PLEASE NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS A HYBRID PROGRAM. The didactic is online and skills classes are partially online and face to face in the Skills and Simulation Lab. CLINICAL EXPERIENCES MAY BE FACE TO FACE IN THE CLINICAL SITES, 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, by hangouts or in person. 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.

LVN-RN Transition Nursing Information Sessions

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Information sessions are being held virtually You must contact Tanya Villarreal, at tvillarreal@tstc.edu if you are interested in attending the information session and she will list you on the roster. All sessions are at 4:PM.

Application date: 9/14-11/04/2022

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 ADN 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 Admissions

Apply for Financial Aid if applicable.

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.

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. Complete all prerequisites with a “C” or better.

C’s do not give you any extra points in the point system toward getting into the program, but do count in figuring your GPA. Your prerequisite grades are used to calculate your GPA which is important and weighs heavily in the selection process.

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.

ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 (TEN) YEARS. Your prerequisite 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 2023 Spring Program will be accepting applications September 14, 2022 through November 4, 2022 at 12:00 noon. This Program is Hybrid, which means a portion is on line with labs and clinicals face to face.

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).

Remember Hybrid means that a portion of the program is online, a portion on campus, in the labs and a portion in the medical facilities for your clinical experience. The Board of Nurses requires a portion of your education to be at the clinical site in order for you to complete the educational requirements and sit for State Boards.
REQUIRED PREREQUISITES- All Sciences must be completed within the past 10 years. Bolded subjects are used to figure GPA

1. BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I OR
   BIOL 2301 Anatomy & Physiology I AND BIOL 2101 Anatomy & Physiology I
2. ENGL 1301 Composition I*
3. PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development
4. *ACGM X3XX Humanities or Fine Arts elective*
5. BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II OR
   BIOL 2302 Anatomy & Physiology II AND BIOL 2102 Anatomy & Physiology II
6. PSYC 2301 General Psychology
7. 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 Choose 1 as an elective**

ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
ARTS 1303 Art History I
ARTS 1304 Art History II
ARTS 1316 Drawing 1
ARTS 1313 Foundations of Art
ARTS 2316 Painting 1
ENGL 2321 British Literature
ENGL 2322 British Literature I
ENGL 2326 Scripture I
ENGL 2307 Creative Writing I
ENGL 2331 World Literature
ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature
HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities
HUMA 1302 Introduction to Humanities II
HUMA 2323 World Cultures
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy
PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
STEP 3: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS PROCESS:

Applicant must attend LVN-RN “Information Session” with the Program Chair or Faculty and complete all ADN program prerequisites.

All Applicants must take the HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam and meet the required score of at least 850. If you do not score 850. You may 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.** The test must be taken in accordance with TSTC Guidelines.

To prepare for this exam, please study the HESI Comprehensive NCLEX-LPN Examination Study Guide. CONTACT Registration Number: 956-364-4310 for Hesi ONLINE 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 and the better the chances of you being admitted.

Complete all Health Requirements-Immunizations* You are no longer required to have a physical examination. You must complete a medical attestation indicating your physical ability to meet the requirements for a nurse. These documents also indicate your immunizations, allergies, and must be CURRENT-Within the last 12 months. Health requirements including immunizations must be signed by you and recorded on the document included in the Admission packet.

Once you are ready to apply to the Program, complete the online application located at [https://www.tstc.edu/programs/nursing/](https://www.tstc.edu/programs/nursing/) Application and all required documents will be submitted online. Application Period for Spring 2023 is September 14, 2022 through November 4, 2022 at 12:00PM.

**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 is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website [http://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp](http://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp). Once the list is submitted you will be notified by the Board of Nurses.

**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, a letter of clearance or a letter of denial, which you must turn in to the Nursing Education Office. **If you are not cleared through the Board of Nursing, you will be notified to complete a Criminal Background Check, initiated by the Board.**

**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 ADN 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 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. Once all admission criteria are met for entrance to the program, students with completed applications will be selected by scoring.

1. Students with the highest points will be accepted into the program based upon the number of available spots in the cohort.
2. Decisions are ultimately made by the LVN-RN Department Admission Committee and confirmed by the Program Chair and may not be appealed.
3. 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 admitted 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)
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 member. 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.

Alternate Status Applicants: Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admissions to the program.

Admitted

Applicant must officially accept admission to the program on or before the Mandatory Orientation Date listed in the correspondence. Admitted Applicant and alternates must attend Mandatory Orientation AND a second Orientation. Applicant must meet the Clinical Requirements Have current AHA CPR card Pass an Alcohol & 10-Panel drug screen proof of required immunizations.

Denied

Applicant must officially accept admission to the program on or before the Mandatory Orientation Date listed in the correspondence.

DENIED APPLICATIONS AND ALTERNATES: Upon denied applicant’s request, further consultation can be held with the Program Director or Instructor.

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.
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**TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES WITH PREREQUISITES**: $12,374.66

Tuition and other fees are subject to change. This list is not all inclusive.

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR TSTC HARLINGEN THESE FEES ARE ESTIMATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. THEY MAY BE MORE OR LESS DEPENDANT UPON THE COST AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. THESE FEES THESE ARE THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY.**
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# ADMISSION SCORESHEET

**Name:** ____________________________________  
**Address:** __________________________________  
**City:** ____________________  
**Phone:** ________________  
**TSTC Email:** ____________________  
**ID#** ____________  
**BD:** ____________  
**LVN Lic Number:** ____________  
**EXP** ____________  
**CPR Date** ____________  
**Expiration** ____________  
**Other Certification:** ____________  

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<td>4. 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.</td>
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**TOTAL POINTS**  
**INITIAL REVIEWER**  
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**TOTAL**  
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**PROGRAM CHAIR:** ____________________  
**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 on-line APPLICATION PACKET** [www.tstc.edu/programs/nursing](http://www.tstc.edu/programs/nursing).

**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.

**COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET** Submit completed application packet with supportive documentation to ADN Office by email.

- 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**

**Physical Form** Documentation of all required immunizations: DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN OR THEIR ASSOCIATE. Titer testing will be accepted for MMR, HEP B, and Varicella MMR(x2) vaccination
- Hepatitis B(x3)
- Tetanus Booster within 10 years
- Varicella-if you have had the chicken pox, you will need to submit a titer
- Bacterial Meningitis
- TB results (Must be less than a year old throughout program)
- Evidence of Bacterial Meningococcal vaccination if under age 30
- Covid Vaccine #1 and #2 2 (Required by the Clinical facility NOT TSTC in order to complete clinicals)

*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 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**

**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.**
LVN-RN TRANSITION PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST
APPLICANT must meet all college and program requirements.

PAY ATTENTION TO EACH INSTRUCTION. You must follow instructions as indicated. Please refer to – www.tstc.edu/programs/nursing for the Information Sessions, HESI Testing Information and Admission Packet.

**Incomplete requirement packets will not be accepted**

____ 1. **Photo**: size (2x2) color picture of student must be attached (tape- no staples) to the application.

____ 2. **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

____ 3. **Health Requirement Form**: Must be on the TSTC LVN-RN PROGRAM FORM only and the student must complete and sign the form, INCLUSIVE OF Immunization Records.

____ 4. **Immunization Records**: Must include all dates when required immunizations were completed and/or titers were drawn (for MMR and Hep B if necessary). A titer is required for the varicella if you have had the chicken pox. 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 you, the applicant.

____ 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.
6. **Transcripts:**

1. All transcripts with the application must be copies of official documents. Official copies of both Licensed Vocational Nursing Program and Prerequisite courses are required to be filed with TSTC Admissions. Copies of the documents should accompany your application. 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.*

6. 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).

7. Proof of attending Information Session. (email of the meeting).
HESI TESTING INFORMATION

Thank you for being patient. Below please find the dates for virtual and on campus testing. Sessions will open in February. On campus seating capacity is 20 and virtual seating capacity is 30 per session.

**HESI Dates: September 19-November 4, 2022**

**SEPTEMBER:**

1st attempt (virtual): September 19—22  
1st attempt (virtual): September 26—27  
1st attempt (on campus): September 28 (9:00 am & 1:00 pm)

**OCTOBER**

2nd attempt (virtual): October 4—7  
1st attempt (virtual): October 10—12  
1st attempt (virtual): October 17—18  
2nd attempt (virtual): October 19—20  
Campus 1st Attempt & 2nd Attempt—October 26 (9:00 am 1st) & (1:00 pm 2nd)  
Virtual 1st Attempt—October 31—November 1st

**NOVEMBER**

Virtual 1st Attempt—October 31—November 1st  
Campus 1st Attempt & 2nd Attempt—November 2 (9:00 am 1st) & (1:00 pm 2nd)  
Virtual 2nd Attempt—November 3

The picture above is a study guide you may use to assist you in preparing for the HESI Entrance Exam. You may purchase this online from elsevier or from Amazon.com or any other book store.
HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam (Virtual)

Elsevier has partnered with ProctorU to virtually proctor the HESI LPN-ADN exam – meaning you can take the exam from home. The HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam is an admission assessment for students interested in enrolling in the RN program. The exam identifies your strengths and weaknesses in PN/VN content areas, and the possible need for remediation prior to the entrance into the program. **There are only 2 attempts allowed per application period and the exam time limit is two hours.**

Steps before scheduling your exam:

- Sign in at tstc.edu/Testing-Hgn (New users will be assessed an annual one-time non-refundable $5 scheduling fee)
- Choose a group: HESI LPN-ADN (Virtual).
- Choose exam section: HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam (1st Attempt or 2nd Attempt)
- Complete the required information & read the exam acknowledgements
- Click Add to Cart
- Click Complete Registration
- Click Continue
- Complete the credit card fields and Continue (a confirmation email will appear on the screen).
- **Please allow 24 business hours for you to receive an email with further payment & scheduling instructions.**

Testing Fees & Requirements

- Total cost is $79 (mobility exam + ProctorU)
- A valid current government-issued picture ID
- Be sure to have your HESI username/password to start your exam
- Testing of equipment must be completed and successful prior to testing day.

Please check the compatibility of your device here.

Study Resources

- https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html
- https://evolve.elsevier.com/education/hesi/nursing-lpn-lvn/

For more information, please contact testing@tstc.edu or (956) 364-4310/ (956) 364-4308.

To request testing accommodations, please contact the Access and Learning Accommodations Office at adarequest@tstc.edu.
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**How to Schedule Your Exam**

1. Sign in at [tstc.edu/Testing-Hgn](http://tstc.edu/Testing-Hgn) (New users will be assessed an annual one-time non-refundable $5 scheduling fee.)
2. Choose a group: HESI
3. Choose an exam: HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam

   **Retakes: please select HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam Retake (2nd Attempt)**

4. Choose a date and time
5. Complete the required information
6. Click add to cart Complete the credit card fields and click Purchase Exams
7. Click Complete Registration (a confirmation email will be sent)

**What to bring on test day?**

- Bring a current government-issued picture identification
- Bring a credit/debit card to pay the test fee online ($59 paid online)

**Student Resources**

- [https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html](https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html)

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