



TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
**NURSING**

## MOVING GUIDE HOUSTON

# Welcome to Houston

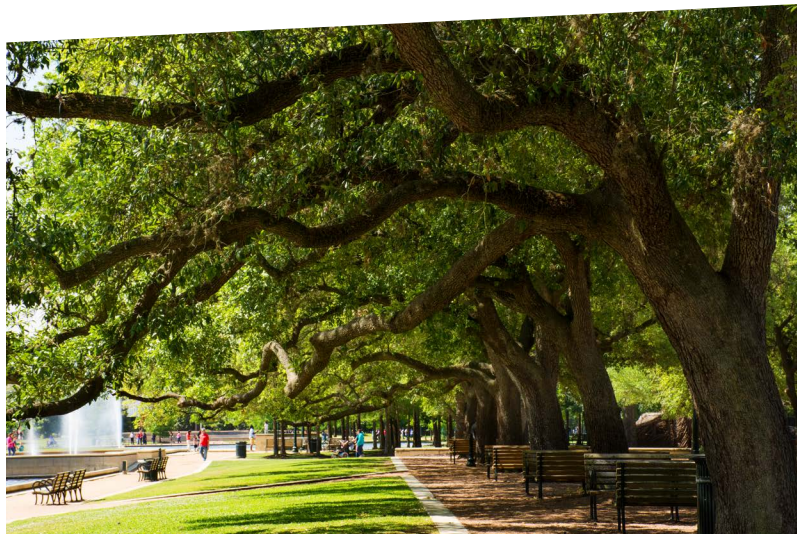
Become a nurse by studying at Texas Lutheran University in Houston. Our Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program offers students who want to make a change to a career in nursing and have a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or at least 64 prior college credits in another field, a pathway to become a Registered Nurse (RN) in 16 months. You can accomplish this all while living in one of the most exciting cities in the country. Use this guide to learn more about everything Houston has to offer.



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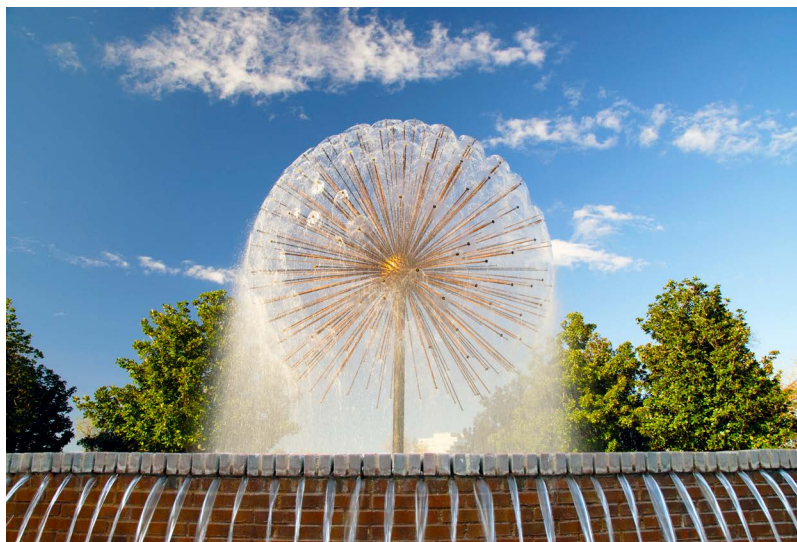
### Green Acres

Houston takes its parks seriously. With more than 350 parks and 200+ green spaces, Houston is ranked [first in the nation](#) for total green space among comparable cities. Hiking, biking and dog parks are nearly everywhere; in fact, according to the Trust for Public Land, more than 60% of all Houston residents are within a ten-minute walk of a park.

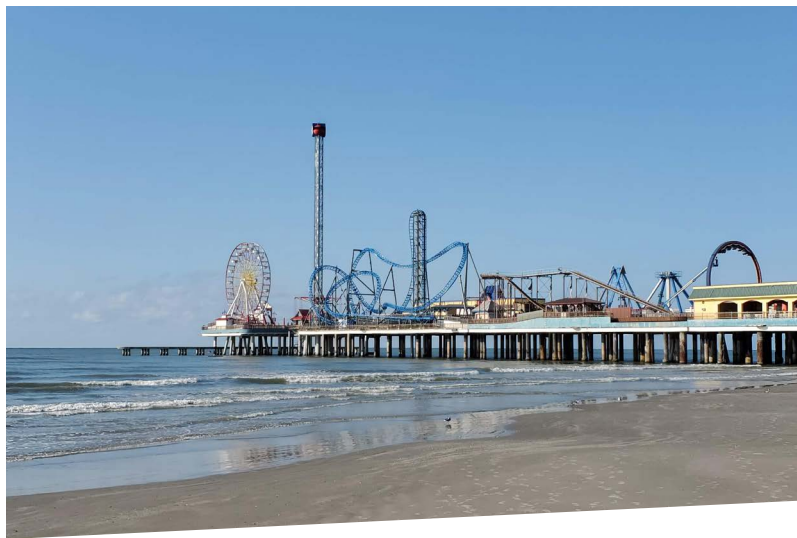


### Coastal Access without the Coastal Cost

With the Gulf of Mexico so close, we know you will be planning many beach getaways. [Sylvan Beach](#) is the closest to Houston, about a 30-minute drive from downtown. It's on Galveston Bay, and we love it for its white sand and smaller waves. Picture a sun-soaked day picnicking and fishing for trout or flounder off the pier!



Or check out [East Beach](#) for a bit more action. This is one of the few beaches where alcohol is permitted, and it is known for live music, festivals, volleyball tournaments, and even an annual sandcastle competition. Food trucks are often on-site to serve up Texan beach fare. Use this [events calendar](#) to stay in the know about all the beach happenings nearby!



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### We Major

Houston has five professional major league teams: the Houston Astros (MLB), Houston Texans (NFL), Houston Rockets (NBA), Houston Dynamo FC (MLS), and Houston Dash (NWSL). Between the major leagues and college athletics, there is always an exciting match to catch. Watch the game in person or hit up one of the many traditional to trendy [sports bars](#) throughout Houston.

Houston also offers a thriving performing arts scene and is one of a handful of U.S. cities with permanent professional resident companies in opera, ballet, music, and theater. The city is literally covered in [venues](#), and you can experience everything from the classics in grand halls to more intimate venues.

### Texas-Sized Medical Facilities

Healthcare is [booming in Houston](#). It is home to the Texas Medical Center, which is the world's largest medical complex including the largest children's and cancer hospitals; and the city overall offers excellent career opportunities for all medical professionals. With unmatched clinical opportunities that Houston and TLU afford, why wouldn't you want to become a nurse here? The opportunities post-graduation are nearly endless.

### Getting Here

Texas Lutheran University's Houston location is in northwest Houston off Highway 290 and Beltway 8/Sam Houston Tollway.



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## Northside Neighborhoods

Houston is a large and sprawling city, so we'd suggest living close to campus. The Northside neighborhoods often have a more small-town feel, with wonderful parks, lakes, actual downtown squares, and lots of green spaces.

[Jersey Village](#) is close to campus and about 20 miles from downtown Houston. Here, you will get your fill of golf, swimming pools, and parks, and even enjoy fishing in Jersey Village's small lake! [Carverdale](#) neighborhood offers a nice mix of housing options and things to do in your off-time.

If you have kids to consider in this move, Houston has a number of terrific school districts to choose from, and most are located Northside. Conroe Independent School District is ranked among the top ISDs in the city. Conroe received an "A" rating from [Niche.com](#) and is made up of 62 different schools. There are also a variety of private school options that serve students from preschool to K12.

Choosing a place to live depends on so many factors – budget, roommates, personal tastes, but Houston has dozens of options to choose from. We like [Apartments.com](#) for a quick overview of the current housing inventory.

## We Are Here to Help, Y'all!

We understand that moving to attend a university is a significant step. Our dedicated team is here to support you throughout the transition, from helping you find suitable accommodation to offering guidance on scholarships, financial aid, and any other concerns you may have.

We invite you to visit us and experience what makes Texas Lutheran special. Our admissions team would be delighted to arrange a personalized tour, answer any questions you may have, and provide detailed information about the application process.

We look forward to welcoming you to Houston, and in the immortal words of Beyonce herself, "Boy, this beat is crazy Crazy. This is how they made me. *Made me*. Houston, Texas, baby."

## A Few Logistics

### [Interactive Maps](#)

Getting the lay of the land is easy with this collection of interactive maps.

### [Airports](#)

There are two major airports to choose from if flying to Houston. George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is the primary airport and is located 23 miles north of downtown Houston. You can also use the William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) located seven miles south of downtown.

### [Cost of Living](#)

According to Payscale.com, the cost of living in Houston is -8% less than the national average. Use their handy [calculator](#) to compare to where you live now!

## Expected Housing Cost

You should expect to pay around \$1,200 for a studio or 1-bedroom apartment. Rents are on the decline by around -9% in Houston, according to [Zumper.com](#).

## Housing Questions to Ask

- How long is the lease, and is the lease length flexible?
- What utilities (such as heating and cable) are covered in the lease?
- Is there laundry in the building?

## Parking Considerations

Be sure to ask the property manager whether there is parking onsite/how much it costs, whether street parking is by permit only, and how difficult street parking is.

