

Program Requirements

FLOWCHART OF LVN TO RN APPLICATION/ADMISSION PROCESS

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

<p>Enroll in TSTC as a student. Apply for general admission to TSTC Harlingen. TSTC maintains an open admissions policy. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to all programs. Admissions to some TSTC programs have specific requirements.</p>	<p>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"</p>
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<p>Attend New Student Orientation and set up email. Get Student ID# and pick up ID Card and Parking Permit- Campus Police-Monday-Friday 8-5 PM</p>
<p>Apply for Financial Aid if applicable</p>

STEP 2: COMPLETE PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

<p>Complete the vocational Nursing Program Have current LVN License.</p>	<p>Complete ALL pre-requisites with a "C" or better ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS. Your pre-requisite grades are used to calculate your GPA which is important and weighs heavily in the selection process. Attend a Prospective Student Advisory Session and have a Certificate of Completion in the Admission Packet</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Obtain a current LVN License</p>
	<p>Complete ALL Pre-requisites with a "C" or better. The higher your grade is on Pre-requisites, the more points you get on your Admission Score Sheet. ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10(Ten) YEARS.</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>Attend a Prospective Student Information Session. Once you have completed the Information Session, you will be given an Attendance Certificate. Take your certificate to the Nursing Department Secretary and she will give you an Admission Packet.</p>

STEP 3: APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS PROCESS:

<p>Applicant must Attend LVN-RN “Information Session” and complete all ADN program pre-requisites</p>	<p>Applicant must take the HESI LPN-ADN. (Admissions Assessment) Exam and meet the required score of at least 800. Registration Number: 956-364-4310 2019 Testing Dates: 3/08 9am & 2 pm 4/08 9am & 2 pm 5/07 9am & 2 pm</p>	<p>Applicant must meet the required TSTC cumulative GPA of 2.7 Figured using ONLY the Pre-requisite letter grades</p>	<p>Applicant must complete Fingerprint Clearance and L1 criminal History check for the TX Board of Nursing Drug Screens (These items are scheduled AFTER ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM)</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Complete and Submit Admission Application in 9 X 12 Sealed envelope Application Period 3/01/19- 5/24/19 by Noon</p>
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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

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. Yu 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 will accrue with hosting clinical sites. More information will be relayed to students at orientation.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES-MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT INTO THE LVN-RN PROGRAM

ALL SCIENCES MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE PAST 10 YEARS.

BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I OR
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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
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BIOL 2120	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors

HUMANITIES-Fine Arts

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	

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

STEP 5 NON PROGRESSION GUIDELINES

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 recommendations by the Texas Board of Nurses.
Math Competency: A dosage calculation competency exam must be passed with a 100% in order to continue in the RN Program. This dosage calculation competency exam will be given at the beginning of the first semester. The students will be given a maximum of three attempts in order to achieve a 100%. Failure to achieve a 100% after three attempts will result in dismissal from the Program.
Clinical: Students must satisfactorily pass all clinical courses in order to proceed to the next 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.
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. Classroom: A total of nine (9) absences per program with no more than three (3) absences per semester. Clinical: Clinical absences cannot exceed 12 hours in Semester I, 18 hours in Semester II, and 18 Hours in Semester III or the student WILL be dismissed from the Registered Nursing Program. This student will have the option to reapply and repeat program in FULL.

Readmission Guidelines
Students may apply for readmission if they withdrew from the program due to: 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. <u>Students will be denied readmission if course failure or withdrawal was related to unsafe practice, dishonesty, and/or unethical behavior.</u> 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.

For further information on the Application Process, Please attend an Information Session where all processes will be discussed and explained in greater detail.

Thank you for your interest in our program and we look forward to having you as students in the near future.