

Prerequisite/Admittance Questions:

- I have questions about the transferability of courses.
 - Please contact the eLine academic advisor for more information. You can also schedule a phone or face-to-face appointment to discuss your questions/concerns in detail by contacting 361-825-2648.
- Are NURS 3342 Pharmacologic Principles and NURS 4322 Health Alterations available online?
 - Yes, we offer these courses fully online every semester. Anatomy and Physiology I & II must be completed with a C or better prior to taking either course.
- I already earned a bachelor's degree – Does this mean I have already completed the core curriculum?
 - Generally, if you earned a bachelor's degree at a Texas public institution, you have completed the core curriculum – courses in the core curriculum do not expire. Please contact the eLine academic advisor for more information. You can schedule a phone or face-to-face appointment to discuss your questions/concerns in detail by contacting 361-825-2648.
- Do I need to calculate the GPA for my last 60 hours?
 - When you apply to TAMUCC, there is a report that will calculate your GPA for the last 60 hours.
- Does TAMUCC offer the core curriculum courses and prerequisite courses fully online?
 - TAMUCC does not offer many of the required prerequisite courses fully online, or if they do, they often fill quickly. We generally advise transfer students to apply to TAMUCC one semester prior to taking NURS 4322 Health Alterations and NURS 3342 Pharmacologic Principles, which are offered fully online every semester.
- How many students does the eLine track accept each application cycle?
 - Admission varies depending on space availability and competitiveness of the applicants.
- Do I have to have all prerequisite courses completed when I apply to the TAMUCC nursing program?
 - No, prerequisite courses need to be completed prior to entry into the nursing program, if accepted. Courses can be in progress or you can plan to complete them when applying to the program.
- Can I complete the required prerequisites at a community college?
 - The core curriculum and prerequisite courses can be completed at a public, Texas community college. The exception to this are the courses NURS 3342 Use of Pharmacology Principles and NURS 4322 Health Alterations. These courses are generally not accepted from two-year institutions. TAMUCC offers these courses

fully online every semester. Anatomy & Physiology I and II need to be completed with a C or better prior to being able to complete NURS 3342 and NURS 4322.

Track Questions:

- Other than the clinical component of the track, are all other aspects entirely online?
 - Check offs-simulations and orientation are done on TAMUCC campus in Corpus Christi. An attempt is made to locate a clinical site in your area and, if required, the dates of travel to Corpus Christi are arranged in advance and appear on the syllabus.
- Is there a certain period in which the program in the eLine track has to be completed?
 - The program is sequenced to be completed in five semesters, including summer (nursing courses are the full 10-week session). The program does not have to be completed in the 5 semesters.
- Are students able to work full time while in the eLine track?
 - This is difficult since this track will require a lot of independent study, but possible.
 - The expected study time is 3 hours/week per credit hour outside the classroom/clinical. For example, a 6-hour class requires 18 hours of study time per week.
 - Many of our students work or have full-time family responsibilities. It can be difficult, but it is possible.
- What are some basic knowledge facts about the eLine track regarding skills check offs, clinical, or online work? For instance, what is a good example of what to expect during that year?
 - There is a required on campus orientation prior to beginning the program. For Fundamentals there is a weekly WebEx and a weekly online lab, combined with health assessment, and a week of Check offs for Fundamentals and Health Assessment on campus before the start of clinical.

Clinical Questions:

- Do you have clinical availability in my area?
 - eLine Clinical Acknowledgement: The College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) will attempt to secure appropriate clinical placement in the student's region (in Texas). The College of Nursing and Health Sciences makes no guarantee, implied or otherwise, to the availability of appropriate clinical sites or the ability to secure appropriate clinical placement in the student's region. If the CONHS is not able to successfully secure the appropriate clinical placement, the student, at the student's expense, will be required to travel to successfully complete clinical course requirements. This could include, but is not limited to, travel to Corpus Christi. <http://conhs.tamucc.edu/future-students/eLine.html>
 - For the most part our clinical placement opportunities are stable and TAMUCC students are welcome in facilities. However, placements are at the pleasure of the hospitals with whom we have a contract in place. We are guests of the hospital

and their ability to accept students is influenced by many things including their patient census, staff vacations, new hires, accreditation inspections, staff turnover, construction projects, and factors that we are not privy to. So, a place that provided student clinical one semester, may not be available the next.

- At what point in the eLine track does clinical begin?
 - Clinical will begin the first semester, after successful completion of checkoffs/simulation (around week 9 in the spring/summer/fall semesters). You will have at least one clinical course per semester, sometimes two.
 - Clinical begins:
 - Summer semester: Approximately, the first week of August
 - Fall semester: Approximately, mid-October
 - Spring semester: Approximately, mid-March.
- How many days per week is clinical and when do they start?
 - Schedule is based on the clinical site and preceptor. The following should be taken into consideration:
 - Two clinical days a week is recommended. It is possible to do up to 3 days a week, however no more than 24 hours in a row, e.g. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Maximum of 36 hours per week total across all clinical courses.
 - Most hospitals have 12 hour shifts.
 - Classes that require 135 clinical hours can be completed in 5 ½ weeks and 90 hour classes are completed in 4 weeks. Students can start their clinical hours when they are cleared to do so by their instructor.
 - In some cities, where there are clinical groups, it is possible that clinical will begin at the beginning of the semester and will be on specified days.
 - Students who require a weekend placement will likely work with more than one preceptor.
 - Students who are placed in clinical groups with an instructor will have a fixed schedule.
- When the clinical portion begins, will I have the ability to schedule myself or will it be a strict, set schedule?
 - Students follow their preceptor's schedule, and there may be some flexibility within those parameters. Sometimes students are only available to do their clinical hours on the weekends and such schedules are possible but not guaranteed.
- Could I do my clinical hours on the weekends, breaks or during the summer?
 - Clinical placement on weekends is possible.

- Students often do their clinical hours on breaks. There are limitations on how many clinical days can be done in one week. Students may do up to 36 clinical hours a week but no more than 24 hours in a row. So, based on 12 hour shifts, a student could do, for example, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday clinical days. Even if a student is enrolled in two clinical courses, no more than 36 total hours per week are allowed.
- Clinical hours should be completed within the semester and classes are offered during the summer, so saving clinical for summer would not be practical or suggested.
- What are the options for the clinical sites?
 - There must be a Clinical Affiliation Agreement in place between the hospital and TAMUCC for a student to be able to do clinical in that facility. The CONHS has agreements in place for many hospitals across the state and will seek additional affiliation agreements as needed. A facility may or may not agree to enter a relationship with TAMUCC.
- When would clinical hours need to be completed? Is there a flexible schedule where I could maintain a job and complete the eLine track?
 - The clinical portion should be completed or at least started by the end of the semester. Students should be available to attend 2 clinical days a week. Clinical schedules are unique to each placement since the student's and the preceptor's schedules must be coordinated to accomplish the clinical objectives. Generally, there is about a 10 week window to complete 5½ weeks of clinical.
 - You have the semester you are enrolled in to complete all coursework and clinical. Clinical hours can be done in the evening and on weekends. If clinical hours are not completed, you will have the next semester to complete clinical requirements. Clinical must be completed or the course will be failed. Detailed information can be found at <http://conhs.tamucc.edu/future-students/eLine.html> under Policies: Progression, Retention and Dismissal.