

Course Overview	The Principles of Nursing Science course introduces students to basic principles of the profession of nursing. The goals/student outcomes for the course include knowledge of the history of nursing, an introduction to nursing theory, professionalism (teamwork, communication, conflict resolution), legal/ethical issues in nursing, infection control, safety, and customer (patient) satisfaction. Skills learned include vital signs and how to document on a graphic record, patient positioning/transferring, bed-making, feeding, and personal protective equipment (PPE).
Course Standards	Rule TAC §74.13 – Principles of Nursing Science
Instructional Materials	Course Materials

Scope & Sequence

Units/Modules & Instructional Days	Assessments & Scanning Deadlines	Standards
Nursing Science Pre-test Window: ALL Regions: Aug 24 – Sep 12, 2026, Scanning Deadline: September 11 th , 2026		
Unit 1: History of Nursing 19 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_F26_UE1 Scanning Deadline: September 24, 2026	Unit Standards
Unit 2: Teamwork, Professional Communication 14 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_F26_UE2 Scanning Deadline: October 15, 2026	
Unit 3: Medical Terminology 18 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_F26_UE3 Scanning Deadline: November 12, 2026	
Unit 4: Nursing Theory 10 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_F26_UE4 Scanning Deadline: December 3, 2026	
Semester Exam Window: December 7-18, 2026, Scanning Deadline: January 8, 2027		
Unit 5: Legal & Ethical Responsibilities in Nursing Practices 11 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_S27_UE5 Scanning Deadline: December 18, 2027	Unit Standards
Unit 6: Anatomy & Physiology 28 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_S27_UE6 Scanning Deadline: February 18, 2027	
Unit 7: Infection Control & Safety 15 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_S27_UE7 Scanning Deadline: March 11, 2027	
Unit 8: Nursing Practice & Nursing Science 12 days	TX_CTE_9thPrinciplesofNursingScience_S27_UE8 Scanning Deadline: April 8, 2027	
Unit 9: Employability Skills and Service Learning 15 days	N/A	
Principles of Nursing Cumulative Review 15 days	N/A	
Final Exam: May 17-21, 2027, Sanning Deadline: May 21, 2027		
EP & HOU: May 10 - 14, 2027 Scanning Deadline: May 14, 2027 SA: May 12 - 18, 2027 Scanning Deadline: May 18, 2027 RGV, AUS, PB, DFW: May 17 - 21, 2027 Scanning Deadline: May 21, 2027		

TEKS Alignment

Instruction in this course is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as adopted by the State Board of Education and implemented in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 28.

Instructional Materials

Primary Texts (if applicable)

Supplemental instructional materials may be used to support instruction. Supplemental materials do not replace board-approved core instructional materials.

Additional information regarding instructional programs, assessments, and parent access to instructional materials is available on the district website.

Instructional Expectations

Instruction is delivered using board-approved instructional materials and aligned to the scope and sequence outlined above. Teachers are expected to ensure all required standards are taught within the course timeframe.

Assessment Overview

Student learning is monitored through formative and summative assessments aligned to course standards. Assessment results are used to inform instruction and student supports. Students participate in required state assessments when applicable.