

Midland College

Dear Prospective Associate Degree Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program at Midland College! We're excited that you're considering a rewarding career in nursing, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

Enclosed, you will find our Admissions Information Packet, which provides detailed information about the application process, program requirements, and important deadlines. We encourage you to read through it carefully, as it should address most of your questions.

Graduates of the ADN program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam, which leads to becoming a Registered Nurse (RN) — a highly respected and impactful role in today's healthcare system.

Please note:

- Application deadlines are *May 25* for Spring admission and *October 25* for Fall admission.
- Class sizes are limited due to clinical site availability, so early preparation and timely submission are important.
- Clinical placements vary by semester and may involve some travel, so flexibility is appreciated.

If you have any questions after reviewing the packet or would like to discuss the program further, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to assist you.

We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you into our program and supporting you on your journey to becoming a nurse!

Warm regards,

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER

This is a **competitive admission program** — meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. All information in this packet is subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

Midland College's mission is to provide quality education, workforce development, and enrichment opportunities, fostering both personal and professional growth.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND DEGREE PLANS

At Midland College, the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is fully accredited by the Texas Board of Nursing and prepares students for entry-level nursing roles. The program offers two pathways, each preparing nursing students to apply to the Texas Board of Nursing and sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

- Traditional Track: A full-time, 4-semester program. Admits ~30 students each fall and spring.
 Students complete the 4-semester program with summers off.
- LVN to ADN Bridge Track: A full-time, 3-semester program designed for Licensed Vocational Nurses
 (LVNs) who hold a current, unencumbered license in Texas. Admits ~15 students each spring.
 Students follow an accelerated schedule, attending classes in spring, summer, and fall semesters.

Classes are held on the Midland College main campus, with the LVN-to-RN students also attending remotely from Ft. Stockton WRTTC. Clinical rotations occur at various sites in Midland, Odessa, and Big Spring. Classes typically run from 8:30 am to 4 pm, with clinical days from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm. Due to the program's rigor, full-time employment is not recommended.

Degree Plan: Traditional AAS Nursing

Degree Plan: Traditional Licensed Vocational Nurse to Nursing AAS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE ADMISSION

Apply to Midland College and meet all general admission requirements.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING BACKGROUND CHECK

Submit the <u>Texas Board of Nursing Background Check</u>: To be eligible for admission to the nursing or vocational nursing programs and to sit for the licensing exam, the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) requires a criminal background check. This process involves fingerprinting through MorphoTrust and is conducted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the FBI. Background check results must be received before you submit your program application. Since processing from the BON can take up to two months, it is important to complete this step well in advance of application deadlines.



Important: Carefully review all information on the form before submitting. Errors in your name, address, or other details can delay your results or prevent the BON from processing your background check. After submitting this form, the Nursing Department will email you with further instructions within 5 to 10 business days. After completing the fingerprint process, you will receive a letter or a "blue card" with your background check results. Include a copy (not the original) in your application packet.

**Note – Applicants to the LVN-RN Bridge Program do not need to complete this step, as this was completed during your LVN program. However, you must notify the Texas Board of Nursing if any circumstances have changed that could affect your background clearance or eligibility for the NCLEX exam.

Further Action or Questions:

If you receive additional information requests from the Texas Board of Nursing or have questions about a specific situation—past or present—that may impact your background clearance (such as an arrest or disciplinary action), please consult:

- FAQs for Students
- Texas Administrative Code
- Declaratory Order

ACADEMIC TESTING

- Take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS, Version 7). You may take this exam up to three times with a 30-day waiting period in between attempts.
- Minimum required score: Proficient.
- If you have achieved a "Proficient" score, there is no need to retake the test for a higher score, as additional points are not awarded for exceeding this level.
- Do not send the scores directly to Midland College. Print your transcript and include it in your application packet.
- Learn more and schedule your test here: Midland College Testing Services.
- Additional Testing Methods: For alternative testing options, such as virtual exams, visit <u>TEAS Exam</u> <u>Information | Exam Registration.</u>

CPR REQUIREMENT

Complete the Basic Life Support course through the American Heart Association with an expiration date of later than application date. This is the only course that is accepted.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 must be completed with a grade of B or higher and must be completed within the last 5 years. If they were taken more than 5 years ago, BIOL 2404 (with a grade of B or higher) may be substituted. Prerequisites may be retaken for a higher grade, and the highest grade will be considered for admission points.



Required Before Applying

Points toward admission are only awarded for grades of C or higher (except with BIOL 2401 & 2402 as listed above)

- ENGL 1301: Composition I
- BIOL 2401: Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402: Anatomy and Physiology II
- PSYC 2301: General Psychology
- PSYC 2314: Lifespan Growth and Development
- Humanities/Fine Arts Elective: Your Pathway Advisor will help you select a course. Transfer credits will be evaluated.
- RNSG 1201: Pharmacology (LVN-RN Bridge Program only)

Important Recommendation

Although PSYC 2314 and the Humanities Elective are not considered true prerequisite courses and may be taken in the first and second semesters of nursing school, it is highly recommended that you take them before applying to the program. Finishing them beforehand will reduce your workload and will significantly improve your admission points. The same applies to RNSG 1201 for the LVN-RN Bridge Program. See "Admission Points Worksheets" below for more detail.

Optional Extra Credit Admission Points

Additional points toward admission may be earned by providing proof of certification from an accredited body or college in the following areas:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) 2 points (For Traditional track only, not LVN-RN Bridge)
- Phlebotomy 1 point
- Other healthcare filed certifications 1 point

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

As part of the admissions process, applicants must complete the **Student Information Form** and include it in their application packet. This form provides the program with essential contact and demographic information.

IMMUNIZATIONS

According to <u>Texas law</u> and our partner clinical sites, all students are required to have the following immunizations before participating in patient care:

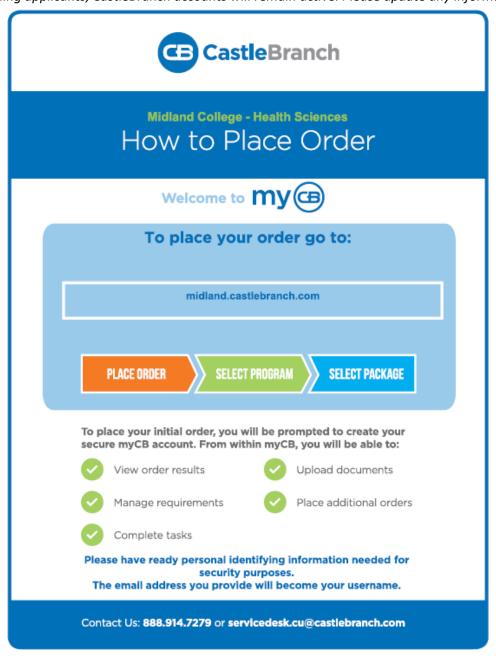
- Hepatitis B (2 or 3 shot series)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella MMR
- Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses
- Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis TDAP (must be within the last 10 years or a new one is required)
- Bacterial Meningitis (if applicable per Texas requirements and if age 22 and younger)
- Tb and Flu vaccines annually May be done after acceptance into the program



Submitting your application is a two-step process. Step one:

- Create a CastleBranch account (or access an existing account) by following the directions below.
- Upload CPR certificate, Immunization record, and LVN license (for LVN-RN Bridge applicants only) to **CastleBranch** before the application deadline.
- Proceed to paper document submission (listed under "Application Process & Checklist" section below.
- Failure to upload proper documentation and ensure all criteria are met will result in an incomplete
 application that will not be considered for admission.

Note: For returning applicants, CastleBranch accounts will remain active. Please update any information.





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For the purposes of admission to the Program, an international student is defined as a student who did not graduate from a high school in the United States.

All international students must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking and passing either:

• **TOEFL iBT** (\$225.00), with minimum scores of:

TOEFL Overall Score	79
TOEFL Reading Score	18
TOEFL Listening Score	20
TOEFL Speaking Score	20
TOEFL Writing Score	17

• **Duolingo English Test** (\$59.00), with minimum scores of:

DuoLingo Overall Score	110
DuoLingo Reading Score	110
DuoLingo Listening Score	110
DuoLingo Speaking Score	110
DuoLingo Writing Score	110

Official score reports must be printed and included in your application packet.



APPLICATION PROCESS & CHECKLIST

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PERIOD

The application submission period is **May 25** for entry into the **Fall cohort and October 25** for entry into the **Spring cohort**. If the deadline falls on a weekend or national holiday, it will be moved to the next business day. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. These documents must be submitted in addition to the documents uploaded to CastleBranch.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Place the documents listed below in a 9x12 envelope labeled with your name, phone number, and "ADN" on the front.
- Submit in person or by mail (must be postmarked by 5 days prior to application deadline).
- In-person submissions must follow Midland College business hours.

Mail or place in the drop box outside of Room 208 in the Davidson Family Health Science Building:

Midland College Nursing Department

Room 208, Davidson Family Health Sciences Building

Midland College

3600 N. Garfield

Midland, TX 79705

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Student Information Form
ATI TEAS results (Proficient or higher)
Unofficial College transcripts verifying prerequisite course completion – TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE
INCLUDED IN YOUR ENVELOPE!
TOEFL or DuoLingo Scores (if applicable)
Texas Board of Nursing Blue Card or Clearance Letter (submit a copy, not the original)
Any extra certificates to be considered for optional admission points

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR APPLICATION FILE IS COMPLETE.

SELECTION PROCESS AND POINTS WORKSHEET

SELECTION PROCESS

- Class Size: Approximately 30 traditional students (Fall and Spring semesters) and up to 15 LVN-RN
 Bridge students (Spring semester only)
- Applicants are ranked by **total admission points**, including extra credit admission points. In the event of a tie, cumulative GPA will be used.
- Admission decisions are emailed approximately two weeks after application deadline.



ADMISSION POINTS WORKSHEET – TRADITIONAL APPLICANTS

Use this checklist to ensure steps have not been missed.

The application deadlines are May 25 for Fall admission and Oct. 25 for Spring admission or the following business day if it falls on a weekend or national holiday.

A com	A complete application must be submitted in a sealed 9x12 envelope with your name, phone number, and ADN on the					
front a	and must includ	de the following:				
	ATI TEAS	Proficient	Advanced	Exemplary		
	Official or unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges attended showing completed prerequisites					
	Criminal Background Check Blue Card or Letter					
	TOEFL or Du	oLingo (if applica	ble)			

Required Admission Points				
Prerequisite Courses	Grade	Points		
For the following courses A = 3, B = 2, C = 1				
ENGL 1301: Composition I				
PSYC 2301: General Psychology				
Courses below must be completed within the last 5 years with a grade of A or B. $A = 5$, $B = 3$				
BIOL 2401: Anatomy and Physiology I				
BIOL 2402: Anatomy and Physiology II				
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Optional Admission Points				
The following courses are part of the degree requirements but do not have to be completed for	Grade	Points		
your application to be considered:				
For the following courses A = 3, B = 2, C = 1				
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective				
PSYC 2314: Lifespan Growth and Development				
The following certifications must be from an accredited agency or school				
Certified Nursing Assistant (2 points)				
Phlebotomy (1 point)				
Other healthcare field certifications (1 point)				
Total:				

Items mus	Items must be uploaded to Castle Branch after creating your account (note what the * says)			
	American Heart Association BLS card, not expired *must be uploaded by application date			
	All immunizations listed in application requirements *must be uploaded by application date			
	Flu and Tb can be obtained after acceptance into program but *must be uploaded by first class date			
	Proof of health insurance *must be uploaded by first class date			



ADMISSION POINTS WORKSHEET – LVN-RN BRIDGE APPLICANTS

Use this checklist to ensure steps have not been missed.

The application deadline is October 25 or the following business day if it falls on a weekend or national holiday.

A complete application must be submitted in a sealed 9x12 envelope with your name, phone number, and "ADN Bridge" on the front and must include the following:						
	ATI TEAS:	Proficient	Advanced	Exemplary		
	Official or unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges attended showing completed prerequisites					
	LVN License –	must be current a	and valid through t	he application deadline date		
	TOEFL or DuoLingo (if applicable)					

REQUIRED ADMISSION POINTS		
Prerequisite Courses	Grade	Points
For the following courses A = 3, B = 2, C = 1		
ENGL 1301: Composition I		
PSYC 2301: General Psychology		
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective		
PSYC 2314: Lifespan Growth and Development		
Courses below must be completed within the last 5 years with a grade of A or B. $A = 5$, $B = 3$		
BIOL 2401: Anatomy and Physiology I		
BIOL 2402: Anatomy and Physiology II		
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OPTIONAL ADMISSION POINTS				
The following course is part of the degree requirements but does not have to be completed for your admission to be considered	Grade	Points		
For the following course A = 3, B = 2, C = 1				
RNSG 1201: Pharmacology				
Total				

Items to be	Items to be uploaded to Castle Branch after creating your account (note what the * says)			
	American Heart Association BLS card, not expired *must be uploaded by application date			
	All immunizations listed in application requirements *must be uploaded by application date			
	Flu and Tb can be obtained after acceptance into program but *must be uploaded by first class date			
	Proof of health insurance *must be uploaded by first class date			



PROGRAM COSTS & CLINICAL CLEARANCE

PROGRAM COST

Estimated Tuition & Fees: Traditional Pathway - \$9,735, Bridge Pathway - \$6,937 (2025–2026 in-district rates; higher for out-of-district, out-of-state, and international students).

• Scholarships and financial aid available. Contact Financial Aid at (432) 685-5511 or visit Financial Aid.

CLINICAL CLEARANCE

Clinical participation is an essential part of every program. To stay enrolled and progress once admitted, students must complete and maintain the following:

- American Heart Association BLS certification (must stay current throughout the program)
- Proof of health insurance (must be active while in the program) This must be uploaded to CastleBranch by the first day of each semester.
- Flu vaccine (required every year)
- TB screening (or chest X-ray clearance if you've had a positive test before, required every year)
- 10-panel drug screen (must be negative; will be done each semester and may be repeated randomly)

PHYSICAL & TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. For information and inquiries regarding Midland College's non-discrimination policies, go to: https://www.midland.edu/about/tix/index.php.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

At Midland College, our goal is to prepare you to become a safe, competent, and compassionate nurse. To do this, all students must be able to meet certain technical standards that reflect the skills and abilities needed in both the classroom and clinical settings. These standards are not meant to discourage you, but to ensure that you are fully prepared for the responsibilities of nursing practice and patient care. If you have a documented disability and believe you may need accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services so we can work with you on available options.

1. Observation and Sensory Skills

- Be able to see, hear, touch, and smell to gather information about patients.
- Recognize changes in a patient's condition, such as skin color, sounds, or odors.

2. Communication

- Communicate clearly in English with patients, families, and the healthcare team.
- Read, write, and document accurately in medical records.
- Understand verbal and nonverbal cues, even in stressful situations.



3. Motor and Physical Abilities

- Perform physical tasks such as turning, transferring, or helping lift patients.
- Use fine motor skills to perform tasks such as starting IVs, giving injections, or operating equipment.
- Respond quickly in an emergency, including performing CPR.
- Have the stamina to work 8–12 hour shifts in clinical settings.

4. Cognitive and Critical Thinking

- Collect, organize, and apply information to make safe clinical decisions.
- Calculate medication dosages accurately.
- Prioritize multiple responsibilities and adapt to changes in patient needs.

5. Behavioral and Emotional Stability

- Manage stress and remain calm in urgent or emotional situations.
- Show compassion, integrity, and respect for others.
- Accept feedback and make necessary changes in behavior or performance.

6. Professional and Ethical Standards

- Protect patient privacy and confidentiality at all times.
- Demonstrate accountability, reliability, and honesty.
- Respect individual and cultural differences.
- Follow all professional standards set by the Texas Board of Nursing.

7. Health and Safety Requirements

- Maintain personal health that allows you to meet program and clinical demands.
- Follow infection control and safety practices.
- Keep all required immunizations, health screenings, and certifications up to date.

Reasonable accommodations may be available through Midland College **Disability Support Services**. Visit: Accommodation Services.



ACCREDITATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Midland College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award certificates, associate, and baccalaureate degrees.

For questions regarding accreditation, contact:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 (404) 679-4500 www.sacscoc.org

The ADN program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). For inquiries about program approval, contact:

Texas Board of Nursing 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 305-7400

PROGRAM CONTACT

Dr. Jennifer Swendsen, Program Director



(432) 685-4594

LICENSURE INFORMATION/STATEMENT

To be eligible for an initial Texas nursing license by examination, a nursing student must have graduated from a nursing program approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) or an equivalent program, passed the NCLEX examination, and successfully passed a criminal background check and the Texas Jurisprudence Exam. You must apply for licensure through the Texas BON and meet all requirements to be granted a permanent license. Completion of the Nursing program does not guarantee you will be eligible for licensure.

Any questions regarding the impact of a previous criminal or disciplinary matter should be directed to the <u>Texas Board of Nursing.</u>



DEGREE PATHWAY: ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

TRADITIONAL OPTION DEGREE PLAN

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERNAL HOURS	CONTACT	SEMESTER HOURS			
NONDER	Prerequisite Courses								
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology, I	3	4	0	112	4			
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	0	0	48	3			
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	0	0	48	3			
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	4	0	112	4			
	SEMESTER TOTAL	12	8	0	208	14			
	First Se	emester	I.			L			
RNSG 1105	Nursing Skills I	0	4	0	64	1			
RNSG 1162	Clinical – Foundations	0	0	4	64	1			
RNSG 1171	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	1	0	0	16	1			
RNSG 1215	Health Assessment	1	3	0	64	2			
RNSG 1413	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3	3	0	96	4			
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3	0	0	48	3			
	SEMESTER TOTAL	8	14	4	416	12			
	Second :	Semester							
RNSG 1163	Clinical – Mental Health	0	0	3	48	1			
RNSG 1360	Clinical – Medical-Surgical Nursing I	0	0	9	144	3			
RNSG 1341	Common Concepts of Adult Health	2	4	0	96	3			
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing		2	1	0	48	2			
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	0	48	3			
	SEMESTER TOTAL	7	5	12	384	12			
		emester							
RNSG 1412	Nursing Care of the Childbearing and the Childrearing Family	3	4	0	112	4			
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3	3	0	96	4			
RNSG 2260	Clinical – Medical-Surgical Nursing II	0	0	6	96	2			
RNSG 2262	Clinical – Maternal/Child Nursing	0	0	6	96	2			
	SEMESTER TOTAL	6	7	12	400	12			
	Fourth 9	Semester		,		T			
RNSG 2130	Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation	1	1	0	32	1			
RNSG 2163	Clinical – Leadership and Management	0	0	3	48	1			
	Professional Nursing: Leadership and								
RNSG 2221	Management	2	0	0	32	2			
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	2	3	0	80	3			
RNSG 2362	Clinical – Medical-Surgical Nursing III	0	0	10	160	3			
	SEMESTER TOTAL	5	4	13	400	10			
	PROGRAM TOTAL	38	34	41	1808	60			



LVN - RN BRIDGE OPTION DEGREE PLAN

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	EXTERNAL HOURS	CONTACT HOURS	SEMESTER HOURS	
Prerequisite Courses							
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology, I	3	4	0	112	4	
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	4	0	112	4	
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	0	0	48	3	
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	0	0	48	3	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3	0	0	48	3	
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3	0	0	48	3	
	SEMESTER TOTAL	18	8	0	416	20	
First Semester							
RNSG 1140	Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students	0	3	0	48	1	
RNSG 1160	Clinical – Transition Option I	0	0	4	64	1	
RNSG 1341	Common Concepts of Adult Health	2	4	0	96	3	
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3	3	0	96	4	
RNSG 1201	Pharmacology	2	0	0	32	2	
RNSG 1517	Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students	4	3	0	112	5	
	SEMESTER TOTAL	11	13	4	448	16	
Awarded Credit (after completion of First Semester)							
RNSG 1215	Health Assessment					2	
RNSG 1413	Foundations of Nursing Practice					4	
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing					2	
RNSG 1412	Nursing Care of the Childbearing and the Childrearing Family					4	
	TOTAL					12	
Second Semester							
RNSG 2360	Clinical – Transition Option II	0	0	12	192	3	
	SEMESTER TOTAL	0	0	12	384	3	
Third Semester							
RNSG 2130	Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation	1	1	0	32	1	
RNSG 2221	Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management	2	0	0	32	2	
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	2	3	0	80	3	
RNSG 2363	Clinical – Transition Option III	0	0	12	192	3	
	SEMESTER TOTAL	5	4	12	336	9	
	PROGRAM TOTAL	34	25	28	1392	60	



STUDENT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION					
Student Name					
Date of Birth					
CONTACT INFORMATION					
Address					
City		Zip Code			
Phone	Email				
EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION					
Name					
Phone	Relationship				
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION					
The information requested in this section is optional and will not be used in the admission decision process. Responses are collected for reporting and statistical purposes only. Choosing not to provide demographic information will not affect your eligibility for admission or participation in the program.					
Age		Gender			
Race: American Indian or Alaska Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other	ı	Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino			
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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION