SAN JACINTO COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ADMISSION CRITERIA
ADN-RN-NORTH CAMPUS

The generic Associate Degree Nursing (ADN-RN) program at San Jacinto College is a 5 semester program, leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The generic ADN-RN curriculum includes a combination of class lectures, nursing skills training, and clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings throughout the Houston metropolitan area.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nursing (also referred to as “BON”) approves the generic Associate Degree Nursing program. Upon successful completion of the generic ADN-RN program, graduates may apply to the Texas Board of Nursing to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to qualify as a Registered Nurse. You may contact the BON at their website www.bon.state.tx.us or you can call them at (512) 305-7400.

REQUIREMENTS
The following information assists you in completing the steps to apply for admission to SJC & the Associate Degree Nursing Program. It is your responsibility to make sure that each step is followed accordingly and that the Enrollment Services and the Nursing office receives the appropriate paperwork.

San Jacinto College Requirements

Submit a completed San Jacinto College application to the Enrollment Services Office
This can be done online at www.sjcd.edu or www.sanjac.edu. All prospective students must be accepted for admission to San Jacinto College before they are eligible to apply for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Note: Admission to San Jacinto College does not guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Submit official transcripts to the Enrollment Services Office:
Please send all documents to the specific campus where you will be applying.
- High school graduates and GED recipients, never having attended college, must have an official transcript from their high school or GED testing center mailed directly to the selected campus Office of Enrollment Services. Applicants enrolled in their senior year of high school should contact the selected campus Office of Enrollment Services regarding transcript requirements.
- College transcripts – Applicants must have official transcripts from all colleges previously attended mailed directly to the selected campus Office of Enrollment Services. Transcripts should be requested as soon as possible; do not wait until the application period beginning dates to request transcripts.

All courses completed outside the San Jacinto College District must be evaluated by Enrollment Services.

Note: To insure accuracy, identify all names used in attending prior institutions that differ from the name submitted on the ADN-RN Program Request Form.

ADN-RN North Admission Criteria (revised 2/6/15)
Associate Degree Nursing Program Requirements

All students admitted to a health science program are expected to maintain the highest personal standards of conduct consistent with the professional standards as perceived by the Associate Degree Nursing faculty and professional personnel in the agencies used as extended campus sites. Any information indicating that such standards are not maintained is subject to review by faculty and may result in a recommendation to the College for dismissal from the program. Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to review by the Associate Degree Nursing Department and medical opinion or policy of hospitals/agencies which are used as extended campus sites for assigned educational experience.

ADN Application Session Dates
The ADN-RN program accepts applicants twice a year.

For the Fall Term: February 9, 2015 – April 10, 2015
For the Spring Term: TBA

Applications will be accepted in the Nursing office between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm Monday - Thursday. All required documents MUST be submitted as a complete packet to the nursing office, the nursing department will not make copies for you. Include all transcripts even if you attended San Jacinto College.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Pre-requisites

ENGL 1301    Composition I
MATH 1314    College Algebra* OR MATH 1333 Contemporary Mathematics for Technical Programs* (or higher level MATH course)
BIOL 2301    Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 lecture
BIOL 2101    Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 lab
BIOL 2302    Human Anatomy and Physiology II lecture
BIOL 2102    Human Anatomy and Physiology II lab
BIOL 2320    Microbiology and Pathology lecture or BIOL 2421 Introductory Microbiology
BIOL 2120    Microbiology and Pathology lab

*If you earned a higher grade in a higher level MATH course – but have completed MATH 1314 or MATH 1333 - we will only accept your grade in MATH 1314 or MATH 1333.

*Biology courses must be taken within the last five (5) years with no grade less than a “C”.
(Example: if you are applying for Fall 2015, your BIOL 2301/2101, BIOL 2302/2102, BIOL 2320/2120 cannot have been taken any earlier than Fall 2010)

If you receive 2 or more grades of ‘D’ or ‘F’ in BIOL 2301/2101, BIOL 2302/2102, BIOL 2320/2120 Points will be deducted on the scoring rubric.

A minimum cumulative and pre-requisite GPA of 2.5 is required.

GPA requirements will be validated with a college transcript during the application process. Applicants are required to submit official transcripts during the application process. Official copies must be sent to the Enrollment Services Office.
Background information
Applicants must have a clear criminal background to be eligible for licensure with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

Applicants with a criminal background must resolve the issue with the Texas BON by submitting a Petition for Declaratory Order prior to enrollment. This process may take up to 1-year to complete so applicants with criminal backgrounds are encouraged to start the process early. Additional information may be found at www.bon.texas.gov. Applicants will not be admitted without clearance from the Texas BON.

BON Clearance: Qualified applicants will be required to complete a criminal background check (CBC) with the Texas BON. The nursing office will email qualified applicants, at the conclusion of the application period, regarding the specific instructions to complete the CBC with the BON. All applicants will be required to show proof of BON clearance by either the “Blue Card” or “Outcome Letter.” Additional information will be provided with the acceptance letter regarding this process.

Certified Background.
San Jacinto College has partnered with Certified Background to complete the drug screens and track immunizations, and additional clinical requirements (CPR Card, Physical, etc.)

Applicants will be responsible to submit immunizations to Certified Background prior to the end of the application period (April 10). Late submissions may disqualify applicant from acceptance into the program.

The requirements for the RN application period are subject to change each semester; please make sure that you have the most current information packet for the semester you want to apply.

Pass Drug Screening
Applicants must pass a drug screen prior to enrollment; drug screens will be scheduled through Certified Background.

Immunizations
All immunizations must be current and completed before the final application deadline and must not expire during the program with the exception of the HEP B series. Please refer to the FAQ’s for more information. Applicants are required to submit immunization, to Certified Background prior to submitting completed application.

Below is a list of immunizations you must provide proof of:

- Flu Vaccine administered during 2015-2016
- TB Skin Test
- Chest X-ray if you have ever had a positive TB Skin Test
- MMR Series
- Varicella Series
- HEP B Series
- HEP C Series
- Titers (MMR, Varicella, HEP B, C)

Please see Immunization FAQ’s for more information
CPR Verification submitted on Certified Background
Submit copy of your signed front & back Healthcare Provider CPR card from the American Heart Association (must not expire during the program).

HESI A2 Exam
Applicants seeking admission must submit official HESI A2 scores the application period.

The North Campus is allowing interested applicants the opportunity to take the HESI A2 exam on:

February 17, 2015 from 12:30pm-5:00pm in N.17-2063B or on
March 11, 2015 from 7:30am-Noon in N.17-2063B

Applicants must submit current HESI A2 scores with their application packet or schedule to take the exam in February or March of 2015. The HESI A2 tests on the following content: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Math, Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology. Applicants must achieve a composite score of 75% in all categories and subcategories of the assessment test. The Admissions Committee may take in consideration GPA average when reviewing subsections of the HESI A2 exam which are below 75%. The test also assesses Learning Styles and Critical Thinking; however, these components are not considered with the composite score. Applicants choosing to take the HESI A2 at the North campus will be given additional information regarding the test. Applicants will be notified, via email, once the application has been processed regarding payment and testing. The cost of the HESI A2 is $40 and is subject to change.

The HESI A2 exam may only be taken once per application period (twice per academic year). The HESI A2 exam scores are good for three (3) years.

Please refer to the HESI A2 Guide for additional information.

Selection Process
You will receive your emailed acceptance/denial letter approximately 30 days after the close of the application period. Please make sure you closely monitor your email account after the application period closes. (This includes Spam/Junk folders.)

There are times the ADN-RN office will request that you verify information prior to release of acceptance/denial emails. If you do not respond to these emails, you greatly limit your chances of being accepted.

Applicants who are not selected for admission will be notified via email, and must reapply for consideration in subsequent terms.

Students who are accepted, but fail to enroll into the program must also re-apply.

Requirements upon Acceptance

Acceptance
Applicants will be notified, via email, of acceptance into the program. Applicants offered acceptance must complete the following, prior to being cleared for enrollment:

o Attend the mandatory Associate Degree Nursing Orientation: Dates provided in Acceptance Letter.
o BON clearance-Original Blue Card or Outcome Letter (along with a copy of same for our records) must be submitted to Associate Degree Nursing at Orientation.
o Physical Exam-On acceptance, applicants must pass a physical exam. The form will be available on Certified Background. Physical exams are valid for 2 years.