



## **Generic ADN Program Information Packet**

Nursing Program Website:  
[Nursing Education | Alamo Colleges](#)

### **Application Deadline:**

**Fall: June 30**

**Spring: October 30**

## A Letter from our Program Director

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for inquiring about the Generic Associate Degree Nursing Program. Enclosed you will find program information, including the admission requirements for the ADN Program.

The Generic Program starts a new class twice a year-Spring and Fall. The program is designed to be completed in six semesters. It is a 60-credit hour program.

If you wish to be considered for admission into the program, you must submit evidence of meeting all application/admission requirements listed in this packet. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all application information has been received at the St. Philip's College ADN Program office and that their admission file is complete. Please remember this is a competitive program. Please make sure you read the entire packet and complete your checklist. Only the **first** submitted online application will be accepted.

If you have questions, once you have reviewed the application packet, please call the office at (210) 486-2055 or email the Administrative Services Specialist at [smason33@alamo.edu](mailto:smason33@alamo.edu).

Best wishes in pursuing a rewarding career in nursing through our Associate Degree Nursing Program at St. Philip's College.

Note: No person shall, on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, national origin (including ancestry), citizenship status, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, transgender status, gender identity, gender expression, veteran or military status (including special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or recently separated veteran), predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status, any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, or persons who have opposed discrimination or participated in any complaint process on campus or before a government agency, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in employment or under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by the College District. H.1.1

### **Overview**

This program is a member of a 32-school-based, concept-based curriculum consortium, utilizing a unique and successful concept approach to nursing theories and practice. Candidates for this program are non-licensed individuals.

The program consists of four consecutive semesters after the required seven pre-requisites. Theory/lab/clinical/experiences will be utilized to meet the educational requirements for the students to transition to the RN scope of practice. Class days vary due to clinical placements. This is a hybrid evening/online/weekend program.

Admission to the Generic ADN Program occurs twice each academic year: fall and spring. To coordinate admissions with the Texas Board of Nursing, application deadlines are set to accommodate Board review. There are no exceptions to the deadlines.

All admission requirements, including submission of the completed application, must be met before consideration will be given for admission into the St. Philip's Generic ADN Program. Information in this application packet is subject to change without prior notice as necessary to comply with current State and College requirements.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum format taught is concept based. Concept-based learning is an educational method that focuses on big ideas and teaches students how to organize and categorize information. Content focuses on facts, while concept focuses on making sense of those facts and the world around us. Instead of the traditional method of learning, which concentrates on the ability to recall facts in isolation, concept-based learning focuses on understanding broader principles (concepts) that can be applied to various specific examples called exemplars.

Concept-based learning challenges students to think more critically about new subjects and situations by applying prior knowledge and experience. Students must think beyond the facts, connect factual knowledge to ideas of conceptual significance, and find relevance.

A concept-based curriculum provides a structured framework to help create the learning outcomes, the instructional delivery and lesson objectives, and the student assessments.

A concept-based curriculum in nursing involves examining concepts that link to the delivery of patient care. Students focus on crucial, prevalent examples and their interconnected nature during the study. Students learn to recognize features of a condition and begin to apply what they have learned to various situations.

### **Clinical Requirements**

To fulfill the clinical requirements, students must attend clinical rotations in San Antonio and its surrounding areas if needed. The student is responsible for transportation to and from hospitals and other assigned medical facilities. Students should be prepared to travel to any appropriate facility to meet course objectives. Students will also need to have the required vaccinations and CPR training.

To comply with clinical agency requirements, all students registering for clinical nursing courses are required to show written evidence of the following:

***Yearly TB Testing one of the following:***

- Negative QuantiFERON-TB Gold or T-SPOT TB blood screen test (good for 2 yrs.), **or**
- Negative PPD or chest X-ray within the last 12 months, **or**
- Negative PPD yearly thereafter while enrolled in the program.

***Yearly Flu Shot***

Required to be compliant with seasonal flu vaccine throughout the program. New flu shot must be taken before classes start in August. You must have a current influenza vaccine at the start of the program. No exceptions.

***Immunizations***

- Complete Hepatitis B series or serologic confirmation of immunity to Hepatitis B submitted in 1 of the three options:
  1. Hep B – Heplisav-B - 2 shot series (completed in 2 months).
  2. Hep B – Engerix-B, Recombivax HB or Twinrex - 3 shot series (completed in 6 months).
  3. Proof of Hep B Surface Antibody, IgG titer – only this type of titer will be acceptable.
- Complete a series of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccines.
- One dose of diphtheria-tetanus toxoid (Tdap or Td) vaccination within the past ten years.
- Two doses of varicella vaccine are needed.
- Serologic confirmation (titers) of immunity to measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, or varicella are acceptable.
- A copy of all immunizations need to be submitted with the application for admission.
- Meningococcal if under 22 years of age.
- During the nursing program, each student will be asked to show evidence of current immunization requirements required in every clinical course to each clinical instructor. If there are further questions regarding this requirement, consult your clinical instructor.

***CPR Card in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers***

Proof of current Healthcare Provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) card in Basic Life Support

for adults, children, and infants. A student must show evidence of having completed **American Heart Association (AHA)** CPR certification. This certification may be obtained through an AHA approved program. CPR certification should be renewed every two years (must be completed hands-on, no internet recertification). American Heart Association is the only CPR certification acceptable for the SPC Nursing Program. Red Cross will not be accepted.

### ***Drug Screen***

Proof of a negative drug screen. Information will be provided after acceptance.

### ***Medical Insurance***

Proof of current medical insurance coverage throughout enrollment of the nursing program.

## **Expected Outcomes**

A student enrolled in Generic ADN Program is required to meet the following standards:

1. Use the senses of vision, hearing, speech, and touch. Using the senses enhances a nurse's ability to observe the patient accurately.
2. Perform psychomotor movements requiring gross and fine muscle movements and equilibrium coordination. Coordination is necessary for patient safety.
3. Communicate orally and in writing and demonstrate sensitivity to others. Nurses must function in highly compassionate areas where integrity, interpersonal skills, and concern for others are all desirable personal qualities.
4. Demonstrate stable emotional health and intellectual activities required to exercise sound judgment. The applicant must be flexible and able to adapt to change and stress.
5. Demonstrate adequate decision-making and critical thinking skills.
6. Demonstrate physical health necessary to perform strenuous activities related to patient care, which includes moving and lifting. (Must be able to lift and move 50 pounds)
7. Provide nursing care to patients with all health problems, including infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, COVID-19, and HIV/AIDS.

\*A more detailed technical standards form is included with the application and must be signed and returned with the application.

The Generic ADN Program offers a nursing study option for:

1. Candidates for this program are non-licensed individuals.
2. Individuals who are 18 years or older

Graduates should be prepared to:

- Demonstrate responsibility for continued competence in nursing practice, and develop insight through reflection, self-analysis, self-care, and lifelong learning.
- Provide safe, compassionate, basic nursing care to assigned patients with predictable health care needs through a supervised, directed scope of practice.
- Implement aspects of the plan of care within legal, ethical, and regulatory parameters and in consideration of patient factors.
- Implement measures to promote quality and a safe environment for patients, self, and others.
- Communicate and collaborate with patients, their families, and the interdisciplinary health care team to assist in the planning, delivery, and coordination of patient-centered care to assigned patients.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Texas Board of Nursing Rules that emphasize safety, as well as all federal, state, and local government and accreditation organization safety requirements and standards.
- Demonstrate good professional character as described in Texas Board of Nursing RULE §213.27 through their program and career.

Upon successful completion of the program and meeting Texas Board of Nursing requirements, Generic ADN graduates are issued a temporary license from the Texas Board of Nursing permitting them to seek employment as a Graduate Nurse (GN) until successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX- RN).

### **ADN End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes**

EPSLO 1: Perform the role of the nurse using knowledge, judgment, and skills in providing health care for clients & families.

EPSLO 2: Contribute to activities that promote the development and practice of professional nursing.

EPSLO 3: Utilize critical thinking to provide safe, quality, comprehensive nursing care to multiple clients and their families across the life span.

EPSLO 4: Utilize effective communication techniques, when providing, coordinating, and advocating for quality healthcare with clients, their families, and the health care team.

EPSLO 5: Integrate the concepts of health, illness, and teaching-learning process to meet the health promotion, maintenance and/or restoration needs of clients and their families throughout the lifecycle.

EPSLO 6: Collaboration with clients and their families within diverse communities and the interdisciplinary health care team for the provision of quality health care.

EPSLO 7: Coordinate resources and manage environmental factors within society when providing holistic health care for multiple clients and their families.

EPSLO 8: Assume accountability and responsibility for provisions, coordination, documentation, and delegation of health care for multiple clients and their families within the legal and ethical nursing framework.

### **Admission Requirements (to St. Philip's College)**

Apply for admission into the St. Philip's College Generic ADN Program following the Alamo Colleges admission policies, as well as admission policies of the Generic ADN program and policies specified by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

1. Submit an application for admission: Go to [ApplyTexas - Applicant Home Page](#) to complete the application. All applicants for nursing studies MUST be fully admitted into St. Philip's College.

Note: The Apply Texas application is for admission to the college, not for admission to the nursing program. You will have to complete a separate application for the nursing program.

2. Once you have been accepted to St. Philip's College and have obtained a Banner student ID#, you will go to the RN program website and complete the online application. The forms needed to apply are listed on the RN webpage: [SPC : Nursing Generic | Alamo Colleges](#).

Note: All forms need to be submitted in their entirety not just signature page. They must be submitted in **PDF form**. No JPEG or PNG will be accepted.

3. Submit official transcripts from **all** previous schools attended Official transcripts must be submitted with your application to the college. Send transcripts to yourself and upload them with the application. Official high school transcripts will be required with the application if not on file with the college advising department. For information regarding foreign transcript evaluation, contact the International Student Services Office at (210) 486-2876.

***Note: Individuals need to be 18 years or older to apply for the Nursing Program.***

### **Application Process (to the Generic ADN Program)**

The steps for admission to the Generic ADN Program include the following:

1. Applicant must be an accepted student to the Alamo Colleges. Applicants must have SPC as their home school for acceptance to the program. This will be the applicant's responsibility to update.
2. Individuals need to be 18 years or older to apply for the Nursing Program.
3. Applicants must be TSI College Ready. Please speak with your academic advisor concerning this criterion.
4. Official Transcripts:  
Submit official transcripts from **all** previous schools attended including Alamo Colleges, including all previous nursing courses. Official transcripts must be submitted with your online application. It is the student's responsibility to have previous courses taken at other colleges transferred in if using as part of the prerequisites requirement. The courses must be accepted by St. Philip's to be

accepted for completion. Have the transcript sent to yourself and upload with your application.

5. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (this is not rounded). This is a program requirement.
6. Pre-requisites: These are required to be completed **prior to** application deadline. Please see the program webpage for additional information. The candidate must have received a grade of “C” or higher on all pre-requisite courses for admission.

Course	Title	Grade Required	Expiration
*BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	“C” or higher	5 years*
*BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	“C” or higher	5 years*
*BIOL 2420 or *BIOL 2421	Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health Microbiology for Science Majors	“C” or higher	5years*
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	“C” or higher	None
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	“C” or higher	None
PHIL 2306	Introduction to Ethics	“C” or higher	None
ENGL 1301	Composition I	“C” or higher	None

\*Seven years if completed at St. Philip’s College.

7. Please provide a current driver license, government issued ID or passport for photo ID. Please make sure the name matches the one used for college admission. This is what will be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing.

The driver’s licenses or state-issued IDs of the students seeking enrollment in any of the Associate Degree nursing programs must match the state indicated on the application showing residence in an approved state.

8. TEAS:

All applicants must take the ATI Testing of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) Nursing assessment exam. A level of proficiency with an overall composite score of 70% must be achieved for consideration. Testing must be within 1 year from the application deadline for admission. Submission must include a complete breakdown of the results for admission scoring criteria. Application can be denied if there is no breakdown for scoring purposes. Testing must be done in person.

### Selection Process

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, with applicants providing evidence of previous successful educational accomplishments. The admission committee will review applicants and determine conditional acceptance based on a multicriteria scoring system, including GPA, TEAS score, pre-requisite and courses taken.

Acceptance letters are sent to each applicant in order of rank until all available seats in the class are filled. Applicants who do not respond to letters of acceptance will be removed from the applicant pool and lose all review points.

Each applicant selected for admission will be notified via email and given a deadline to accept or decline the invitation to join the upcoming class.

New classes start each Fall and Spring semesters. Admission reviews are conducted twice each year. All applications turned in during an admission cycle are reviewed and ranked to compile the current ranking list.

Applicants will be ranked by the points earned. Should several applicants have the same points, the submission date of completed applications will be used in the selection process to determine ranking.

Only applications that are complete will be reviewed for conditional acceptance. Submitting incomplete, misleading, or fabricated information on the student admission application or any admission document is reason for dismissal of the student from the nursing program when the breach is discovered. Students are strongly encouraged to retain original copies of all documents submitted in the application packet.

#### **After Selection:**

1. Selected applicants will be notified by student ACES email and required to attend a Mandatory Orientation. A separate email will be sent with the date and time.
2. Each applicant is required to complete a background check and a drug screen. This process will be explained in further detail once the applicant has accepted their admission invitation. The drug screen has a deadline. No exceptions will be made for not completing. If the deadline is missed, the applicant forfeits their slot, and another applicant will be offered the invitation.
3. All applicants must meet the health and physical requirements, including immunizations, to complete the required clinical hours.

#### **Background Checks**

Background checks will be required of ALL students. If you accepted the offer of admission, this provided authorization to release your social security number to the Texas Board of Nursing for the completion of a background check. If you have offenses on your record, you will need to contact the Texas Board of Nursing at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/> to review their licensing policies. Your status will be reported to us by the Texas Board of Nursing. If we have a concern, you will be contacted. If you have not received BON approval to take the licensing exam and your background check shows an offense, your conditional acceptance will be revoked.

If you have not been issued a social security number, you will not be able to work in this country and therefore you should apply for a SSN as soon as possible.

#### **Conditional Acceptance**

Only complete applications will be reviewed by the admission committee for conditional acceptance. Incomplete applications will not be considered. A student who meets all requirements and is recommended for admission by the committee will receive a conditional acceptance letter for admission.

Submitting incomplete, misleading, or fabricated information on the student admission application or any admission document is reason for dismissal of the student from the nursing program at the time the breach is discovered. Students are strongly encouraged to retain original copies of all documents submitted as part of the application packet.

The student's name is sent to the Texas Board of Nursing as a potential candidate, and the BON will initiate a background check. Three things will occur for admission to happen:

**1. Criminal Background Check:**

Instructions for the Texas Board of Nursing background check will be given to applicants who receive a conditional acceptance letter. All applicants must pass a criminal background check completed by the Texas Board of Nursing before official acceptance into the Generic ADN Program is granted.

The student will receive a blue index card indicating a clear background screen from the Texas Board of Nursing. Some students may receive a letter from the BON instead. The student must present these *original* documents as proof on the first day of the program orientation. Students will only be allowed into the program with evidence of clearance. A copy will not be accepted.

**2. Drug Screening:**

A drug screen will be required during the application process. Instructions for the drug screen will be given to applicants who receive a conditional acceptance letter. Negative drug screen results are required for official acceptance into the Generic ADN Program. Specific instructions will be provided with the application. The applicant will be responsible for following drug screen protocol and requirements by mandatory deadlines; failure to do so will make the applicant ineligible for admission. All communication will be sent to the official school email address, not a personal one.

**3. Notification Process:**

Individuals will be notified of conditional acceptance into the Generic ADN Program via Alamo Colleges ACES student email only. Applicants will be given a deadline to accept or decline the invitation to join the upcoming class.

Acceptance letters are sent to each applicant in order of rank until all available seats in the class are filled. Applicants who do not respond to letters of acceptance will be removed from the applicant pool and lose all review points.

Applicants who decline admission may re-apply later and must meet all current program requirements. The conditional acceptance letter will provide instructions for the criminal background check and drug screen.

### **Official Acceptance**

Once the candidate has received conditional notice into the program, information for new student orientation will be provided. On the first day of Generic ADN Program orientation, the student will be required to provide copies of the following items to attend their first clinical practicum. Failure to provide these items on the first day of orientation will forfeit the student's official acceptance to the program. Please start gathering the information when conditionally accepted and keep it in a folder.

**1. CPR Card (copy):**

Proof of current CPR certification in Basic Life Support for adult, child, and infant. American Heart Association (Health Care Provider Course) required. Online, American Red Cross or other courses are NOT accepted. Please do not call the office for providers. The ADN nursing program does not endorse any one provider.

**2. Health Insurance: (copy of card)**

Must show proof of current medical insurance and remain insured throughout the duration of enrollment in the Generic ADN Program. A student's name must be on the insurance card if student is insured as a dependent on parent/guardian/spouse insurance plan.

Requirements to be completed before the program start date:

1. Complete application: no items missing.
2. A clear background check: Original Blue card or letter from the Texas Board of Nursing.
3. A negative drug screen.

Note: During the nursing program, each student will be asked to show evidence of current immunization requirements/CPR required in every clinical course to their clinical instructor. If there are further questions regarding this requirement, consult your clinical instructor.

### **Application Deadline**

<b>Interested Cohort-Admission Deadline</b>	<b>Generic ADN Program</b>
Fall Regular Admission	March 2 – June 30
Spring Regular Admission	August 3 – October 30

Your application must be complete for consideration. You can only submit **one** application for consideration of admission. If you do not meet requirements, please wait to submit your application. Please make sure it is complete and in PDF format.

The Following Individuals Will Not be Considered for Admission:

1. Applicants who are not registered at St. Philip's College.
2. Applicants who do not complete all the application steps.
3. Applicants who do not meet the deadlines.
4. Applicants who submit an incomplete application.
5. Applicants who do not meet the minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.
6. Applicants who have not completed and/or have not demonstrated proof of completion of all prerequisite courses as stated on the program webpage.
7. Applicants who do not score proficient with an overall score of 70% on the ATI TEAS.
8. Applicants who have attended a VN program must provide a letter of good standing from the school to be considered for admission.
9. Applicants who have been unsuccessful (failure) in another ADN nursing program.

Note: Please make sure the name and email utilized for admission remain current. This is the information that will be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing for clearance. Any changes made after application submission may delay clearance from the Texas Board of Nursing and admission start.

## ADN Nursing Courses

### Semester I (Fall/Spring)

- RNSG 1125 - Professional Nursing Concepts I
- RNSG 1128 - Introduction to Health Care Concepts
- RNSG 1161 - Clinical: RN Health Care Concepts I
- RNSG 1216 - Professional Nursing Competencies
- RNSG 1430 - Health Care Concepts I

### Semester II (Spring/Summer)

- RNSG 1533 - Health Care Concepts II
- RNSG 1126 - Professional Nursing Concepts II
- RNSG 2362 - Clinical - RN Health Care Concepts II

### Semester III (Summer/Fall)

- RNSG 1137 - Professional Nursing Concepts III
- RNSG 1538 - Health Care Concepts III
- RNSG 2363 - Clinical: RN Health Care Concepts III

### Semester IV (Fall/Spring)

- RNSG 2138 - Professional Nursing Concepts IV
- RNSG 2539 - Health Care Concepts IV
- RNSG 2360 - Clinical: RN Health Care Concepts IV

### **Generic ADN Program Degree Plan**

Prerequisites			Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
BIOL	2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	3	96	4
BIOL	2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	3	96	4
BIOL BIOL	2420 or 2421	Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health or Microbiology for Science majors	4	4	96	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3	0	48	3
PSYC	2314	Lifespan and Growth and Development	3	0	48	3
PHIL	2306	Introduction to Ethics	3	0	48	3
ENGL	1301	Composition I	3	0	48	3
<b>Total Hours</b>					<b>480</b>	<b>24</b>

First Semester Level 1			Lecture Hours	Lab Hrs./ Clinical	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I	1	0	16	1
RNSG	1161	Clinical: RN Health Care Concepts I	0	0/4 clinical	64	1
RNSG	1216	Professional Nursing Competencies	0	8	128	2
RNSG	1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	1	0	16	1
RNSG	1430	Health Care Concepts I	4	0	64	4
		<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>288</b>	<b>9</b>

Second Level 2			Lecture Hours	Lab Hrs./ Clinical	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II	1	0	16	1
RNSG	1533	Health Care Concepts II	5	0	80	5
RNSG	1263	Clinical-RN Concept Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	0	0/8 clinical	128	3
		<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>224</b>	<b>9</b>

Third Semester Level 3			Lecture Hours	Lab Hours /Clinical	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1	0	16	1
RNSG	1538	Health Care Concepts III	5	0	80	5
RNSG	2363	Clinical-RN Health Care Concepts III	0	0/12 clinical	192	3
		<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>288</b>	<b>9</b>

Fourth Semester Level 4			Lecture Hours	Lab Hrs./Clinical	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1	0	16	1
RNSG	2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5	0	80	5
RNSG	2360	Clinical-RN Health Care Concepts IV	0	0/12 clinical	192	3
		<b>Total Hours</b>			<b>288</b>	<b>9</b>

Approximate costs (subject to change), not including uniforms, stethoscope, or shoes.

### **Tuition and Fees**

#### *Tuition:*

Texas In-District Per Semester Credit Hour \$109

Texas Out-of-District Per Semester Credit Hour \$225

Non-Texas/International Non-Resident Per Semester Credit Hour \$476

#### *Student Activity Fee:*

Student Activity Fee of \$3 per credit hour will be assessed to all students.

#### *Student Support Service Fee:*

\$25 per semester with a maximum of \$50 per Academic Year which is non-refundable.

SPC Nursing – RN \$165 per semester credit hour

For a more detailed breakdown, please visit the website: [SPC : Tuition and Fees | Alamo Colleges](#)

Thank you for your interest in the Generic ADN Program. If you have any further questions, please contact the Nursing Department.

***Creating Champions for Nursing Excellence!***