COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Accreditation

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN).
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Austin, TX 78701
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Dr F.M. Canseco School of Nursing

The mission of the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing is to prepare professional nurses to improve the well-being of complex and diverse populations. The purpose of the baccalaureate program in the College of Nursing and Health Science, Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing is to educate baccalaureate nurses who are outstanding clinicians, scholars, health advocates, mentors and leaders who will be instrumental in addressing the health care needs of communities. The curriculum focuses on preparing expert clinicians to work in partnership with communities.

Nursing students pursue professional courses based on knowledge of physical, biological and social sciences, the humanities and communication skills. Upon successful completion of requisite courses in these disciplines, students are eligible to apply for admission to the Canseco School of Nursing for clinical nursing coursework.

The Canseco School of Nursing (CSON) offers a traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and an accelerated track (RN/BSN (http://www.tamiu.edu/catalog/current/bs-nursing-m-bsn.shtml)) for the student who is already a Registered Nurse licensed in Texas.

Students seeking admission to the nursing program must apply directly to the School of Nursing. Admission to the University does not automatically guarantee admission to the School of Nursing. All prospective nursing students should seek advisement from the School of Nursing, in order to plan a program of study that meets the needs of the student as well as the requirements of the degree plan.

 Marketable Skills, Competencies and NCLEX-RN

Upon completion of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Texas A&M International University, students will have completed essential competencies developed by the Texas Board of Nursing. In addition, graduates qualify to take the NCLEX-RN; the national exam that every nursing program graduate in the United States must take to become a registered nurse.

Licensure is state specific; however, nurses licensed in Texas and 249 other states have a compact license that allows them to provide care to patients, without having to obtain additional licensure. In non-compact states, the nurse would not need to re-test but rather apply for endorsement from that state’s board of nursing. For more detailed information about competencies, visit the CSON website here (http://www.tamiu.edu/cson/bsncompetencies.shtml).

Texas A&M International University, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing has been commended by the Texas Board of Nursing for their NCLEX-RN pass rates. For the past 4 years, the graduates of the CSON have had a first-time pass rate of above 94%! You can visit the Outcome Data tab on the CSON website here (http://www.tamiu.edu/cson/bsnoutcomedata.shtml) for more information about their pass and completion rates.

Admission Requirements (BSN)

Students are eligible for admission to clinical nursing courses when the following requirements have been met; however meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program, only consideration.

1. Acceptance by Texas A&M International University and a declared nursing major.
2. Completion of University Core Curriculum and BSN Additional Requirements with a grade of “C” or better and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.¹
3. Completion of required science courses (Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Chemistry, Microbiology and Pathophysiology) with a grade of “C” or better and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale ¹. In the event a science course was taken more than once, the science grades for that course will be averaged (including any “C” or below).
4. Completion of a lower level WIN course taken from either the University Core Curriculum or BSN Additional Requirements.
5. At student’s expense, students must take the HESI Admission Assessment or HESI A2. The test is administered by the University Testing Center in the semester before admission. Scores in the entrance exam will be considered in the admission process.
6. A federal background check will be conducted by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON). A copy of postcard sent to student by the TBON, indicating clearance, must be submitted.
7. Complete application must be received by completion or in the last semester of completing both University Core Curriculum and BSN Additional Requirements.

¹ Minimum GPA and other requirements are subject to change. Please see the undergraduate admissions counselor before every semester for most updated information and current amendments.

Transfer Applicants

The Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing may accept transfer coursework taken from another accredited Texas baccalaureate nursing program. Transfer applicants must be transferring from the other Texas
baccalaureate program in good standing. A letter from the Dean of the other institution stating good standing status will be required. Transfer applicants must meet all of the University and the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing admission requirements stipulated above.

Declaratory Order Requirements of the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON)
The College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing adheres to the TBON rule on declaratory order regarding eligibility for licensure. A petition for a declaratory order is a formal disclosure to the TBON regarding an eligibility issue that may prevent an applicant from taking the NCLEX examination upon completion of a nursing program. The declaratory order process permits the TBON to make decisions regarding a petitioner’s eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program.


Admission Requirements (RN/BSN)
The online RN/BSN program offers the opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree to individuals who are licensed registered nurses. The program allows students to work while pursuing their education, to enjoy the convenience of online classes, to benefit from interaction with fellow students and to advance their careers.

Registered Nurses seeking admission to the RN/BSN program apply directly to the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing. Admission to the program will be open throughout the year. Admission to the University does not automatically guarantee admission to the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing. If spaces are limited, admission of qualified students will be processed in the order received. In addition to completing all requirements for general admission to the University, the student must meet the following criteria:

1. Acceptance by Texas A&M International University and a declared nursing major.
2. Overall GPA of 2.5 in a 4.0 scales with a grade of "C" in pre-requisite courses, including transfer coursework.
3. Provide evidence of current licensure without restrictions as a Registered Nurse. The CSON adheres to the Texas Board of Nursing, RN Nurse Licensure Compact agreement.

Accommodations for Disabilities
TAMIU provides reasonable accommodation to qualified students with a disability. Upon admission, a nursing student who discloses a disability and requests accommodation may be asked to provide documentation of his or her disability for purpose of determining appropriate accommodations, including modifications to the program. The TAMIU College of Nursing and Health Sciences will provide reasonable accommodations, but is not required to make accommodations that would substantially alter the nature or requirements of the program or provide auxiliary aids that present an undue burden. To matriculate or continue in the curriculum, the nursing student must be able to perform all the essential functions either with or without accommodation.

Requests for accommodation should be directed to:
Office of Student Counseling and Disability Services
Senator Judith Zaffirini Success Center (ZSC) 138
Phone: 956.326.2230
http://www.tamiu.edu/wellness/stucouns.shtml

Grading Policy
The Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing has adopted a grading scale in line with other Texas nursing schools, as required by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON).

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Nursing students admitted to the program must achieve a grade of C or better and pass both clinical and theory components in order to pass the course.

Graduation Requirements
The Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing adheres to all general requirements and procedures of the University for graduation. Students are eligible to apply for graduation when the following criteria is met:

1. Completion of required semester credit hours
2. A cumulative GPA of 2.0
3. Completion of all clinical coursework

For all CONHS policies and procedures, please review our BSN Student Handbook.
For more information, contact our Undergraduate Admissions Counselor at 956.326.3110, email us at nursing@tamiu.edu, or visit our website www.tamiu.edu/cson.

Degrees
Nursing Degrees
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/nursing-health-sciences/bachelor-science-nursing-bsn)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN/BSN) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/nursing-health-sciences/bachelor-science-nursing-rn-bsn)

health science Degrees
- Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/nursing-health-sciences/bachelor-science-communication-disorders-bs)
- Bachelor of Science with a major in Kinesiology (non-certification) (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/nursing-health-sciences/bachelor-science-major-kinesiology-non-certification-bs)
Minor

- Kinesiology (http://catalog.tamiu.edu/undergraduate-information/nursing-health-sciences/minor-kinesiology)