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/forms.html>.

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OBN Policy/Guideline: #E-05

Board Reviewed w/o Revision: 1/29/13

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