

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Vocational Nursing Program at Texas State Technical College Harlingen.

The Vocational Nursing Program is located at TSTC-HARLINGEN at 1902 N. Loop 499 in Building SS Nursing Education Center. The program admits 20 students each spring and fall and is 12 months (three semesters) in length. Upon successful completion; graduates are eligible to apply to take the state licensing examination to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Potential applicants must take the TEAS V and score above the required minimum (Test of Essential Academic Skills) to be considered eligible candidates. Applicants must have taken the TSI and have **completed the prerequisite courses with a c or better** and all entrance requirements outlined in the information packet by the time of application. If applicant is not TSI complete upon acceptance into the VN program, student is required to be enrolled and take VN Program courses and TSI remediation courses congruently.

The two application periods each year: Fall and Spring of each year

Acceptance to the Vocational Nursing Program is by a very competitive selection process. This information packet details the procedure for program application. By submitting a <u>complete</u> application packet, potential applicants are expected to be familiar with application requirements and procedures.

There are often more applicants than available positions in the Vocational Nursing Program.

Not all students who apply may be accepted. <u>ALL IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE BY 1st day of class at beginning of</u> <u>program.</u>

The Vocational Nursing Program has received approval by the Texas Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

We are looking forward to working with you!

Sincerely, Heather Sauceda, RN Director, Vocational Nursing Program



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^o This course has been designated as the capstone course

[†] Course articulated with high schools

‡ Course with external learning experience

* Note: Substitution of HITT 1305 for HITT 1205



Steps to Apply

- 1. Apply for general acceptance to TSTC Harlingen by submission of Admission Application. Applicants may apply via the TSTC website: <u>http://www.tstc.edu/harlingenadmissions/</u>
 - 2. Request official sealed copy of your high school transcript or your GED diploma to the Admissions and Records Office. If you received your GED in Texas and need an official diploma, call the Texas Education Agency (TEA) at 512.463.9292 to obtain one.
 - 3. Submit an official college transcript from all previously attended colleges to the Student Admissions Office. The college transcript(s) must be an official transcript imprinted with the college's seal and delivered in a sealed envelope or via email per Student admission Office policy.
 - 4. Applications periods will be twice a year, in the fall and spring of each year. Students applying in the spring will start the program in the fall. Those applying in the fall will start the program in the spring.
 - 5. Complete financial aid application. (We recommend that you apply at least four months prior to registration.) If you are applying for federal financial aid, complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) for the Pell Grant and other financial aid and submit it to the federal processor. Complete the TSTC Harlingen Financial Aid Office Application and return it to the Financial Aid Office. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information on other grants, scholarships, student loans or sponsoring agencies such as WIA or DARS. Veterans wanting to use their VA benefits should contact their local VA Certification Officer on campus. The "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" can be found at <u>fafsa.ed.gov</u>

In the Fall 2013 semester, the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment established new college readiness standards for incoming students. The TSI Assessment is designed to help determine if students are ready for college-level coursework in the general areas of Reading, Writing and Math. If the student does not meet testing requirements, the assessment will also help with student placement in courses that will aid in the preparation of student skills for college-level classes. For questions please call 956-364-4997 or email <u>advisement.center@harlingen.tstc.edu</u>. Student must have taken the TSI assessment to apply to the program. If applicant is not TSI complete upon acceptance into the VN program, student is required to be enrolled and take VN Program courses and TSI remediation courses congruently.



6. <u>Prerequisite courses must be completed with a C or better prior to program</u> <u>application:</u>

BIOL 1322-Nutrition HITT 1305-Medical Terminology BIOL 2301-Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 2101 BIOL 2302-Anatomy and Physiology II and BIOL 2102

 Applicants to the VN Program must take the <u>TEAS V (Test of Essential Academic</u> <u>Skills) Entrance Exam</u>, consisting of four sections; reading, math, science and English. Information about the TEAS Study Guide Version 5.0 can be found

www.atitesting/onlinestore. The composite score will be used within the selection criteria with additional points for GPA and any previous achievements related to nursing education.

- 8. The TEAS is a computerized test available through the TSTC-HARLINGEN Testing Center. Register on-line by clicking on date link. The total cost: see portal for amount.
- ***The TEAS test must be taken at a TSTC campus or with TSTC Virtually as scores will not be accepted from NON-TSTC educational or testing institutions *** Dates for testing will be posted on Ms. Tanya's office window, Dates are as follows: DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED PER SEMESTER AND UPDATED IN PORTAL.

<u>Test can only be taken once per</u> <u>application Period.* Seats are limited.</u> <u>Registration is required! Information on</u> <u>how to register is below:</u>

Texas State Technical College Testing Center, Bldg EK Rm 312 1902 North Loop 499 Harlingen, TX 78550 PH: (956) 364-4312

TEAS Minimum scores required to apply the program is as follows: Reading, mathematics, ELA- 50 and science- 40

9. A typed essay which must include the following: explanation of desire to be a nurse; the steps taken to make sure the one-year commitment to the Vocational Nursing Program can be fulfilled; where this education will lead over the next 10 years. Also include academic record from high school and/or college; hobbies and volunteer work.



- 10. Courses to be considered for admission must be presented on a submitted official sealed college transcript. (All official transcripts from high school/GED and college/universities previously attended must be submitted to the TSTC Admissions office not in the packet.)Courses which are not identical with the catalog listing of courses or equivalent in the common course numbering system require a request for substitution form to be filled out and submitted to Admissions with college application.
- 11. Submit **COMPLETED** <u>VN APPLICATION</u> packet to Tanya Villarreal the Allied Health Department Secretary's via email. <u>tvillarreal@tstc.edu</u>
- 12. Applicants will be evaluated on an admission rating scale consisting of <u>TEAS score.</u> <u>GPA. and extra points accordingly.</u> The rankings will be submitted to the Admissions Committee for consideration as a component of the total admission criteria. (G.P.A. of 2.5 is required to be considered for the program.)
- 13. The selected applicants will be admitted pending proof of physical and mental health on a physical examination taken within 6 months prior to enrollment in the first nursing course.

Immunizations must be current and the Hepatitis B series (3 injections) must be completed by the beginning of the program. (Ask for the routine Hepatitis vaccine series. Do not get the Twinrix series, this series requires #4 vaccine after one year from the first injection to be completed.) The Hepatitis A vaccine is not required, but is highly recommended.

14. **Criminal background checks** are required for students involved directly with clients in clinical facilities and by the Texas Board of Nursing for licensure. To pass the nursing courses involved in this program you must complete clinical rotations at these sites. If you refuse or for any reason cannot complete this background check, or as a result of the information gathered in this check, you will be refused access to a clinical facility, thereby ineligible for clinical participation; you will be dismissed from the program due to inability to meet clinical objectives. Information on the procedure for obtaining a CBC and fingerprinting will be given to the <u>accepted students</u>.

15. DO NOT COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK PRIOR TO ADMISSION!

- 16. Employment at many healthcare facilities and agencies require mandatory drug screening. Vocational Nursing students may be required to undergo a **random drug** screen prior to beginning clinical experiences and at any point during the program at the discretion of the Program Director and/or Instructor. Failure to take or pass this drug test will result in inability to complete required clinical rotations.
- 17. The admission rating scale and application packet criteria will be used to determine acceptance. All candidates will be notified in writing or email regarding admission status.
- 18. ****Not all qualified candidates may be accepted.**



19. Some students not selected will be notified that they are alternates. Students on the alternate list may be admitted if space becomes available.

20. Eligible applicants will be notified of the date to attend the MANDATORY orientation meeting. <u>Those applicants not attending or arriving late to the orientation will automatically be dropped from consideration.</u>

22. Non-Progression Policy: Grades- Students scoring less than 80 %(B) As a final course average on Nursing courses will not progress to the next level or graduate the program. Should a student fail a course, student will be required 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. Readmission to the TSTC VN program will not be allowed in this case.

23. Non-Progression Policy-Math Competency - A math medication dosage calculation competency must be passed, after being graded on a Pass/Fail, in order to progress to the next level. A math competency will be given in each level. The students will be given a maximum of three attempts in level one and two. And Level three will have a maximum attempt of five. Failure to pass math competencies within the maximum number of attempts will result in the student NOT being able to progress to the next semester. Should a student not pass a competency in math the student will be not progress to the next semester and will be required to reapply and repeat the program in FULL. (refer to grading policy for readmission) NO Calculators are allowed for the math competencies in level one and two.

24. Non Progression Policy- Attendance and Absences - TSTC VN Program Policy has a minimum numbers of hours that must be completed prior to completion of the VN Program. There are a maximum number of absences that a student can obtain.

Classroom: A total of nine (9) unexcused absences per program with no more than three (3) absences per semester.

Clinical: Clinical unexcused absences cannot exceed 12 hours in Semester 1, 18 hours in Semester II, and 18 Hours in Semester III or the student WILL be dropped from the Vocational Nursing Program and to reapply and repeat program in full. **see policy for excused absence guidelines.

21. Completed applications, forms, immunization records, and written documents must be submitted in the application to the following: Tanya Villarreal the Allied Health Department Secretary's via email. <u>tvillarreal@tstc.edu</u>

**Applicants must submit a COMPLETE application packet to the Vocational Nursing Department secretary via email on or before the application filing deadline. Incomplete packets will not be considered in the selection process. **student is to confirm with Tanya Villarreal that entire application, completed forms, immunization records and written documentation was received.

** Incomplete packets will not be considered for selection!



Applicant Selection/Notification Process

POINT SYSTEM FOR SELECTION

▲ Point system is based on the following criteria:

Test of Essential Academic Skills / TEAS		Composite Score
▲ Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) will be computed from your col	lege transcri	pt:
(G.P.A. of 2.5 is required to be considered for the progra	ım.)	-
CUMULATIVE GPA CREDIT: Based on all college courses		Possible Points
GPA 3.6 – 4.0		3 pts
GPA 3.0 – 3.5	2 pts	
GPA 2.5 – 2.9	1 pt.	
Prerequisite Courses		
Four total courses = additional points for your grades	Α	3 pts
(Possible Points 8 -12)	В	2 pts

OTHER CREDIT: Only <u>one</u> of the following items may be added to the points earned in the above categories. Choose the one with the highest points and provide written documentation at the time you apply to the Vocational Nursing Program.

Current Texas certificate as CNA (submit copy of <u>current</u> Texas certificate in packet)	5 points
OR	
Current Medical Assistant/Surgical Tech	3 points
US Military Service	1 point
US Military with Medical training	2 points

TOTAL MAXIMUM ADDITIONAL POINTS POSSIBLE = 26 + Composite Score from TEAS

Total Points = Selection Score

* Submit copy of certification and proof of work experience at the time of application to the program.

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored or conducted by Texas State Technical College on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, Veteran status or disability



HOW SELECTION IS MADE

Applicants with the highest number of points will be selected for the program.

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED APPLICANTS

- A. Selected applicants and alternates will be sent an email notification of their acceptance and asked to return written acceptance or non-acceptance of the position by a specified date via email.
- B. If the written acceptance of the position is not returned to the Department Secretary, on or before the specified postmark date, the applicant's name will be removed from the list and the applicant will have to re-apply to be considered in the next application process.
- C. The qualified applicants who were not selected will be placed on an alternate list if they accept their place on the alternate list.

In the event of cancellations, eligible applicants will be moved up the list and these candidates will be notified.

Applicants who are not selected and those who decline a position must reapply to be considered in the next selection process.

D. Students who are selected for the Vocational Nursing Program will be required to attend two mandatory orientation sessions prior to the beginning of the program. (Alternates must attend mandatory orientation.)

****Failure to attend and arrive on time will result in forfeiture of space in the** program***

E. The selections procedure is subject to change to enhance the quality of the Vocational Nursing Program. TSTC-HARLINGEN Vocational Nursing Program has received approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and approval from the Texas Board of Nursing.



Vocational Nursing Program Application Checklist

This checklist is provided to assist you in assuring that you have all the necessary items required to apply to the Vocational Nursing Program.

Item	Done
1. Apply to TSTC-Harlingen online by submission of Admission Application at www.harlingen.tstc.edu	
2. Contact the Admission Advisor for TSI counseling, placement testing, etc. Must have taken the TSI assessment (G.P.A. of 2.5 is required to be considered for the program.)	
 Prerequisite courses must be complete and all a C or better. Anatomy& Physiology I & II must have been completed within the last 5 years. 	
4. Complete the TEAS V entrance exam at TSTC testing center, TEAS Minimum scores required to apply the program is as follows: Reading, mathematics, ELA- 50 and science- 40	
5. Provide copy of current driver's license or state issued identification card <u>AND</u> Social security card.	
6. Complete typed essay.	
7. Complete the Vocational Nursing Program application form, page 9-14.	
8. Sign the "Statement of Student Responsibility" form.	
9. <u>Sign</u> the "Statement of Understanding" form.	
10. All official transcripts from high school/GED and college/universities previously attended must be submitted to Admissions. Please submit copies of these official transcripts in the application packet.	
11. Copy of all immunizations required: Hepatitis B series (3), Varicella, TD (within last 10 years), MMR (2), TB skin test (PPD) or chest x-ray report, Meningococcal vaccine (if under 30 years of age). Hepatitis A series (2) is not required, but is highly recommended.	
12. Official foreign transcript evaluation on all foreign transcripts, if the applicant has not attended a college or university in the United States. This must be completed with Admissions.	

Submit copy of any certification and proof of work experience with application to program





APPLICATION FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT USING BLACK INK, ANSWER ALLQUESTIONS

Technical College				
Term: Fall Spring				
PERSONAL INFORMA	ATION: Mr. () Mr	s. () Mis	s. ()
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name	Social Security Number
Mailing Address				
City	State	Zip	Home Phone Numb	er Cell/Work
Email				Date of Birth
Person to notify in case of	f emergency:			
Name		Address (City a	nd State)	Telephone Number
Address				
City	State		Zip	Phone Number
EDUCATIONAL PREP	ARATION:			
NAME OF SCHOOI	L Loca	tion of School	DATES C Attendance CE From	Dipioma/Degree
High School or GED				
College or University				
Technical/ or Other				

Admissions office must receive an **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT** before this application can be processed. Transcripts must be sent directly to: TSTC-HARLINGEN Admissions, 1902 N. Loop Harlingen, TX 78550.



If you did not graduate from high school, include a copy of GED certificate to				
Admissions. Have you ever attended a nursing program?	Yes	No		
If YES, What Program and Where				

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Names and addresses of last three employers and approximate dates of employment:

Employer	Address (City and State	Dates (From - To)

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

Names and addresses of two references such as a current or former employer or person that can give a character and performance evaluation (NOT A RELATIVE OR A FRIEND). Please include area code with the telephone number.

Name	Address (City and State)	Telephone Number	

Student Signature

Date



Statement of Understanding

In accordance with the Texas Department of Health, Rule 97.63, section 2, all nursing applicants "shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer....to an institution of higher education.

I,_____understand that as an applicant for the nursing program at Texas State Technical College Harlingen, I must have and show proof of, in addition to the childhood vaccinations, Varicella, MMR, Tetanus, Hepatitis A series, Hepatitis B series, TB skin test (PPD), Healthcare Provider CPR, by or on the date of the mandatory information meeting.

If selected for admission to this program I will at all times conduct myself in accordance with the rules and regulations of the College, Program and its clinical affiliates. I certify that the information in this application is complete and correct and understand that the submission of false information is grounds for rejection of my application, withdrawal of any offer of acceptance, cancellation of enrollment, or appropriate disciplinary action. I certify that I can perform the essential eligibility requirements for participation in clinical nursing with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services as described in the information packet. I understand that I am responsible for providing my own transportation to clinical sites to fulfill graduation requirements. I hereby grant permission to TSTC-HARLINGEN to verify any and all information submitted/stated.

I understand that my acceptance to any nursing program is only conditional, until such time as I have cleared a criminal background/security clearance screening with the TEXAS Board of Nursing.

Essential Function Standards: Physical Capacity Requirements

I understand that as a Vocational Nursing student in the VN Program, I may be required to work under the following conditions/circumstances and I must possess the following abilities: Have a high school diploma or GED

Ability to communicate verbally and via

telephone Ability to lift, balance and carry up to

50 pounds

Ability to interpret written and oral forms of instructions

Ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high stress situations Ability to work effectively



throughout an entire work shift

Ability to read small print

Ability to read and understand English language manuals

Ability to interview/communicate with patients and family members Ability to document legibly relevant information

Ability to converse in English with co-workers and hospital staff

Demonstrate good manual dexterity sufficient to perform all tasks as related to highest quality patient care

Ability to bend, stoop and crawl in confined spaces

Ability to tolerate being on your feet for 8 - 12 hours a day

Ability to work in low light, confined spaces and other dangerous environments

Ability to pass a physical examination administered by a physician or nurse practitioner upon acceptance into the program. All Physicals are valid for one year upon turning it in and will need to be renewed at that time prior to attending clinical.

Provide record of current up to date immunization records before acceptance into the program.

Successful completion of the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR upon acceptance into the program and status must remain valid throughout the entire year.

Provide record of current accident, needle stick and liability insurance upon acceptance into the program.

I understand that the above physical standards are required for admission to these programs. I hereby certify that I possess these physical abilities. I understand that if I am later found to be limited in these areas of physical ability or if I have purposefully misrepresented my abilities to gain admission to a program, I may be dismissed from that program by decision of the Program Chair.

Prospective Student Signature

Date

Program Chair/Faculty

Date



Statement of Student Responsibility

(Read and initial all items as applicable and sign below)

- 1. _____ I acknowledge that the information in this packet contains policies, regulations and procedures in existence at the time this publication went to press. I also acknowledge that TSTC reserves the right to make changes at any time to reflect current Texas Board of Nursing policies, administrative regulations and procedures, and applicable state and federal regulation.
- 2. _____ I understand that this packet is for information purposes only and does not constitute a contract, expressed or implied, between any applicant, student or faculty member and Texas State Technical College.
- 3. _____Submitting an application for the Vocational Nursing Program, I agree to abide by the admission requirements of the nursing program.
- 4. <u>I accept full responsibility for submitting a complete application packet prior to or</u> by the designated application filing deadline and I understand that I cannot be accepted into the program until I have completed all admission requirements.
- 5. _____ I understand and agree to undergo a criminal background check and mandatory drug screening prior to being allowed to attend a clinical rotation and should I be prevented from attending a clinical rotation at a clinical facility due to findings on my drug screen or criminal background check, I will be dismissed from the Vocational Nursing Program.
- 6. _____ I have not been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations). This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. (Note: DUI's, DWI's and PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations.)
- 7. _____ I understand that I am responsible for providing my own transportation to clinical sites to fulfill graduation requirements.
- 8. _____ I have no criminal charges pending including unresolved arrests.



- 9. <u>I have never had any licensing authority refuse to issue me a license or ever had a license revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license or certificate held now or previously and have never been fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined.</u>
- 10. _____ Within the last 5 years, I have not been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug.
- 11. _____ Within the last 5 years I have not been diagnosed with, treated or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder or borderline personality disorder.
- 12. _____ I understand that withholding or giving false information on this application will make me ineligible for admission to or continuation in the TSTC-Harlingen nursing program.
- 13. _____ I understand that I must receive a Letter of Acceptance from the Department of Nursing before I can register for nursing courses and I will be dropped from nursing courses if I register before receiving an acceptance letter.
- 14. _____ If accepted to the program, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations for the program as outlined in the TSTC-HARLINGEN Vocational Nursing student handbook.
- 15. <u>I</u> understand the Non-Progression Policy- Grades- Students scoring less than 80 %(B) As a final course average on all nursing courses will not progress to the next level or graduate the program. Should a student fail a course, student will be required 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. Readmission to the TSTC VN program will not be allowed in this case.
- 16. ____I understand: Students who are selected for the Vocational Nursing Program will be required to attend two mandatory orientation sessions prior to the beginning of the program. (Alternates must attend mandatory orientation.)Dates on acceptance letter. **Failure to attend and arrive on time will result in forfeiture of space in the program***Keep dates from acceptance letter for your reference.

17._____ I understand that students are required to have Accident Insurance, Needle stick Insurance and Malpractice insurance and immunizations and Physical form up to date and valid throughout the entire program. Students will pay the Insurance fees each semester at the TSTC cashiers and bring proof prior to the first day of class each semester.



18._____I understand the Non-Progression Policy- Math Competency Non-Progression Policy-Math Competency - A math medication dosage calculation competency must be passed, after being graded on a Pass/Fail, in order to progress to the next level. A math competency will be given in each level. The students will be given a maximum of three attempts in level one and two. And Level three will have a maximum attempt of five. Failure to pass math competencies within the maximum number of attempts will result in the student NOT being able to progress to the next semester. Should a student no pass a competency in math the student will be not progress to the next semester and will be required to reapply and repeat the program in FULL. (also, refer to grading policy for readmission) NO Calculators are allowed for level one and two math competencies.

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Please note that items # 8, 9, 10 and 11 are required by the Texas Board of Nursing to determine eligibility for licensure by examination. If applicant is unable to initial these items it is strongly encouraged that you submit a petition for "Declaratory Order" to the Texas Board of Nursing prior to submitting this application. For information or guidance in this process to determine eligibility for licensure by examination, contact the Texas Board of Nursing at 512-305-7400 or go to the website <u>www.bon.state.tx.us</u>.

(Printed name)

(Date)

(Signature)