SAN JACINTO COLLEGE-CENTRAL CAMPUS
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING ADMISSION CRITERIA

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.

Students applying for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete the following steps:

1. Apply to San Jacinto College at the following website (www.sanjac.edu)
2. Submit official copies of all non-San Jacinto College transcripts to the Office of Enrollment Services.
3. Submit ADN-RN application to the nursing office of your choice, Central (C-11.1057/59)
4. Submit official sealed transcripts to the ADN-RN office along with ADN-RN application.
5. Program pre-requisites: (no more than two allowed in progress prior to start of Fall/Spring semester)
6. Submit criminal background check receipt (must be completed during application period)
7. Submit drug screen receipt with ADN-RN application. (must be completed during application period)
8. Submit immunization/titer documentation with ADN-RN application.
9. Submit copy of your signed front & back Healthcare Provider CPR card from the American Heart Association (must not expire during the program).
10. Submit current HESI A2 scores.
11. Once accepted into the Program applicant will be required to pass a physical exam

ELIGIBILITY 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 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 ADN-RN Program.

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

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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.

**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.

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**ADN Application Session Dates**

The ADN-RN program accepts applicants twice a year.

- **Fall Term:** TBA
- **Spring Term:** TBA

Applications will be accepted in the Nursing office between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm. All required documents MUST be submitted as a complete packet to the nursing office, the nursing department **will not** make copies for you.

**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 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I**
BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II**
BIOL 2420 Microbiology and Pathology** (or BIOL 2421 Introductory Microbiology**

* 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 Spring 2013, your BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420/2421 cannot have been taken any earlier than Spring 2008.)

If you receive 2 or more grades of ‘D’ or ‘F’ in BIOL 2401 | BIOL 2402 | BIOL 2420/2421; You will be required to deduct points 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.

Criminal Background Check
Applicants must have a clear criminal background to be eligible for licensure with the Texas BON. You will be required to apply to StudentCheck, Inc. to begin your background check. During the application period go to www.mystudentcheck.com and complete the following steps:
1. Under School Program, select “San Jacinto College Central- ADN-RN”
2. Under Program, select ‘ADN-RN Central Campus’
3. Complete all required fields as prompted and hit continue to enter payment info.
4. Click ‘Submit’ (The cost of the background check is $53.58.)

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 http://bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf. Applicants will not be admitted without notice from the Texas BON.

If you have a criminal background (including expunged and sealed offenses), you are encouraged to begin the Petition for Declaratory Order early with the BON. In additional to previous criminal offenses, you may need to disclose to the BON treatment for certain mental health disorders and chemical dependency. The Petition for Declaratory Order process is lengthy and therefore, applicants are encouraged to begin the process early. ALL applicants will be responsible to submit the required documents PRIOR to enrollment into the program.
Please review the links below for additional information:

http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/faqs-fp.html

http://www.bon.texas.gov/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf

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**Pass Drug Screening**
Applicants must take a drug screen test during the application session. Applicants may be required to use a third-party vendor established by the program to schedule the drug screen.

North Campus will accept results from either of the sites listed below. Please tell them you are a potential San Jacinto College Central Nursing student so the results will be sent to the appropriate campus. The cost of this screening is $- $35.00. You will be required to have a picture I.D. and your social security number.

- Deer Park Family Clinic
  - 2910 Center Street
  - Deer Park, TX 77536
  - 281-479-5941

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**Immunizations**
All immunizations must be current and completed before the final application deadline and must not expire during the program. Applicants are required to submit copies of immunization with application packet. All copies submitted must be on standard 8.5”x11” paper. We will not accept immunization cards or notes from your healthcare provider on prescription pad paper.

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

- Tetanus (td/tdap) [within the past 10 years]
- TB (PPD) skin test, Chest X-ray, or Quantiferon test [within the past year]
- Seasonal flu shot or proof of allergy to the flu shot*
- MMR titer that shows immunity
- Varicella titer that shows immunity or proof of chicken pox
- HEP B titer that shows immunity (You may apply with the 1st immunization in the series. The series will need to be completed by October 2014)

*Note: Ensure your flu vaccination states it is the 2014-2015 vaccine or has the vaccine expiration date on the document. TB Skin Test shows BOTH the date it was placed/administered and the date it was read.

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**CPR Verification**
Submit copy of your signed front & back Healthcare Provider CPR card from the American Heart Association (must not expire during the program).

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**HESI A2 Exam**
Applicants seeking admission must submit official HESI A2 scores during the application period.
Applicants must submit current HESI A2 scores with their application packet. 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 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 Central 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 twice during the academic year. The HESI A2 exam scores are good for three (3) years.

Selection Process – Notification of Outcome:
You will receive your emailed acceptance/denial letter approximately 4-6 weeks after the close of the application period. Please make sure you closely monitor your email account after the application period closes. (This includes your Spam/Junk folders.)

There are times the AND-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:

- Attend the mandatory ADN – RN Central Campus Orientation: Dates provided in the Acceptance Letter.
- Physical Exam: All applicants must pass a physical exam. The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) must be notified regarding certain mental health and drug/alcohol dependency issues. Please review the BON website for further information.
- BON Clearance: Qualified applicants will be required to complete a criminal background check (CBC) with the 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.