

INFORMATION SESSIONS

ADMISSION FOR LVN TO RN TRANSITION PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS AN ONLINE/HYBRID PROGRAM. SKILLS CLASSES WILL BE PARTIALLY ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE IN THE SKILLS AND SIMULATION LABS. CLINICAL EXPERIENCES WILL BE FACE TO FACE, ONLINE, VIRTUAL AND IN THE SIMULATION LAB AS DETERMINED BY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Our faculty will work with you to help you reach your full capacity providing some lectures, conferences and meetings. You will be expected to attend the conferences, classes, skills assignments and other necessary meetings, either by ZOOM, Hangouts, or Face to Face. The faculty are available for conferences when necessary. If you are not passing, you will be given remediation assignments which you are expected to complete prior to progressing.

Information sessions will be held at 4:00 PM in the Nursing Education Center Building, Building SS in room 115. The sessions are limited to 10 people so you must contact Ms. Tanya Villarreal at tvillarreal@tstc.edu to sign up for the sessions. These are required for admission to the Program. Please download and bring the Advisory Packet with you to the session.

Associate's Degree in Nursing Information Sessions

August 2, 2021	Mrs. Shirley Byrd
August 16, 2021	Mrs. Adrienne Reyes
September 13, 2021	Mrs. Judy Medrano
September 27, 2021	Mrs. Shirley Byrd
October 4, 2021	Mrs. Adrienne Reyes
October 18, 2021	Mrs. Judy Medrano
November 1, 2021	Mrs. Shirley Byrd

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program will prepare students with the basic competencies to become safe practitioners in the healthcare field. Upon successful completion of the Associate of Applied Science major in Associate Degree Nursing, the graduate will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a registered nurse and can work in hospitals, day-surgery centers, rehabilitation centers, physicians' offices, home health care agencies, among other areas.

The LVN to RN Program is a highly selective Program and the selection process is based on a Competitive Point System evaluation. Selection criteria are used to assess the applicant's score

FLOWCHART OF LVN TO RN APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCESS

STEP 1: REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLYING TO THE LVN-RN PROGRAM

Enroll in TSTC as a student.

Apply for general admission to TSTC Harlingen. TSTC maintains an open admission policy. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to all programs. Admissions to some TSTC programs have specific requirements.

Complete application for TSTC admission on line.

May require official copy of high school transcript, transfer transcripts from other colleges or evidence of "capability to do college-level work"

Attend TSTC New Student Orientation and set up email OR as Directed by TSTC Admissions Office.

Apply for Financial Aid if applicable

STEP 2: COMPLETE PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You must hold a current, active LVN License with no restrictions. Your license must be kept current for the ENTIRE time you are a student.

Complete ALL pre-requisites with a "C" or better. C's do not give you any extra points toward getting in to the program. They do count in figuring your GPA but not in the point system.

ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 (TEN) YEARS. Your pre-requisite grades are used to calculate your GPA which is important and weighs heavily in the selection process. The higher your grade is on Pre-requisites, the more points you get on your Admission Score Sheet.

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, the graduate will be able to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

STEP 3: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS PROCESS:

HESI TESTING: Applicants must take the HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam and meet the required score **of 850**. If you do not score 850, retake the test to see if you can score higher on the next exam. You can take the Exam twice in an Application Period. **Submit the sheet that has the higher score.**

To prepare for this exam, please study **the HESI Comprehensive NCLEX-LPN Examination Study Guide**. CONTACT Registration Number: 956-364-4310 for **Hesi ON LINE Testing Dates**. **REMEMBER THE HIGHER THE SCORE YOU MAKE, THE BETTER THE CHANCE OF ADMISSION.**

Applicants must meet the required ADN cumulative GPA of 2.7. The GPA is figured using the seven required prerequisite courses (LABS are not counted) and divided by seven. So, the more A's and B's you have, the higher the score you will have and the better the chances of being admitted.

Complete all Health Requirements-Immunizations*, CURRENT-Within the last 12 months Health requirements including immunizations must be signed and verified by submission of your immunization record recorded on the enclosed form which also requires you to verify your physical abilities requirement form. Your verification of your physical abilities must be verified and signed by you or your Health Care Provider on the Form provided in the packet.

Once you are ready to apply to the Program, contact Tanya Villarreal @ tvillarreal@tstc.edu for an application. Complete and Submit Admission Application. Application Period dates change with each cohort Application Period. For Spring 2022, **Application Period for Spring 2022 is September 22, 2021 through November 5, 2021 at 12 Noon.**

. Please email application packet to Tanya Villarreal at tvillarreal@tstc.edu

1. On Subject line: LVN-RN Transition Program Application Packet

2. Please list the following in email:

Name

Id#

Phone number

Application pages: _____

Transcripts (number of transcripts submitted): _____

Letters of recommendation (number of letters submitted): _____

Verification email from Mrs. Byrd from Information Session : _____

Total number of pages scanned: _____

Ms. Tanya Villarreal will send you a confirmation email upon receiving the application packet.

If you do not receive a confirmation email within 2 days, please contact Ms. Villarreal at 956-364-4690 or at tvillarreal@tstc.edu

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

After acceptance into the program, **PLEASE BE AWARE** that the applicant must complete Fingerprint Clearance and L1 criminal History check for the TX Board of Nursing and Drug Screens for the Clinical Sites. You will be notified by the Program Director or Instructor if you are clear or need clearance.

Registered Nurse License Eligibility is determined through a DPS/FBI criminal history background check completed through the Texas Board of Nursing. Information relating to the criminal history and declaratory order (DO) process(available on the Texas Board of Nursing website. http://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp)

It is highly recommended to initiate the DO process at the time of your application if there is anything in your background that may show up as a criminal matter in the background check, even if adjudicated or expunged, and it happened many years ago!

Once you have been accepted in the program and you accept the appointment, Your name will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for clearance into the Program. You will receive a Blue Card or letter of clearance which you must turn in to the Nursing Education Office.

DRUG SCREENS

Drug Screening is arranged through the Nursing Department. The program does initial, random and for cause drug screening. Cost for drug screening is the responsibility of the student. Additional Criminal Background Checks and Fees may accrue with hosting clinical sites. More information will be relayed to students at orientation.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. The LVN to RN **selection process is based on a Competitive Point System evaluation.** Selection Criteria are used to assess the applicant's score. Points are given for the following selection criteria:
1. **LVN-RN Program Pre-requisite Courses Cumulative GPA**
 2. **HESI Exam Scores**
 3. **Additional Points** as listed in the Application Packet/Scoresheet(Scores for A's and B's and previous special certifications))
- B.1. Once all admission criteria are met for entrance to the program, students with completed applications will be selected by scoring.
2. Students with the highest points will be accepted into the program based upon the number of available spots in the co-hort.
 3. Decisions are ultimately made by the LVN-RN Department Admission Committee and confirmed by the Program Chair and may not be appealed.
 4. Students not admitted are free to reapply in the following application enrollment period.
- C. Qualified applicants are ranked from highest to lowest points. Admission is solely based on this ranking. Applicants must officially accept admission to the program **on or before** the Indicated date.
- D. **Alternates:** Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admission to the program. Again, the highest score will be considered for admission.
- E. Once the selection is made, the admission documents are transferred into the student's active file.
- F. Applicants not selected have three weeks to pick up their packets. After this period, packets will be shredded. The

only documents filed by the Program are the Score Sheets which are kept in file for two years (effective 1/2020).

**PRE-REQUISITE COURSES-MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT INTO PROGRAM
SUBJECTS IN PROGRESS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND MUST BE
COMPLETED BY THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. ONE SUBJECT ONLY IS ALLOWED. STUDENT MUST
SUBMIT A PROGRESS GRADE.**

ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I **OR**
BIOL 2301 Anatomy & Physiology I **AND**
BIOL 2101 Anatomy & Physiology I
ENGL 1301 Composition I*
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development
ACGM X3XX Humanities or Fine Arts Elective
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II **OR**
BIOL 2302 Anatomy & Physiology II **AND**
BIOL 2102 Anatomy & Physiology II
PSYC 2301 General Psychology
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors **OR**
BIOL 2320 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors **AND**
BIOL 2120 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors

HUMANITIES-Fine Arts- The word Harlingen indicates classes available in Harlingen

ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation **Harlingen**
ARTS 1303 Art History I
ARTS 1304 Art History II **Harlingen**
ARTS 1316 Drawing I
ARTS 1313 Foundations of Art
ARTS 2316 Painting I
ENGL 2321 British Literature
ENGL 2322 British Literature I **Harlingen**
ENGL 2326 Scripture I **Harlingen**
ENGL 2307 Creative Writing I
ENGL 2331 World Literature **Harlingen**
ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature
HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities II
HUMA 1302 Introduction to Humanities
HUMA 2323 World Cultures
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation **Harlingen**
PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions **Harlingen**
PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics

LVN-RN TRANSITION PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

APPLICANT must meet all college and program requirements.

PACKET CONTENTS

PAY ATTENTION TO EACH INSTRUCTION. You must follow instructions as indicated. You will submit it by email to Tanya Villarreal as instructed, including attachments.

****Incomplete requirement packets will not be accepted****

- _____ 1. **Application:** Signed by applicant in all 6 places:
 - 1) Application (Page 4),
 - 2) Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility (Page 5)
 - 3) Comment Sheet, (Page 6)
 - 4) Statement of Understanding Regarding Health Requirements (Page 7)
 - 5) Statement of Understanding Regarding Employment. (Page 8).
 - 6) Immunization Record

- _____ 2. **Photo:** size (2x2) color picture of student must be attached (tape- no staples) to the application.

- _____ 3. **Identification Documents:** **All Names on identification must match!**
Copy of Driver's License or State issued ID (non-expired);
Copy of Social Security Card; **WRITE COPY ACROSS FACE OF CARD LEAVING NUMBER UNOBSCURED.**
Copy of CPR Card from **American Heart Association- BLS for Healthcare Provider only**

- _____ 4. Immunization Record- Student Verification of Physical Ability **Form-** Must be on the TSTC LVN-RN PROGRAM FORM only and have student's signature and/or health care provider signature. Must include listing of Immunizations on blanks provided on the form, including dates when required immunizations were completed and/or titers were drawn (for MMR, Hep B and Varicella, if necessary). A copy of the immunization record for each required immunization should be included in the application packet. Failure to show verification of a required immunization, will deem the application INCOMPLETE. **Tetanus vaccine is required every 10 years. **The only vaccine that will be excused (if not received prior) is the flu vaccine.**
**** Those students who are accepted will be required to obtain the vaccine prior to their first clinical experience. Flu season begins in September and we are understanding of this. The inability to show proof of a flu-vaccine WILL NOT jeopardize your ability to apply to this coming semester**

- _____ 5. **Entrance Test Results:** HESI LVN to RN Exam-- Must register 956-364-4308 by testing deadline (when test dates are opened). Test may only be taken two times; *the total score acceptable for scoring on this test is 850* .Your Printed Test Results must accompany this application. Deadline for testing is prior to application. **If you take the test more than once, be sure to include the test with the highest score that you want to be reviewed. THE HESI ENTRANCE TEST IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE ADMISSION PROCESS. IF YOU MAKE LESS THAN 850, STUDY THE SUGGESTED GUIDELINE AND TRY AGAIN. YOU MAY TAKE THE EXAM TWO TIMES IN EACH APPLICATION PERIOD.**

- _____ 6. **Transcripts:** Official copies of both Licensed Vocational Nursing Program and Prerequisite courses are required.
- 1 All transcripts must be copies of official documents. Original Documents should be mailed in a sealed Envelope to the Admission Office.
 2. The Nursing Program will require copies of official transcripts for review and recording during the Program Admission Process.
 3. If any courses are being transferred from another college/university, the TSTC Admissions Dept. must certify the courses as meeting the LVN-RN transition program requirements by completing appropriate “SUBSTITUTION” forms. All substitutions must be cleared by Admissions Department BEFORE you apply to the program.
 4. Any courses not exact in course number or title must be approved by the department chair of that discipline. Nursing will only approve nursing courses for substitution; math department only approves math courses, etc.
 5. All Transferred courses must have letter grades on transcripts to receive points on the Admission scoresheet
 6. *Overall GPA will be averaged out from required prerequisites. Per TSTC, there is no cumulative GPA provided for transfer courses, only active TSTC GPA will be provided. If a course is in progress, it is the responsibility of the applicant to complete the course prior to FIRST DAY OF CLASS and provide a new official transcript.
- _____ 7. Three (3) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (The letters should be professional in nature). If you have been employed in a nursing field, an additional employment verification letter indicating your__ employment status, length of employment, and type of clinical experience. (This will make a total of 4 letters).
- _____ 8. Proof of attending Information Session.

PLEASE TURN IN THE PACKET TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AS DIRECTED ABOVE

STEP 4 ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION STATUS
<p>Once the application and all supporting documents have been delivered and logged in by the application deadline, the application is considered accepted.</p> <p>IT IS OUR SUGGESTION THAT YOU HAVE SOMEONE, NOT TSTC STAFF, CHECK THE PACKET WITH YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS REQUIRED. IF YOU TAKE THE HESI MORE THAN ONCE, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONLY THE HIGHEST SCORE LISTED AND ENCLOSED IN YOUR PACKET</p>
<p>The applications are reviewed by the Program Chair and at least one other faculty members. They are then forwarded to the LVN-RN Transition Program Admissions Committee for final review and approval.</p>

STEP 5 NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Notification of Application Status

Students with the highest points will be accepted into the program based upon the number of available spots in the cohort. Applicants with lower points will be denied.

Alternates: Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admissions to the program. Alternates are selected from next highest scores in the cohort.

ADMITTED	DENIED
Applicant must officially accept admission to the program on or before the Mandatory Orientation Date listed in the correspondence.	Applicants with lower points will be denied and notified of their application status through their TSTC WebAdvisor email. .
Admitted Applicant and alternates attend Mandatory Orientation AND a second Orientation	Alternate Status Applicants: Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admissions to the program
Admitted applicant must meet the Clinical Requirements Have current AHA CPR card Pass an Alcohol & 10-Panel drug screen Proof of required immunizations	DENIED APPLICATIONS AND ALTERNATES: Upon the denied applicant's request, further consultation can be held with the Program Director or Associate Provost

If you are selected as an applicant to this Program, YOU must remember this is a **difficult** program. For every hour of class, you are expected to study and READ 3 hours. You need to determine your best method of study and initiate it the first week of class. If you are working, you must determine what is best for you. Many students cannot do both and that is understandable. AGAIN, THIS IS UP TO YOU. GOOD LUCK IN ALL YOUR ENDEAVORS.

Student Progression Guidelines

Students scoring less than 80 % (B) as a final course average in Nursing courses will not progress to the next level or graduate from the program. Should a student fail a course, the student will be dismissed and given the option to reapply and repeat the program in FULL. If students fail more than one course with less than an 80%, they will be dismissed from the program without the opportunity to apply for readmission to the TSTC RN Program. If a student receives a 79.5% on the **final course average will be rounded up to 80%. Anything below 79.5 on the final course average is failing.**

***The 80% passing rate in the TSTC RN Program is based on NCLEX scoring indicated by the Texas Board of Nurses.**

Clinical: Students must satisfactorily pass all clinical courses in order to proceed to the next Clinical level. (Clinical Level 1 must be passed successfully before a student can take Clinical Level 2, etc.). Any classes below an 80% will lead to failure of the program and would prompt the need to re-apply for readmission into the program in order to successfully obtain an associate's degree in nursing from TSTC.

Math Competency: A dosage calculation competency exam must be passed with a 100% in order to continue in the RN Program. This dosage calculation competency exam will be given at the beginning of the first semester. The students will be given a maximum of three attempts in order to achieve a 100%. Failure to achieve a 100% after three attempts could result in dismissal from the Program.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR TSTC HARLINGEN LVN-RN PROGRAM

PRIOR TO ADMISSION	
Hesi Entrance Test	\$84.00
UPON ACCEPTANCE	
Physical Examination and Immunizations	\$100.00
Criminal Background Check	\$44.00
FIRST SEMESTER	
Item	Estimated Cost
Textbooks	\$ 681.66
HESI Exam Fee	\$ 444.17
TSTC-Harlingen Tuition/fees (12 credits, Texas Resident)	\$2,940.00
Supply Kits for lab 1 st Semester Only	\$ 145.00
Uniform patches 1 st Semester Only	\$ 30.00
Uniforms (approx. cost) and Shoes 1 st Semester Only	\$350.00- 400.00
Swift River virtual Clinicals 1 st Semester Only	\$ 100.00
Professional Liability Insurance	\$ 13.00
Student Accident Insurance	\$ 14.00
Needle Stick Insurance (Rider to Accident)	\$ 19.00
TOTAL	\$4886.83
SECOND SEMESTER	
HESI Exam Fee	\$ 444.17
Textbooks	\$ 531.66
TSTC-Harlingen Tuition/fees (12 credits, Texas Resident)	\$2,940.00
TOTAL	\$3915.83
THIRD SEMESTER	
TSTC-Harlingen tuition/fees (12 credits, Texas Resident)	\$2,940.00
NCLEX-PN Application Fee (Not paid to TSTC)	\$ 100.00
HESI Exam fee/NCLEX Review	\$ 332.00
Pearson Vue (NCLEX)	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$3,572.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES WITH PREREQUISITES	\$12374.66
Tuition and other fees are subject to change. This list is not all inclusive and is subject to change at any time. It is intended to assist the student in budgeting.	

CALENDAR of LVN-RN Transition Program of Study, Progression

Semester 1	TSTC HARLINGEN LVN-RN COURSE SEQUENCING CALENDAR						
Prefix	Course No.	Course Name	Course Type	Weekly Lecture Hours	Weekly Lab Hours	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1210	Introduction to Community-Based Nursing	Academic	2	0	32	2
RNSG	1227	Transition to Professional Nursing	Academic	1	3	64	2
RNSG	1261	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	Academic	0	CL-8	128	2
RNSG	1300	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	Academic	2	2	64	3
RNSG	1301	Pharmacology	Academic	2	2	64	3
		Totals		7	7 CL-8	352	12
2							
Prefix	Course No.	Course Name	Course Type	Weekly Lecture Hours	Weekly Lab Hours	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1343	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	Academic	2	2	64	3
RNSG	2162	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	Academic	0	0-CL6	96	1
RNSG	2262	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	Academic	0	0-CL9	144	2
RNSG	1412	Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family	Academic	3	2	80	4
RNSG	2213	Mental Health Nursing	Academic	1	3	64	2
		Totals		6	7-CL-15	448	12
3							
Prefix	Course No.	Course Name	Course Type	Weekly Lecture Hours	Weekly Lab Hours	Contact Hours	Credit Hours
RNSG	1463	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	Academic	0	0-CL12	192	4
RNSG	2221	Professional Nursing-Leadership and Management	Academic	2	0	32	2
RNSG	2230	Professional Nursing and Licensure Preparation	Academic	1	2	48	2
RNSG	2432	Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health	Academic	3	2	80	4
		Totals		6	4-CL12	352	12
		GRAND TOTAL FOR PROGRAM		19	LAB 18 CL 35	1152	36



Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____ TSTC Email: _____	ID# _____ BD: _____ LVN Lic Number: _____ Exp: _____ CPR Date Expiration Date: _____ Other Certification: _____			
INDICATOR	SCORE	CALCULATION		
1. All Pre-Requisite Courses Completed with B or Better = 3 Points	_____	MUST MAKE NO C'S TO EARN POINTS		
2. Other Certifications for Credit: EMT—2 Points PT Assistant-- 1 Point OR Tech – 1 Point	_____	Must have certificate		
3. GRADE POINT AVERAGE – USING ONLY PREREQUISITE GRADES-TOTAL OF 7 COURSES (SEE PAGE 2) FIGURING GPA: Add all scores together and divide by total subjects-7 EXAMPLE: Student had A's-4=16 GPA Score 24 Divide by 7= 3.428 GPA B's- 2=6 ACCEPTABLE GPA IS 2.7 MINIMUM C's=1=2 =24	-----	Figuring GPA Scores: A= 4 Points B= 3 Points C= 2 Points	GPA Score 2.5= 3 Points 3.0= 4 Points 3.5= 5 Points 4.0= 6 Points	
4. ENTRANCE TEST-HESI LVN TO RN ENTRANCE OFFERED ON TSTC CAMPUS MUST HAVE COPY OF TEST RESULTS SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION May take test 2 times if needed	POINTS (ACTUAL SCORE)	The score you received on the HESI will be utilized in this section. If you make 900 you will receive 900 points. Include only the score you want used in packet. MINIMUM 850		
Reviewer	TOTAL POINTS	COMMENTS	DATE	INITIALS
INITIAL REVIEWER 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	TOTAL			
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	TOTAL			
Program Director 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____			Signature Date	

KEY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years old + admitted into TSTC Harlingen & TSI Complete (non-probationary for grades);

Must be licensed as an LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) in U.S. in good standing prior to entrance

Must have a GPA of at least 2.7 on all prerequisite courses

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET

Documentation of *HESI LVN to RN Exam* Scores; indicating at least the **Minimum Proficiency score of 850**

Completion of all prerequisite courses:

- Meet all college and program requirements.
- Submit a complete application packet with supportive documentation to the Office Secretary

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET-submit in the following order:

Application: Signed by applicant in all 5 places:

- 1) Application (Page 4),
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Photo: size (2x2) color picture of student must be attached (tape- no staples) to the APPLICATION

Identification Documents: All Names on each must match

Copies Only Copy of Driver's License or State issued ID (non-expired);
Copy of Social Security Card;
Copy of CPR Card from **American Heart Association- BLS for Healthcare Provider only**
A print out of the online LVN license from the Texas Board of Nursing Website **UPDATED LICENSE**

Physical Form Documentation of all required immunizations: **DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT OR A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL**

(MMR(x2)
Hepatitis B(x3)
Tetanus Booster within 10 years
Varicella
Bacterial Meningitis
TB results (Must be less than a year old throughout program)
Evidence of Bacterial Meningococcal vaccination if under age 30;
Titer testing will be accepted for MMR, HEP B, and Varicella
Documentation of current seasonal influenza vaccination

Photocopy of high school transcript, diploma, or GED certificate Official transcript from school where the applicant completed their Vocational Nursing program (Official transcripts from each college previously attended other than TSTC)
****Admissions must have possession of all official transcripts in order for your application to the program**
****If a course is in progress, it is the responsibility of the applicant to have a new official transcript sent to TSTC Harlingen**
****If course numbers of non-nursing courses do not match those required on the curriculum plan, the student must submit a photocopy of the course description for each course not matching to the LVN-RN Program Director. Decisions to accept these classes will be made on a case by case basis.**

If you have been employed in a nursing field, an employment verification letter indicating employment status, length of employment, and type of clinical experience. Verification will be confirmed. Three (3) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (Email reference letters will not be accepted, these should be professional in nature) **TOTAL OF 4 LETTERS**

Must pass criminal background check after acceptance & meet Board of Nursing licensure eligibility rules

Should limit outside employment to no more than 12 hours a week while in the program.

Must have reliable transportation to and from clinical sites & family/employer support;

Must attend a mandatory ORIENTATION session after you receive a letter of acceptance into the program