

RN PROGRAM ADVISORY PACKET

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AN ON LINE/HYBRID PROGRAM LY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SKILLS CLASSES WILL BE PARTIALLY ON LINE AND FACE TO FACE IN THE SKILLS AND SIMULATION LABS. CLINICAL EXPERIENCES MAY BE FACE TO FACE, ON LINE, 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, by ZOOM or Hangouts that are in Face to Face Labs and Clinical. 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 ARE NOT BEING HELD FACE TO FACE. YOU MAY RECEIVE THE MATERIALS AND INFORMATION NEEDED FOR YOUR APPLICATION FROM [TANYA VILLARREAL tvillarreal@tstc.edu](mailto:tvillarreal@tstc.edu) OR SHIRLEY BYRD @956-364-4983 OR sabyrd@tstc.edu. Mrs. Byrd will meet with you by telephone if you will call her between 9AM and 10AM every Tuesday and Friday to review your questions and requirements, which will substitute for the Information Sessions.

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. 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

The LVN to RN Transition Program is designed for individuals who hold an **LVN License** and seek to pursue the Registered Nurse Licensure.

A current LVN License is required to apply.

Complete ALL pre-requisites with a "C" or better.

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.

The TSTC LVN to RN Transition Program for the 2021 Spring and Fall Program is now considered a Hybrid Program. This means that part of the Program is completely on line, some skills are on line and some hands on in the Nursing Lab and the Clinical portion is virtual and face to face in the clinical site. If COVID 19 prevents completion of the hands on clinical experiences as required by the Board of Nurses, we may have to extend the clinical portion into the next semester. You will graduate and be able to take state boards, but it may be delayed. This **ALL depends** on the availability of the clinical sites to take students. The Board of Nurses requires a portion of your education to be at the clinical site in order for us to complete educational requirements and sit for State Boards. You will be kept advised as the Program progresses.

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Associate 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:

Applicant must attend LVN-RN “Information Session” by telephone with the Program Chair or Faculty and complete all ADN program pre-requisites. **DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COVID 19, INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE NOT BEING HELD FACE to FACE.**

Information Session appointments will be given individually by telephone with the Program Director or Instructor, on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Please contact MS Tanya Villarreal at tvillarreal@tstc.edu for an appointment. Verification listing will be done by the Program Chair for placement into your Application Packet.

Applicant must take the HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam and meet the required score **of at least 850.** If you do not score 850, re-take the test to see if you can score higher on the next exam. You can take the Exam twice in a testing 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.**

Applicant 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.

Complete all Health Requirements-Immunizations*, CURRENT-Within the last 12 months
Health requirement including immunizations must be signed by your health care provider and recorded on TSTC physician document

Once you are ready to apply to the Program, contact Tanya Villarreal at tvillarreal@tstc.edu for an Application Packet. Complete and Submit Admission Application. Application Period dates change with each cohort application Period for Fall 2021 March 8, 2021 through May 14, 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 will be 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-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 1	
ARTS 1313	Foundations of Art	
ARTS 2316	Painting 1	
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

1. 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 5 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).
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 UNOBSURED.
Copy of CPR Card from **American Heart Association- BLS for Healthcare Provider only**
4. **Physical Form:** Must be on the TSTC LVN-RN PROGRAM FORM only and have physician/ licensed healthcare provider sign the form, **INCLUSIVE OF Immunization Records.**
Immunization Records: Must include all 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.** ****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. **Immunization Records MUST be signed by your Health Care Provider.**
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 HAVE TWO TRIES IN EACH APPLICATION PACKET.**

- _____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. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. All Transferred courses must have letter grades on transcripts to receive points on the Admission scoresheet.
 5. *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 employment status, length of employment, and type of clinical experience. (This will make a total of 4 letters).
- _____8. Proof of attending Information Call with Ms. Byrd.

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

STEP 4 ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION STATUS
Once the application and all supporting documents have been delivered and logged in by the application deadline, the application is considered accepted. 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
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.
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 Web Advisor 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.
*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.
<u>Transfer Guidelines</u>
Acceptance of Transfer students and evaluation of allowable credit for advanced placement remains at the discretion of the Program Chair/Director and TSTC Harlingen admissions department. All nursing classes for substitution must be approved by the program chair. Courses that are non-nursing must be approved for substitution by the program chair for the department of the designated course (ex: Math department chair must approve any substitution for math courses taken elsewhere for credit).

Attendance	
Attendance: The TSTC RN Program has a strict attendance policy which outlines the maximum number of absences that a student can obtain while enrolled in the Program.	
Clinical	<p>Absences: Doctor's Excuse to get a make-up assignment which will be graded and then 15 points deducted. Plan ahead for child care.</p> <p>Semester 1 8 Hours</p> <p>Semester 2 14 hours</p> <p>Semester 3 12 hours</p> <p>Tardy: Any arrival 30 minutes past scheduled time will count as a full day absence. Student will not be allowed to remain in the clinical area. Example: Clinical Time 6:45 a.m. Tardy 6:45 to 7:15 a.m. Absent after 3 tardies make one absent day.</p>
Classroom	<p>Absences: No more than 2 calendar days per semester.</p> <p>Repeatedly leaving the classroom will not be tolerated and may result in an absence. You must call or email the instructor or the Secretary if you are going to be absent.</p> <p>Tardy: Any arrival to class 30 minutes past the scheduled class time will be counted as 1 full day's absence. The student may be allowed to remain in class for that day. No half-day absences are allowed. 3 Tardies = 1 absence</p>
<p>If a student is absent from clinical, the student must contact the instructor. In order to receive a makeup assignment, the student must provide the instructor with a doctor's excuse (for self or child) or other form of documentation of absence (ex: picture of flood waters, car accident, flat tire with receipt for tire, etc.) The assignment will be graded and a 15 point deduction will be given. Makeup assignments will not be given for failure to plan ahead (ex: no child care, waking up late) and student will receive a zero for the clinical day. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by faculty on an individual basis.</p> <p><u>No Call/No Show:</u> Students are expected to call their clinical instructor for an absence. Failure to call the instructor within 30 minutes of clinical start time will be considered a "No Call/No Show". The student will receive a "0" (zero) for the weekly paperwork grade. Two "No Call/No Shows" for clinical may result in termination for the RN program. A doctor's clearance is required for all illnesses or health conditions that put the student or faculty, classmates, and patients at risk. No Call No Show-</p>	
<p><u>EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ABSENCES:</u> Any extenuating circumstance that results in the student exceeding the allotted absences will be brought to the attention of the Program Director by the student. The ADN Staff will then review the circumstance and approve or disapprove the extended time which may result in continuance or dismissal from the Program</p>	
This will be reviewed in the Orientation Session.	

Readmission Guidelines
<p>Students may apply for readmission if they withdrew from the program due to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An extenuating circumstance 2) Failed one nursing course (didactic or clinical) or 3) Received incompletes in course(s) (academic or nursing related) listed in the plan of study. <p><i>Students will be denied readmission if course failure or withdrawal was related to unsafe practice, dishonesty, and/or unethical behavior.</i> Failure of two or more nursing courses due to grades will result in ineligibility for readmission to TSTC Harlingen LVN-RN transition program. Students are allowed one re-admission only. Re-admission into the program is never guaranteed.</p>

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)	\$2940.00
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 Clinical Per Year 1 st Semester Only	\$200.00
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)	\$2940.00
TOTAL	\$3915.83
THIRD SEMESTER	
TSTC-Harlingen tuition/fees (12 credits, Texas Resident)	\$2940.00
NCLEX-PN Application Fee (Not paid to TSTC)	\$100.00
HESI Exam fee/NCLEX Review	\$332.00
Pearson Vue (NCLEX)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$3572.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES WITH PREREQUISITES	\$12,374.66
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	1207	OR Nursing Jurisprudence	Academic				
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 FIGURING GPA: Add all scores together and divide by total subjects-7	_____	Figuring GPA Scores: A= 4 Points B= 3 Points C= 2 Points	EXAMPLE: Student had A's-4=16 B's- 2=6 C's=1=2 GPA Score 24 Divide by 7= GPA of+= 3.428 ACCEPTABLE GPA IS 2.7 MINIMUM	
		GPA Score 2.5= 3 Points 3.0= 4 Points 3.5= 5 Points 4.0= 6 Points		
3. PREREQUISITE COURSES EXTRA POINTS-All prerequisites must be completed with a C or better. C's do not give you any extra points. ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS.	_____	A= 4 Points B= 3 Points C= 0 points	EXAMPLE: Grades A's-4=16 B's- 2=6 C's=1=0 EXTRA POINTS=22	
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		
TOTAL POINTS	POINTS	COMMENTS	DATE	INITIALS
INITIAL REVIEWER	TOTAL			
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____				
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_____ PROGRAM DIRECTOR DATE: _____

KEY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Must be TSI complete with documentation on transcript: Must complete all remedial courses.

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

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

Completion of all prerequisite courses:

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I OR BIOL 2301 and BIOL 2101
- 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 and BIOL 2102
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors OR BIOL 2320 and BIOL 2120
- Meet all college and program requirements.
- Submit a complete application packet with supportive documentation to the Office Secretary

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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 **Must have a copy of updated license**

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

Physical Form Documentation of all required immunizations: **DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN OR THEIR ASSOCIATE.**

(MMR(x2)

vaccination

- 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.

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) **THIS IS A 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.