

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
JOANNE GAY DISHMAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program Application for Spring 2018**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Please read **carefully** and follow **all** instructions:

1. If you are not currently a Lamar University student, you must apply for admission to Lamar University following the guidelines in the General Catalog. Along with application to the University, submit Official Transcripts from all universities and colleges attended to the Office of Admissions, P.O. Box 10009, Beaumont, TX 77710.

**The Lamar University application is separate from the one required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. Applicants will be considered for admission to the Nursing Program only after students are admitted to Lamar University.**

**Returning Lamar University students not enrolled at Lamar in Fall 2017, must reapply to Lamar University through [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org).**

2. Submit the attached application for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (McFaddin Ward Building, Room 255), or to P.O. Box 10081, Beaumont, Texas 77710 by **August 15, 2017**. This application is formatted for download from the School of Nursing webpage and completion on your computer (except for signature). Once completed, print, sign and submit the application. Hard copy applications are also available on the wall rack outside the Nursing Information Center (MW255).

- **The BSN application for admission will be evaluated on the following basis:**

- a. Grade point average for science courses: BIOL 2401, 2402, 2420 and CHEM 1306/1106 (GPA, minimum 2.5).
- b. Grade point average for preadmission and prerequisite courses: (minimum 2.5 GPA).
- c. Overall grade point average (minimum 2.0 career GPA).
- d. Lamar University GPA must also be a minimum of 2.0 or higher.
- e. Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Admission Assessment Test (HESI A<sup>2</sup>) scores. Students must take the following sections: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, Mathematics, Anatomy and Physiology, and Chemistry. (It is mandatory that students score a **79% or higher** on the **Reading Comprehension** section to be eligible.) **See complete information on taking the HESI on page 3 of the application instructions.**
- f. Admission criteria are listed in the LU General Catalog for the Dishman School of Nursing.
- g. The number of applicants admitted to the BSN Nursing Program is based on faculty and space availability.

3. All applicants must meet the following requirements prior to admission into the nursing program:
  - a. Successfully complete **ALL** of the prerequisite courses by the end of **Fall 2017**. A minimum grade of "C" is required for all prerequisite courses and a minimum 2.5 GPA in preadmission courses.

- b. Successfully complete ALL required core courses (except POLS 2301 and POLS 2302) by the end of **Fall 2017**.
  - c. **Three of the four science courses must have been completed successfully at the time of application** (Science courses include: BIOL 2401, 2402, 2420 & CHEM 1306/1106), with a minimum grade of "C". A minimum 2.5 grade point average in the science courses is required.
  - d. Students are also required to have a 2.0 overall (career) grade point average at the time of application.
  - e. Students must have a Lamar University GPA of 2.0 or higher.
  - f. Have scheduled and completed the Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Admission -Assessment Test (HESI A<sup>2</sup>) administered by Lamar University Testing Center no later than **August 15, 2017**. (See page 3).
  - g. All applications, when submitted, must include the **receipt** for payment of the non-refundable \$30 nursing Application Fee. This fee can **only** be paid online at [www.lamar.edu/nursing](http://www.lamar.edu/nursing). Click on the "BSN Application Fee" link below the red "Payments" button on the right side of the page. **CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, OR CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Print out the receipt showing proof of payment and submit it with your completed application. Applications submitted without a receipt will not be processed.**
  - h. Submit **all** official transcripts to the Lamar University Office of Admissions **AND** to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 255) by **August 15th**.
  - i. Applicants who plan to take any classes at any college or university during the Fall 2017 semester, (in order to complete their remaining academic requirements), must submit an unofficial transcript showing proof that you have been registered to take those classes.
  - j. Submit official transcripts showing final course grades for any courses completed in **Fall 2017** **immediately upon completion** to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center.
4. Applicants' names will be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) for the required Criminal Background Check. TBON will then mail each student who has successfully completed the Criminal Background Check a blue post card (Blue Card), which indicates that no significant criminal records were identified. Students with a positive Criminal Background Check will be notified by TBON with further instructions and will be required to go through the declaratory order process. The Blue Card (or Declaratory Order outcome letter) is a requirement in order to obtain full acceptance into the nursing program. (See *Criminal Background Screening Policy* on pages 5-6 for more information.)
  5. Acceptance notices will be mailed by late November. You will be required to return an acceptance agreement by the deadline indicated on the acceptance agreement.
  6. Applicants need to sign the Application for Admission in **all three** places on pages 4 and 5. The signatures verify acknowledgement of the Dishman School of Nursing Criminal Background Screening Policy and the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Licensure Standards Information, along with certifying the information you provide in this application.
  7. Submit proof of Hepatitis B series and serology completion with application. If you have not previously completed the series, proof of first immunization must be submitted by **August 15**. Proof of 2<sup>nd</sup> immunization must be submitted by **November 1**. At least two immunizations must be completed prior to providing patient care. (CDC Requirement for Health Care Providers.)

8. Students are *required* to complete the Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Assessment Admission Test (HESI A<sup>2</sup>) and submit a copy of their test scores by **August 15** to be considered for admission.
- The sections of the test students are required to complete are: **Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, Mathematics, Anatomy and Physiology, and Chemistry**. A testing block of four hours will be reserved. The test scores will be utilized as part of the admission process.
  - Students may sit for this **test only one time** per application period (May 1 – August 15), with the exception of **Reading Comprehension, if a score of less than 79% is received**. You will be allowed to retake the Reading Comprehension section one time in order to qualify for admission. The initial scores for all other sections of the HESI A<sup>2</sup> will be utilized for the admission process for the application period.
  - The HESI A<sup>2</sup> scores used for admission must be less than three years old at the time of application (no older than September 1, 2014).
  - Registration for this test on the Lamar University campus may be done online at: <http://dept.lamar.edu/careerandtestingcenter/Testing/hesi.html>. The Lamar University Career and Testing Center may be contacted at (409) 880-8878 for any questions. The HESI A<sup>2</sup> testing fee is \$50 plus the online registration fee, and it must be paid prior to the testing date.
  - Students wanting to test at another Prometric Testing Center (other than the Lamar University Testing Center), will need to follow the steps listed below:
    - Create an Evolve student account by going to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/> and clicking on “HESI Exams” and then “Register for HESI”
    - Once you are logged in, click on “HESI Assessment Student Access”
    - Under the “My Exams” tab, click on “Exam History”
    - Click on “Register for a Distance Exam”
    - Complete the required information in the box given. Make sure to include the **LU School of Nursing ID (197020)** and your first and last name. Your first and last name must match what is on your government-issued photo ID or driver’s license. Do not use your school’s Department ID as your Student ID when creating your student account.
    - Students will receive an email confirmation notice indicating that they need to schedule the exam. It is important to carefully review the information in the confirmation notice.
    - An Eligibility ID will be issued to the student within 1-3 business days from the date of the eligibility request.
    - Add the following email address to your email’s safe sender list to avoid delays: [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com). If you do not receive the notification, please check your spam/junk folder.
    - Contact Elsevier HESI Assessment with any issues or questions regarding Distance Testing Eligibility at: [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com).
  - Upon the completion of the HESI A<sup>2</sup> test, please submit a copy of your test scores to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center by **August 15**.

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING (BON)  
ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE STANDARDS INFORMATION**

All applicants to professional nursing programs are required by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) to validate the following questions in writing upon admission and graduation:

- YES     NO    (1.) Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests (excluding minor traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, and PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. **(One time minor in possession (MIP) or minor in consumption (MIC) do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "NO". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "YES".)**
- YES     NO    (2.) Do you have any criminal charges pending, including unresolved arrests?
- YES     NO    (3.) Has **any** licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license or certificate held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- YES     NO    (4.) Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?\*
- YES     NO    (5.) Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?\* Indicate the condition:
- schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders     bipolar disorder     paranoid personality disorder
- antisocial personality disorder     borderline personality disorder

If you answer yes to any of the above questions, the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) recommends that you file a Declaratory Order petition. Directions and forms are available on the TBON website at <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/forms.html> (#257). The Declaratory Order process can be lengthy and may delay admission to the nursing program.

\*You may indicate "NO" if you have completed and/ or are in compliance with TPAPN for substance abuse or mental illness.

**NOTE:** You are NOT required to answer these questions for TBON UNLESS accepted for admission. If you have questions, please contact TBON at 512-305-7400.

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**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY**

Purpose

The Lamar University (LU) JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing adheres to the policies of all practicum facilities with which the School of Nursing is affiliated for student practicum learning experiences. Many practicum facilities and school districts require criminal background screening of all students.

Practicum agencies used by the LU JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing (LU SON) stipulate in the practicum affiliation agreements that students' criminal background be prescreened before they are permitted into the practicum facility. This prescreening requirement is the same as that required of employees of public and private practicum agencies. The rationale for this requirement for practicum students is based on the concept of due diligence and competency assessment of all individuals whose assignments bring them in contact with patients and employees. Competency assessment extends beyond technical skills to include an individual's past behavior as indicated by their criminal history. This approach ensures uniform compliance with Joint Commission standards pertaining to human resource management. Moreover, the public is demanding greater diligence in light of the national reports of deaths resulting from medical errors. Successful completion of a background check does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation. Full acceptance into the nursing program is contingent upon satisfactory results.

Policy Timing

Upon receipt of an application to the nursing program, applicants' names will be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (TX BON) for criminal background screening. Applicants will receive instructions for submitting fingerprints for the criminal background screening. A clear criminal background is a condition of full acceptance to the program. A clear report, in the form of a blue card from the TX BON, must be received by LU SON prior to being fully admitted to the nursing program. If it was necessary for applicant to go through the Declaratory Order process, a copy of the Declaratory Order outcome letter must be received by LU SON prior to being fully admitted to the nursing program. Please refer to "**Process**" section below for further information regarding the Declaratory Order. The results will be accepted for the duration of the student's enrollment in the nursing program if the participating student has not had a break in the nursing program and if the student has had no qualifying legal incidents or convictions while enrolled. A break in enrollment is defined as nonattendance of one full semester or more. Attendance must be verifiable through the university.

Process

The LU SON accepts criminal background screenings completed by the Texas Board of Nursing. The screening will include the student's complete criminal history, including the cities and counties of all known residences. The student is responsible for any cost associated with the criminal background screening.

A student does not qualify for the blue card/clear report anytime there is a record of criminal activity located or they are self-disclosing an incident not yet reported to DPS/FBI. The TX BON provides a process by which minor infractions can be handled in a timely manner. More serious findings will take more time and may lead to a delay in qualifying for admission.

In general, based on Texas Board of Nursing guidelines, the following histories will disqualify an individual from consideration for admission in the nursing program:

1. Misdemeanor convictions/deferred adjudication or felony convictions/deferred adjudications involving crimes against persons;
2. Misdemeanor convictions/deferred adjudication related to moral turpitude;
3. Misdemeanor/felony convictions/deferred adjudications for the sale, possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances;
4. Registered sex offenders.

Individuals with any of the above histories will not be eligible to enroll in the nursing program, and if the history is discovered or a conviction occurs after enrollment, the student, will be required to withdraw from the program. A student who is convicted of a criminal offense while enrolled in the program must report the conviction to the LU SON Chair within three days of the conviction. The term conviction for these purposes includes probated sentences and deferred adjudications.

A student may be considered for admission to the program if the TX BON issues a Declaratory Order stating the individual is eligible for initial licensure or license renewal.

#### Notes

1. The student should be aware that the disqualifications listed above are used for employment eligibility by most hospitals in Texas.
2. Completion of a specific program will be determined by the student's ability to successfully complete the required practicum rotations.
3. Practicum rotations are completed at sites specified by and contracted with Lamar University. Lamar University will not locate or provide alternative sites for practicum rotations for student ineligible to attend practicum rotations at the specified sites.

#### Compliance and Record Keeping

1. The Texas Board of Nursing will notify Lamar University (JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing Chair) of all individuals who fail a criminal background check.
2. Verification sent by the TX BON to LU will include only the student's name and social security number. Details of the criminal record will not be included in the report.
3. The LU JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing will send verification on adherence to the policy to the practicum affiliate prior to the practicum rotation start date. Verification is accomplished by sending a letter from the JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing on letterhead stating that these standards have been met by the student, listing the student's full name and practicum rotation start date. If more than one student is attending a practicum rotation, a comprehensive list with all of the student's names may be submitted.

#### Note:

Verification information will be filed in a secured area to ensure confidentiality. In the event that the student feels that an error has been made in the results of the criminal background check, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the external vendor for a verification check and the student is responsible for any cost associated with this check. Other than error relative to identify, there will be no appeal of this policy.

*Revised by UNS 1/24/2014, 11/18/2016*

## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

All students must purchase professional liability insurance. Insurance must be renewed on a yearly basis. This insurance will not cover students at work or at times other than supervised clinical practice. Further information will be provided prior to entering the nursing clinical phase of nursing courses.

## STUDENT HEALTH POLICIES

### Purpose

Nursing studies at Lamar University include practicum learning experience, which may present a potential risk of contracting and/or spreading infections. It is imperative that nursing students maintain optimal health. Students must be well informed in methods of safeguarding the health of both patient and self. In addition to protecting the health of students and patients, the student health policies address the requirements as directed by Lamar University, the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The nursing program requirements are titled Practicum Readiness Documents (PRDs).

Included in this group of documents are the Health Statement Form, current cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR), proof of liability insurance, immunizations, and TB skin testing. The JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing has partnered with StudentCheck/Sentry MD, a PRD tracking service to receive, record, update, and report student's compliance with all practicum readiness requirements.

### Policy

#### 1. Health Statement Form

A completed Health Statement Form must be submitted to StudentCheck/Sentry MD, **prior to the deadline given** when entering the nursing program. Thereafter, the Health Statement Form must be submitted annually, one week prior to the first class day as published by the university academic calendar. The required immunizations must be initiated by the date indicated in the admission packet. Pregnant students, if in need of immunizations, are to consult their personal physicians for guidance. In event of identification of potential/actual conditions that may interfere with the student's ability to fulfill curriculum outcomes, the student will be referred to the Director of Undergraduate Nursing Studies.

#### 2. Student Health and Practicum Attendance

##### A. Minor Contagious Illness

In the event of contracting minor contagious illnesses such as upper respiratory infections with cough and fever, influenza, contagious skin lesions, or other disorders spread by droplets, secretions, or skin contact, the student should seek medical consultation prior to participating in practicum experience.

##### B. Serious Illness, Injury, Surgery, or Pregnancy

In the event of a serious illness, injury, surgery or pregnancy, the student must obtain a physician's release prior to participating in the practicum experience. In addition, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines relating to infected health care workers must be adhered to, as applicable (see the Attendance, Absence, and Change of Life Event Policy).

3. Student Injury in Practicum Area

A. Personal injury, non-infectious

In event of accidental personal injury related to patient care, the student must:

- (1) Notify the practicum instructor.
- (2) Seek medical assistance from personal physician or emergency care services, as needed.
- (3) Implement variance/occurrence policy of health care facility, with assistance from practicum instructor.

B. Personal Injury, infectious

In the event of an accidental injury such as a contaminated needle stick, the student must:

- (1) Notify the practicum instructor.
- (2) Notify the infection control nurse employed by the health care facility.
- (3) Seek medical assistance at own expense.
- (4) Follow the current guidelines for immediate and follow-up care as recommended by the CDC.
- (5) Implement variance occurrence/policy of health care facility, with assistance from practicum instructor.

4. Health Care Expenses

Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing does not assume financial responsibility for student health care. Expense for all health care, such as physical examinations, immunizations, laboratory and other diagnostic tests, treatment of illnesses and injuries (including those incurred while in the practicum settings) is the responsibility of the student. The student may refer to the Lamar University Comprehensive Catalog regarding availability of student health services.

5. Confidentiality

Student health records shall be maintained in a confidential manner.

*Adopted 3/1/03; Revised May 1998; Revised 5/12/99, 10/20/2014, Revised UNS 11/18/2016*



## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

### Purpose

This policy was developed to comply with current state (Texas Administrative Code, Rule 97.64) 2010 and federal (Centers for Disease Control) 2015 guidelines regarding immunization of healthcare workers. The law mandates that health care workers (including students) receive a series of **REQUIRED** immunizations (see Immunization Requirements). Documentation of required immunizations or evidence of immunity must be provided and copies of **actual** immunization records attached.

### Policy

1. Students are required to provide a current annual Health Statement Form and proof of immunization, immunity confirmed by serologic testing, or waiver to *StudentCheck/SentryMD*.
2. Students are responsible for the cost of the immunizations, as well as the serology (blood test) if needed to verify immunity.
3. Students are required to have documentation of compliance with the Immunization Guidelines. The documentation *must be submitted* by the date published in the admission packet.
4. Any needed immunizations must be completed by the published due date indicated in the admission packet.
5. **Waiver:** Acceptable waivers are written statements from a Primary Care Provider stating the reason for exemption. Waivers are due upon admission to the nursing program.

NOTE 1: Some mild reactions (rash, low grade temperature or chills) may occur following the administration of any vaccine. Any reaction to vaccines taken during the semester must be reported to the course leader.

NOTE 2: Take all of your immunization records to your Primary Care Provider for a complete evaluation.

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## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following immunizations are **REQUIRED** by the JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing Student Health Policy and **must** be completed one week prior to the first class day of the semester. According to the Texas Administrative Code (2010), nursing students must have all the following immunizations before they may engage in direct patient contact:

1. TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST (ANNUALLY):
  - A. Date tested (Must be current for the entire semester).
  - B. Results\*
    - \* Note: If TB skin test is positive, your Primary Care Provider must submit a statement concerning your current health status. If chest x-ray done, attach copy of the report.
  
2. POLIO: Not required if older than 18 years of age.
  - A. Date of last oral dose  
OR
  - B. Exempt by age
  
3. TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS: An initial series of DTaP required **with** a Tdap booster documented after the age of 11 or 12 years, then a Td booster every 10 years.
  - A. Proof of initial series  
AND
  - B. Date of Tdap booster
  - C. Date of last Td
  
4. MEASLES:
  - A. Dates of 2 immunizations\*
    - \* All individuals born on or after January 1, 1957, must show 2 doses of measles vaccine administration on or after their 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart.
  - OR
  - B. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing  
OR
  - C. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records  
OR
  - D. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption
  
5. MUMPS:
  - A. Dates of 2 immunizations\*
    - \*All individuals born on or after January 1, 1957, must show 2 doses of measles vaccine administration on or after their 1st birthday and at least 30 days apart.
  - OR
  - B. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing  
OR
  - C. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records  
OR
  - D. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medical reason for exemption

6. RUBELLA:
- A. Date of last immunization  
OR
  - B. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing  
OR
  - C. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records  
OR
  - D. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medial reason for exemption
7. VARICELLA:
- A. Dates of 2 immunizations  
OR
  - B. Confirmed immunity by serologic testing  
OR
  - C. Confirmation of the disease from healthcare provider or official school records  
OR
  - D. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medial reason for exemption
8. HEPATITIS B:
- A. Dates of 3 immunizations (primary series)  
AND  
Laboratory confirmed immunity by serologic testing\*  
\* If the serologic testing (blood test) is **negative immunity**, then the student must:
    - Take one booster dose **or** Repeat a 2nd series (3 immunizations)
    - after repeating the Hep B series or Booster immunity is not attained, the requirement has been met  
OR
  - B. Confirmed immunity by serologic test\*  
OR
  - C. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medial reason for exemption
9. INFLUENZA VACCINE (ANNUALLY):
- A. Due by October 15 each fall semester.  
OR
  - B. Written waiver or letter from primary care provider stating medial reason for exemption.

References

Texas Administrative Code (2010, May). Rule 97.64: Required vaccinations for students enrolled in health-related and veterinary courses in institutions of higher education. Retrieved from [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=97&rl=64](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=97&rl=64)

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## **INFLUENZA VACCINATION POLICY**

All students enrolled in the LU undergraduate nursing programs are required to submit documentation of having received the influenza immunization. The documentation is due to the Information Center by October 15 each year.

Students beginning the program in the spring will be expected to have their influenza vaccine prior to the first class day. In subsequent fall semesters after the initial spring admission, proof of this vaccine will be due by October 15 each year.

Students requiring an exemption due to medical (such as allergy) or religious reasons must present documentation to that effect. (Students must present requests for exemption to the Director of Undergraduate Nursing Studies.)

Students with an exemption will be required to wear a mask in patient areas during the peak of the flu season or for the length of time required by the clinical facility. Some facilities will not permit students, including students with an exemption, to attend clinical without an influenza immunization. If another clinical site cannot be secured, students with an influenza exemption will need to withdraw from the related didactic and clinical courses.

### **Enforcement**

Current students who fail to submit documentation by October 15, will not be allowed to attend clinical, will receive an unexcused absence for one missed day, and placed on a contract. A second missed day for this reason would result in violation of the contract, resulting in possible course failure.

*Approved Faculty Association 9/14/2012, Revised 10/20/2014; 12/4/2015*

## TUBERCULOSIS (TB) TESTING POLICY FOR LAMAR UNIVERSITY

As of the Fall 2013 semester, Lamar University will implement Tuberculosis (TB) testing for all Non US Citizen/Non-Permanent Residents, Intensive English students (i.e., TIEC at Lamar), and any student, faculty or staff meeting high risk criteria\*. Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for enrollment:

1. Upon arrival to the University, each student must provide evidence of having had a negative TB skin test or positive TB skin test with a negative chest x-ray within the 12 months immediately preceding enrollment. Testing must have been done in the US regardless of prior BCG immunization status.
2. All documentation must include:
  - Date the skin test was administered
  - Date the skin test was read
  - Results reported in millimeters and/or “negative” or “positive”
  - Documentation must be in English
  - Documentation signed by a qualified health care provider licensed to read TB skin tests
  - Name of the medical facility where testing was done
  - If skin test was positive then a chest x-ray report indicating no evidence of TB disease is required

If any of the above information is missing from the documentation, the student will not be eligible for enrollment until all deficiencies are corrected and turned in to the Records Department.

3. If the student has not had a TB skin test, then, TB skin testing is available at the Lamar University Student Health Center (LUSHC). Two appointments are required for TB testing. The first appointment is to give the test and the second is to read the test 48-72 hours later. If the second appointment is missed, then another TB skin test and follow up appointment is required. The Health Center is located at 857 E. Virginia, 409-880-8466, dept\_healthcenter@lamar.edu. Payment via Lamar Cashier Receipt is required prior to testing unless the student has university health insurance. The Student Health Center will provide a list of alternative medical sites which also provide TB skin testing should students prefer to be tested elsewhere.
4. Anyone requiring subsequent diagnostic testing will have until the 25th class day to submit documentation or the student will be dropped from all classes barred from reinstatement and will not receive a refund of tuition and/or fees. (Subsequent testing will be required if the initial skin test was positive. These tests will be performed by the Beaumont City Health Department (BCHD). All charges incurred at the BCHD will be the responsibility of the student).
5. All documentation will be turned in to the Records Department via fax (409-880-2114), hand delivered (109 Wimberly Building), or postal service (LU, Box 10010, Beaumont, TX 77710). No e-mails will be accepted. Documentation needing clarification will be sent via secured route to the Student Health Center for review and returned with recommendations for correction as soon as possible.

\*Anyone (student, faculty and staff) traveling to a country designated as a “high incidence area” as defined by the World Health Organization guidelines (<http://www.who.int/topics/travel/en>), upon returning to campus, should immediately contact LUSHC for TB testing. All subsequent testing guidelines shall apply. All charges incurred will be applied to the appropriate cashier accounts.

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**STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS**

Responsibilities and standards in nursing practice are determined by the Board of Nursing, national accreditation guidelines, and clinical agencies. Additionally, as described in various clinical evaluation tools and course guidelines, students must be able to provide safe patient care.

**Technical Standards for Nursing Practice**

Nursing is a practice discipline and successful completion of the nursing program requires that students demonstrate ability to effectively and safely perform several essential skills. All students are assessed in practice labs and clinical practicums throughout the program to confirm adherence to the technical standards, with or without accommodation.

**Intellectual Requirements:** Critical thinking is an important part of clinical judgment needed to provide safe patient care. Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, and quickly analyze information in order to apply complex information in the classroom and clinical settings.

**Gross and Fine Motor Requirements:** Nursing students must be able to provide general care (including preparing medications and administering treatment and completing patient assessments). For example, students must be able to perform basic life support (CPR), function in an emergency situation, and have the ability (within reasonable limits) to assist a patient in moving, such as from the chair to the bed.

**Observation Skills:** Student nurses must be able to observe patients accurately to assess their condition and perceived signs of disease and responses to treatments through physical examination, including visual images, auditory information (patient voice, heart tones, bowel, and lung sounds), and palpable changes in certain organs and tissues.

**Communication Requirements:** Nursing students must be able to communicate effectively with patients, staff, physicians, and family members, verbally and in writing. Students must be able to process and accurately convey information about the patient status to faculty, staff, and other health care providers in a timely manner.

**Social and Behavioral Requirements:** Student nurses must possess sufficient mental and emotional health to exercise good clinical judgment, promptly complete assessments, and function in what can be a physically and emotionally demanding dynamic environment. Nursing students must be able to demonstrate compassion, empathy, and concern for others while maintaining a mature, sensitive, and effective relationship with patients, families, and other professionals.

*Approved by Faculty Association 12/1/2014*

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

If completed:

- 1. Submit the attached, completed Application and your receipt for payment of the \$30 Application fee. See item 3(g) on page 2 of this packet for payment instructions. **No personal checks, money orders, or cash will be accepted.** ***Keep the Application Instructions (pages 1-15) for your files! Do NOT submit them with your application.***
- 2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. *Transcripts must be submitted to Office of Admissions AND to the Dishman School of Nursing. (Lamar University office of Admissions already has your Lamar University transcript, but you must still submit your Lamar University transcript to the Dishman School of Nursing).*
- 3. Submit unofficial transcripts for core or prerequisite courses you are currently enrolled in to show **proof** of enrollment. After final grades have been posted, submit official transcripts showing final grades for those courses, as soon they become available.
- 4. Submit a copy of your HESI A<sup>2</sup> test scores. *Remember: you must make 79% or better on the Reading Comprehension section of the HESI. The HESI may be taken only one time per application period but, if you make less than 79% on Reading Comprehension, you may re-take (only) that section. **Do not forget to submit your re-take score!** (The SIX required components of the HESI A<sup>2</sup> are: 1) Reading Comprehension 2) Vocabulary and General Knowledge 3) Grammar 4) Basic Math Skills 5) Anatomy & Physiology and 6) Chemistry)*
- 5. Submit proof of Hepatitis B series and serology. *If Hepatitis B series not taken previously, then proof of first immunization in the series must be submitted with this application. (See item 7 on page 2 of this application.)*

SUBMIT **ONLY** THE ITEMS ON THE ABOVE CHECKLIST  
TO THE JOANNE GAY DISHMAN SCHOOL OF NURSING

### **Instructions for submitting your application**

- 1) Place in Drop Box on wall outside of Room 255 in the McFaddin Ward Building  
-OR-
- 2) Bring to Room 255 in the McFaddin Ward Building  
-OR-
- 3) Mail to: JoAnn Gay Dishman School of Nursing,  
Attention: Admissions  
PO Box 10081  
Beaumont, TX 77710

PLEASE KEEP PAGES 1-15 FOR YOUR FILES.

➔ KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS. Do not return it with your application. ←

LAMAR UNIVERSITY  
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**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM**

- This application will not be processed without the receipt for payment of the required non-refundable \$30 Application Fee (see page 2 of the application instructions). Personal checks, Money Orders, and/or cash, etc., will not be accepted.
- Admission to the BSN Program is contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check.
- Complete all items on this application; incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Remember: you may be contacted by phone, email or regular mail during the application process. **We must have your current contact information.** If your phone, address or email changes, please contact the Information Center immediately: 409-880-8868.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden

LU Student ID#	E-Mail Address	LU Email Address

Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone

**Mailing Address** (this is the address I want to use for all correspondence from the Nursing Dept.)

Street, P. O. #, Box, Route, Apt	City	County	State	Zip

**Permanent Address**

Street, P. O. #, Box, Route, Apt	City	County	State	Zip

**Emergency Contact Information**

Name	Phone
Address, City, State, ZIP	

**I have taken/plan to take the Evolve Reach Powered by HESI Admission Test:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit a copy of your scores to the Dishman School of Nursing with application.*



**REQUIRED CORE & PRE-REQUISITE COURSES:**

Please provide information for courses you have completed or plan to complete prior to entering the program. All core courses **and** prerequisites (\*) must be complete before entering the BSN Program, with the exception of Political Science. **THIS SECTION MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY.**

Course	Semester	Year	Grade	Location (Campus)
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I (BIOL 2401)*				
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II (BIOL 2402)*				
MICROBIOLOGY (BIOL 2420)*				
CHEMISTRY (CHEM 1306 / CHEM 1106)*				
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY (NURS 2373)* <i>Pathophysiology MUST be taken within three years PRIOR to entering the Nursing Program. (For Spring 2018 applicants, no older than Spring 2015.) This course must be passed within a maximum of <u>three</u> attempts.</i>				
THEORIES IN NURSING (NURS 2213)* <i>Theories in Nursing MUST be taken at Lamar University within three years PRIOR to entering the Nursing Program (For Spring 2018 applicants, no older than Spring 2015.) This course must be passed within a maximum of <u>three</u> attempts.</i>				
ENGLISH (ENGL 1301)*				
ENGLISH (ENGL 1302)*				
NUTRITION (FCSC 1322)*				
COLLEGE ALGEBRA (MATH 1314 / 1334)*				
PSYCHOLOGY LIFESPAN (PSYC 2315)* <i>Psychology Lifespan OR we will accept PSYC 2308 Child Psychology <b>AND</b> PSYC 2311 Adult Development &amp; Aging.</i>				
STATISTICS (PSYC 2317 or MATH 1342)*				
HISTORY (1301)				
HISTORY (1302)				
LANGUAGE PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE ELECTIVE <i>(Options: ENGL – 2300, 2310, 2320, 2322, 2326, 2331, 2371, 2376 or PHIL 1370, 2306)</i>				
COMMUNICATION ELECTIVE <i>(Options: French 1311, Spanish 1311, DSDE 1371, COMM 1315 or 1321)</i>				
SOCIAL/ BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE <i>(Options: PSYC 2301, SOCI 1301, ECON 1301, ECON 2301, ECON 2302, BULW 1370 or INEN 2373)</i>				
CREATIVE ARTS ELECTIVE <i>(Options: ARTS 1301, 1303, DANC 2304, MUSI 1306, 1310, COMM 1375, PHIL 1330, or THEA 1310)</i>				

Are you now or have you ever been licensed as a health care provider?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges attended, with dates of attendance, prior to applying to the nursing program:

College/University	Dates Attended

List any degrees awarded at the baccalaureate or higher level:

Degree	Major	Institution	Year Awarded

Did you attend Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Lamar State College-Orange, or Lamar Institute of Technology between 1978-1994?  Yes  No

Have you ever been enrolled in another nursing program?  Yes  No

If yes, which program: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

➔ **ATTENTION TRANSFER STUDENTS:** *(Students who have completed college courses on campuses other than Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas)*

In order for transfer students to be considered for admission, the students **must**:

1. Apply for admission to Lamar University.
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities to the Lamar University Office of Admissions at P.O. Box 10009, Beaumont, TX 77710 by **August 15**.
3. Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities with this this application to the Nursing Program by **August 15**.

➔ **COURSE TRANSFERS**

If you have taken courses at another college or university and they did not transfer as equivalent Lamar University courses, you will need to petition for credit for these courses. Contact your Pre-Nursing Advisor at the Undergraduate Advising Center (409-880-8822) for additional information on this process and to obtain the Course Substitution Form for those courses.

If course work is in progress, you are required to submit a copy of these grades immediately upon completion to the Dishman School of Nursing Information Center (MMW 255).

**Please review the Dishman School of Nursing Criminal Background Screening Policy on pages 5-6 of the Application Instructions and sign the acknowledgement below.**

**CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY**

My signature below indicates that I have read the Criminal Background Screening Policy and have been provided a copy of it (pages 5-6 of the Application Instructions). This form provides my irrevocable consent for the results of the criminal background check to be released to Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing officials.

My signature below certifies that I do not have any criminal history as listed in the policy that would disqualify me for consideration for a clinical rotation or for enrollment in the nursing program.

My signature below indicates that I am aware that I am responsible for the cost of the criminal background screening.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Licensure Standards**

Please review the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Licensure Standards Information (<http://www.bon.state.tx.us>) on page 4 of the Application Instructions and sign below.

I have reviewed the *Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Licensure Standards* information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**This application must be received in the School of Nursing (or postmarked) no later than August 15 to be considered for admission to the program. The number of applicants admitted may be limited by space availability.**

Completion of all core and pre-requisite courses does not guarantee admission to the Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.

Completion and submission of this application does not guarantee admission to the Lamar University JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.

**I certify that ALL information provided by me in this application is true and correct.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Mail Application and Receipt for Payment of Application Fee to:  
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JoAnne Gay Dishman School of Nursing – Admissions Committee  
P.O. Box 10081  
Beaumont, Texas 77710**

**→ Please save a copy of your application for your records. ←**