Vocational Nursing Program
ADVISORY PACKET–26 FA

The Vocational Nursing Program will prepare students with the basic competencies to become a safe practitioner in the healthcare field. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will earn a Certificate of Completion in Vocational Nursing and IV certification.

The program consists of three 15-week semesters and is a hybrid program (online-synchronous). Didactic course work is online. Skills lab and clinical are face-to-face. After the first semester, students have the opportunity to test for certifications as a CNA or CMA.

The Vocational Nursing Program is a highly selective program. The selection process is based on a competitive point system. Selection criteria are used to assess the applicant's score. Please refer to https://www.tstc.edu/programs/vocational-nursing/ for the information session dates, TEAS 7.0 pre-entrance testing information, and other deadlines.

This program is a HYBRID program which means the program combines elements of online learning and in-person instruction. Skills, simulation lab, and clinical experiences are face-to-face, while 'classroom' work is online.

An application link will be given to you after attending a mandatory information session. Information sessions are conducted via Google Meet or in-person (depending on campus).

APPLICATION / ADMISSION PROCESS:

Requirements for application to the LVN to RN Transition Program

1. Apply for admission to TSTC and meet all college requirements. TSTC maintains an open admission policy. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to all programs.
    a. Submit an official copy of your high school transcript and all transcripts from other colleges.
    b. Apply for financial aid.

2. Attend a mandatory information session.
    a.   A link to apply to the LVN Program will be provided after attending the session.

3. Must take the following pre-entrance exam:
    a.   ATI TEAS 7.0 Exam

        i.   **Required scores:**
            1. Reading and English score: 50%

2. Science and Math score: 40%

    ii. **Required scores must be made on the same exam attempt**. If required scores are not met, the test may be taken again for a higher score. Exams can be taken up to 3 times per application period. Submit proof of the higher score.

    iii. There are study guides available for the ATI TEAS 7 exam to help prepare for the exam.

    b. All pre-entrance exam scores will be valid for **one year** for application purposes.

4. Complete online application for the LVN Program.
    a. All required copies of documents must be submitted with the application.

Required Prerequisite Courses: Minimum grade of "C" in all prerequisites.

1. BIOL 2401 A&P I (or BIOL 2301 & 2101) or equivalent*
2. BIOL 2402 A&P II (or BIOL 2302 & 2102) or equivalent*
3. HPRS 2302 Medical Terminology for Allied Health or equivalent

**A&P 1 and 2 courses must be completed within the last 5 years.

Immunizations

It is the student's responsibility to stay current with their vaccines.
    Documentation of all required immunizations:
- MMR: 2 doses or titer
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses or titer
- Tetanus: Booster within the last 10 years
- Varicella: 2 doses or titer
- Bacterial Meningitis (if under 22 years)
- TB testing within 1 year or X-ray within 5 years
- Titer testing accepted for MMR, HEP-B, Varicella
- Current Seasonal Influenza Vaccination – Flu shots are required prior to beginning clinicals.

Other vaccines may be required by clinical or practicum facilities. These may include COVID and yearly flu. Students should work with their Program Team Lead if an exemption is needed, however, TSTC cannot guarantee that an exemption will be granted by a third-party facility partner.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The 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:

TEAS Score (overall	Points	Prerequisite Courses	
90-100	4 points	A	3 points
80-89	3 points	B	2 points
70-79	2 points	C	0 points
60-69	1 point	In progress	1 point
Other Certifications		**Points**	
CNA/PCT/Medical Assistant		5 points	
Surgical Tech, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene		3 points	
US Military Service w/medical training		3 points	
US Military		2 points	
EARLY APPLICATIONS	**POINTS**		
Submitted by April 30, 2026	5 points		
Submitted by May 31, 2026	3 points		

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS:

Applicants must submit all required application documents. All scores will be added and students with the highest points will be accepted into the program based upon the number of available spots in the cohort. Decisions are ultimately made by the Vocational Nursing Program Admissions Committee and confirmed by the Program Team Lead and may not be appealed. Students not admitted are free to reapply in the following application enrollment period. Reapplication does not guarantee admission in the following cohort.

A letter will be sent to the student (via the email address provided on the application) indicating acceptance, contingent acceptance, alternate list, or non-acceptance. All students except those that are not accepted will be required to attend a mandatory orientation.

Should any of the accepted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered a spot in the program. Alternates are selected from the next highest scores in the pool of qualified applicants.

Any applicants that are not accepted may schedule a meeting with the Enrollment Coach or Program Team Lead for further consultation.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS:

All nursing applicants must complete a criminal background check through the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). Students may choose to complete fingerprinting before cohort selection; however, doing so does not guarantee acceptance into the TSTC nursing program.

The student may contact the Instructional Assistant to start a background check before program selection. Any misdemeanors or felonies will show up on the background check. Any positive hits require a declaratory order to the BON to see if a student may continue towards licensure. Declaratories must be received before clinicals start or proof thereof by Instructional Assistant (letters from previous 12 months can be submitted).

After applying, it may take time to receive fingerprinting instructions and correspondence from the Board of Nursing. If any declaratory questions are answered "yes", the review process may take up to 6 months or longer.

Fingerprinting and background checks are completed through IdentoGo (TXBON). The cost (approximately $40-50) is paid out of pocket and is non-refundable. After your fingerprints and background have cleared, you should receive a Blue Card or a letter from the Board of Nursing.

Students may not attend clinicals until a Blue Card or eligibility letter is issued by the BON. The Blue Card remains valid while enrolled in the TSTC LVN Program and when transitioning to the RN Program within 6 months. Any new legal violations must be reported immediately to the Program Team Lead.

DRUG SCREENS:

Drug screening is arranged through the nursing program and will be completed prior to the start of clinical rotations. The program can request initial, random, and for-cause drug screening. The cost for drug screening will be the responsibility of the student.

REQUIRED INSURANCE:

TSTC has agreements with clinics, hospitals, and other facilities permitting TSTC students to participate in the required hours necessary for licensure/certification and or graduation. These facilities often require that students have insurance, and TSTC is required to verify you have the necessary insurance. TSTC provides needlestick, accident, and malpractice insurance. Proof of personal medical insurance is required. If you need assistance in finding coverage, please see the Program Team Lead.

Failure of students to obtain required insurance will prevent students from attending some facilities which may prevent students from completing the program or cause them to fail the program.

LVN Program Estimated Costs

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
FIRST SEMESTER	
Drug Screen (Have $$ available)	$20-40
TSTC Tuition/Fees	$4,605
ATI Package	$743.33
Supply Kit for Lab	$155
Uniforms (approx. cost for 2 tops, 2 pants, 1 lab jacket, 1 polo)	$155
TOTAL	**$5,678.33**
SECOND SEMESTER	
TSTC-HGN Tuition/Fees	$3,991.00
ATI Package	$743.33
TOTAL	**$4,734.33**
THIRD SEMESTER	
TSTC-HGN Tuition/Fees	$3,684
ATI Package	$743.33
PearsonVue NCLEX-PN Exam Fee (Not paid to TSTC)	$200
Texas Board of Nursing Licensing Fee (Not paid to TSTC)	$75
TOTAL	**$4,702.33**
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	**$15,114.99**

**These fees are estimates for your information only. They may increase or decrease based upon the cost at the time of registration. These fees are the student's responsibility.

Texas State Technical College
Vocational Nursing Program

12 Month VN Program

Pre-requisite Courses include A&P 1 and 2, and Med Terminology

11 Hours of Prerequisite Courses

Rubric	Num	Course Title	CIP	Lec	Lab	Ext	Cont	SCH	
Semester 1 – Level 1									
VNSG	1261	Clinical - Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	51.3901	0	0	12	192	2	
VNSG	1304	Foundations of Nursing	51.3901	3	0	0	48	3	
VNSG	1331	Pharmacology	51.3901	3	0	0	48	3	
VNSG	1327	Essentials of Medication Administration	51.3901	3	0	0	48	3	
VNSG	1402	Applied Nursing Skills I	51.3901	3	3	0	96	4	
		Semester Totals		**12**	**3**	**12**	**432**	**15**	
Semester 2 – Level 2									
VNSG	1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	51.3901	2	0	0	32	2	
VNSG	1329	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	51.3901	3	0	0	48	3	
VNSG	1462	Clinical - Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	51.3901	0	0	12	192	4	
VNSG	2413	Applied Nursing Skills II	51.3901	3	4	0	112	4	
		Semester Totals		**8**	**4**	**12**	**384**	**13**	
Semester 3 – Level 3									
VNSG	1119	Leadership and Professional Development	51.3901	1	0	0	16	1	
VNSG	1334	Pediatrics	51.3901	3	0	0	48	3	
VNSG	1432	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	51.3901	3	2	0	80	4	
VNSG	2463	Clinical - Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	51.3901	0	0	12	192	4	
		Semester Totals		**7**	**2**	**12**	**336**	**12**	
		Program Totals		**27**	**9**	**36**	**1152**	**40**	

*Total Number of Hours including Pre-Requisite courses_____ 51 credit hours _____