Associate Degree Nursing Transition Program Admission Criteria

Students applying for admission to the LVN/Paramedic to RN Transition program must complete the following:

1) San Jacinto College Application. (http://sanjac.edu/apply)

2) Submit official copies of all non-San Jacinto College transcripts to Enrollment Services.
   Applicants have two options when submitting official transcripts. You can either hand deliver an official seal transcript (must be issued within the last 60 days) or request your former colleges/universities send an official transcript directly to the Office of Enrollment Services. Transcripts should be requested as soon as possible. All courses completed outside the San Jacinto College District must be evaluated by Enrollment Services. You must (CLICK HERE) for further instructions.

3) (New!) Submit all official undergraduate transcripts (San Jac included) to the ADN Office.
   ADN Requirements – You will be required to submit transcripts to both Enrollment Services and the ADN Office. Submit all official sealed transcripts with ADN application.

4) Program prerequisites (allowed no more than two in progress prior to start of Fall/Spring semester)
   ENGL 1301 Composition I
   MATH 1314 College Algebra (or MATH 1333 Contemporary Mathematics)
   BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I*
   BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II*
   BIOL 2420 Microbiology and Pathology* (or BIOL 2421 Introductory Microbiology*)
   RNSG 1215 Health Assessment**
   RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice** (PARAMEDIC REQUIREMENT)
   PSYC 2301 General Psychology
   PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development
   PHED xxxx One – one hour physical education activity course

   *Biology courses must be taken within the last five years with no grade less than “C”. Example: if you are applying for Fall 2013, your BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420/2421 cannot have been taken any earlier than Fall 2008. If you have a grade of ‘D’ or ‘F’ in BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2420/2421, you will have two points deducted, on the scoring rubric (page 9), for each “D” and/or “F”.

   **Nursing courses must be taken within the last two years with no grade less than “C”. Example: if you are applying for Fall 2013, your RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1413 or any RNSG course cannot have been taken any earlier than Fall 2011 or you will be required to take that/those course(s) again.

Special Note: if you have two or more grades of “D” or “F” in any RNSG (Nursing) courses, you are ineligible to apply until two years have passed since your most recent “D” or “F”. For example: if your most recent “D” or “F” was in Fall 2011, you are ineligible to apply for Fall 2013 admission. If your most recent “D” or “F” was in Spring 2011, you are eligible to apply for Fall 2013 admission.
5) HESI A2 Admission Test
   A cumulative score of 75% and a score of 75% in EACH section is required. The Learning Styles section is also required but not used in determining admission. Please visit http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651 (Testing Center - HESI website) for test dates on campus. Submit all scores with ADN application.

6) Drug Screening (Must be completed during application period.)
   A drug screening will be required prior to admission. You must go to Deer Park Family Clinic for your screening. The address is 2910 Center Street, Deer Park, Texas; phone number: 281-479-5941. Please tell them you are a potential San Jacinto College Central Nursing student so we will get the results. The cost of this screening is $30.00. You will be required to have a picture I.D. and your social security number. Submit office visit receipt with ADN application.

   Criminal Background Check (Must be completed during application period.)
   A criminal background check will be required before you will be considered for admission. You will need to go to www.precheck.com \(\rightarrow\) click on ‘Student Check’ on the right \(\rightarrow\) click on ‘Order Student Background Check’ (above and to the left of ‘Student Check’) \(\rightarrow\) under School, select San Jacinto College Central–Nursing \(\rightarrow\) under Program, select ‘Nursing’ \(\rightarrow\) Click ‘Submit’. The cost of the background check is $53.58. Submit confirmation page with ADN application. If you answer yes to any of the questions listed (CLICK HERE), you will also be required to submit your Declaratory Order - to the ADN Office - prior to the first day of class. If you require a Declaratory Order, please begin this process immediately. Your PreCheck background check results must be less than 12 months old.

7) Associate Degree Nursing Program Application. (www.sanjac.edu/nursing during application period)
   Fall Application Period: April 1\textsuperscript{st} – June 1\textsuperscript{st}
   Spring Application Period: September 1\textsuperscript{st} – November 1\textsuperscript{st}

8) (New!) Submit immunization documentation with ADN application. See page 4 for details.

   In order for your application to be accepted, you must have completed a minimum of:

   - Tdap (administered 2005 or later)
   - 2012-2013 Flu vaccine
   - TB Skin Test (within last 12 months)
   - Chest X-Ray Results (If applicable)
   - MMR #2 or titer
   - Varicella #2 or titer
   - Hepatitis A #1 or #2 or titer
   - Hepatitis B #3 or titer
   - TWINRIX #3
   - CPR certification

9) You must be a Texas Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Texas Licensed EMT-Paramedic to apply to the Transition Program. Submit Texas licensure verification with ADN application.

   LVN Licensure Verification:
   https://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/vninq.html

   EMT-Paramedic Licensure:
   https://vo.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/txrasMainMenu.do;jsessionid=62A166684C0D5CD7A309A36DF0C10129.node3
Selection Criteria

Students who apply for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program will be selected on the basis of the highest scores on the Admission Scoring Rubric (page 9). The minimum rubric score required to apply is 5 and the maximum rubric score possible is 30. **A minimum overall and prerequisite 2.5 GPA is required.** Students are strongly encouraged to contact a Counselor or Educational Planner in the Educational Planning & Counseling Center to assist with the San Jacinto College and ADN Admissions process. Please call (281) 998-6150 ext 1014 to schedule an appointment.

Health

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. After students have been selected by the above procedure, a physical examination must be passed prior to entry into the program. Physical exams may be scheduled with a private physician utilizing the forms issued by the Associate Degree Nursing Program upon acceptance. The examination must demonstrate that the student is physically fit and free from communicable diseases.

4/10/2013: What is a titer and why do I need it? Please click [HERE](#).
Associate Degree Nursing - Immunization Schedule

Annually
- TB Skin Test (Results must show date administered and date read.)
- Chest X-Ray required if you have ever had a positive TB Skin Test and/or BCG vaccine.
- TB Skin Test -OR- Chest X-Ray is required annually.

Seasonally
- Flu vaccine
- MUST BE 2012-2013 VACCINE.

Every 10 years
- Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis)
- MUST BE ADMINISTERED 2005 OR LATER.

Every 2 years
- CPR (Must be American Heart Association – BLS for Healthcare Providers. No exceptions.)
  - NO ONLINE CPR CERTIFICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

MMR Series
- #2: Completed 30 days after #1
- Titer: Completed 1 month after #2 or 1 month after documented evidence of disease
  - POSITIVE TITER IS ALWAYS REQUIRED. IF NOT POSITIVE, YOU MUST RESTART SERIES.

Varicella Series
- #2: Completed 30 days after #1
- Titer: Completed 1 month after #2 or 1 month after documented evidence of disease
  - POSITIVE TITER IS ALWAYS REQUIRED. IF NOT POSITIVE, YOU MUST RESTART SERIES.

Hepatitis A Series
- #2: Completed 6 months after #1
- Titer: Completed 1 month after #2
  - POSITIVE TITER IS ALWAYS REQUIRED. IF NOT POSITIVE, YOU MUST RESTART SERIES.
  - A ‘REACTIVE’ TITER IS POSITIVE. A ‘NON-REACTIVE’ TITER IS NEGATIVE.

Hepatitis B Series
- #2: Completed 1 month after #1
- #3: Completed 5 months after #2 ← #3 must be completed prior to first clinical rotation (October 1, 2013)
- Titer: Completed 1 month after #3
  - POSITIVE TITER IS ALWAYS REQUIRED. IF NOT POSITIVE, YOU MUST RESTART SERIES.

TWINRIX Series (Combined Hep A & Hep B vaccine) 4/10/2013: THIS IS AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION TO A & B SERIES.
- #2: Completed 1 month after #1
- #3: Completed 6 months after #2 ← #3 must be completed prior to first clinical rotation (October 1, 2013)
- Separate Hepatitis A & Hepatitis B titers required one month after 3rd dose.

Discounted titers available at http://www.yourhealthlab.com/
04/04/2013: Vaccinations can be obtained at your preferred location or HEB or Walgreens or CVS or Harris County Clinics.
**HESI A2 Exam – Required Sections**

**Reading Comprehension**
This examination contains reading scenarios related to health care topics which measure the applicants reading comprehension, ability to identify the main idea, determining the meaning of words in context, making logical inferences, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**All subsections of Reading Comprehension must be 75% or higher:**
1) Meaning-Word Use 2) Conclusions 3) Implications and 4) Understanding

**Vocabulary**
This examination contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in health care fields.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Grammar**
This examination contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**SCIENCE**

**Biology**
This examination covers biology basics including water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Anatomy & Physiology**
This examination contains test items reviewing general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**MATH**
This exam includes items related to math concepts required for health care fields including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, and general math facts (Roman numerals, military time, etc.).

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Learning Styles**
This assessment determines the preferred learning style of the applicant and offers test-taking and study tips best suited for the individual's learning style and relates these recommendations to nursing curricula. *Required but not used in determining acceptance into the ADN Program.*
**HESI A2: Frequently Asked Questions**

- Your highest HESI scores are valid for three (3) years. **Tests taken prior to January 1, 2010 are invalid.**
- The test can only be taken twice during an academic year (September 1 - August 31). If the test is taken more than twice in an application period, the first test scores will be used for application scoring purposes.
- The cost of the test is $74 on campus ($40 for the Testing Center proctor fee and $34 to be paid via the HESI website. You will only be able to pay the $34 HESI fee on your test date at the Testing Center. You will not be able to pay at any other time/location than your test date. **Obtaining testing costs/locations anywhere other than Central Campus is the responsibility of the applicant.**
- A minimum score of 75 on the tests are required before applying to the program.
- You cannot schedule a Central Campus exam date online or by phone.
- You are allowed to retest on individual sections but you must pay the $74 testing fee again.

1. **What are my responsibilities prior to testing?**

   **You are required to set up an account before visiting the Testing Center. This can be done via https://www.hesiinet.com/. Click on ‘Take My Exam’ ➔ Click on ‘Don’t Have a Evolve Username?’ ➔ Click on ‘Register for Evolve Testing and Remediation’. After filling in your personal information, you will be given your user name and password.**

2. **What do I need to bring to the exam?**

   - Photo ID
   - Pen & Pencil
   - Bring credit card/debit card to pay $34 HESI Exam fee.
   - HESI Admission Form
   - Copy of Evolve Username and Password

3. **How can I prepare?**

   Review related class notes and/or nursing entrance exam review books. HESI publishes a review book specifically for this exam. If you have taken the exam previously, you can review content related to missed items through the website: [http://www.hesiinet.com](http://www.hesiinet.com)

**Does the Testing Center have study materials available for the HESI exam?**

The Testing Center does not have study materials available for the HESI exam; however, the study guide can be purchased here. *(Third edition released May 2012.)*

**When is the HESI exam given?**

View the testing schedule ([http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651](http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651)) for dates available at the San Jacinto College Testing Center. *(Click on Printable HESI Brochure to view dates.)* The HESI exam is administered year round.
What do I need to bring with me on the day I am scheduled to test?

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for check-in. You will be required to have your Evolve Account Username and Password to take the test. Please memorize or write them down. All examinees must have photo ID on the day of exam to be admitted. Scratch paper and pencils will be supplied for examinees.

Can I bring a calculator to use on the exam?

Outside calculators are not permitted. A calculator is built into the HESI software and scratch paper is provided.

What if I need to reschedule prior to my scheduled appointment? What if something comes up and I miss my scheduled appointment?

The Testing center does not allow rescheduling. When you schedule a test date at the Testing Center, you will be required to sign a document stating you understand this. You are not allowed to reschedule.

I didn't score high enough to apply for the nursing program. How soon can I retest?

If you wish to take the exam on the Central Campus, you have authorization to retest on the next available test date. Again, you are only permitted to take it twice during one academic year (September 1 – August 31).

Where can I take the HESI?

It is strongly recommended you take the HESI on the Central campus. If you choose to take this exam at a different location, it is your responsibility to secure the location and available test dates. You will be required to have your official HESI scores emailed to tiffany.newby@sjcd.edu. The San Jacinto College Central Department ID is 198971.

Nursing Program Transfer Requests (4/10/2013)

If you wish to transfer from another degreed nursing program (CNA & LVN excluded) to the San Jacinto College Associate Degree Nursing program, you must adhere to our application periods and criteria. You will be required to complete your background check and drug screening during the respective application period. Along with your application, you will be required to submit course descriptions for every RNSG course you have taken. These can be found in your syllabi or college course catalog. If you have trouble locating the course descriptions, please contact your previous nursing program or instructor for assistance. The admissions committee will review your transcripts and, if accepted, your acceptance letter will outline which RNSG courses will transfer successfully to San Jacinto College. Your RNSG courses must be no less than 2 years old. Example: if you are applying for Fall 2013, any RNSG courses taken prior to Fall 2011 (Summer 2011 or earlier) will not be accepted. You must have completed ENGL 1301 and MATH 1314 or MATH 1333 and PSYC 2301 and PSYC 2314 and RNSG 1215 and RNSG 1413 (Paramedics only) and one PHED course and BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 and BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421. These prerequisites are required to satisfy graduation requirements and obtain an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree at San Jacinto College.
ALL applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing program will be notified by email regarding their program admission status.

Applicants not selected for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program must reapply the following application period. Applicants accepted for admission, but failing to enroll in courses, must also reapply.

The Associate Degree Nursing Office must receive all documentation by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the close of the application period. Applicants missing documentation after 5:00 p.m. on the date of the close of the application period will not be included in the applicant pool.

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Please make sure you closely monitor your email account after the application period closes. This includes your Spam/Junk folders.

There are times the ADN 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. Ensure your preferred email is your primary email in your San Jacinto College account. When necessary, if your handwritten email is illegible, you will be emailed at your primary email address on file.

Your emailed acceptance/denial letter is expected to be emailed 25-30 days after the close of the application period and will come from tiffany.newby@sjcd.edu or another ADN representative. Please add this email address and/or domain (sjcd.edu) to your ‘Contacts’ or ‘Safe Senders’ list on your email account.
# LVN/Paramedic to RN Transition Admission Scoring Rubric

**LVN Applicants:** Minimum score required to apply is 9. Maximum score possible is 42.

**Paramedic Applicants:** Minimum score required to apply is 10. Maximum score possible is 45.

## 1. GRADES:

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## 2. If you repeated BIOL 2401/2402/2420/2421 due to a "D" or "F" grade, subtract 2 points for each “D” or “F”.

If you have 2 or more failures in any RNSG course, you are not eligible to apply to the program until 2 years (after the most recent failure) have passed. **Example: Failures in Fall 2011 or later render you ineligible to apply for Fall 2013.**

## 3. HESI EXAM

Note: If you’ve taken the HESI more than once, add the highest scores on the six sections we require – then divide by six to obtain your composite score.

1) Reading Comprehension  \( \geq 75\% \)  4) Grammar  \( \geq 75\% \)
2) Vocabulary  \( \geq 75\% \)  5) Biology  \( \geq 75\% \)
3) Anatomy & Physiology  \( \geq 75\% \)  6) Math  \( \geq 75\% \)

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## 4. Overall GPA

San Jac (if applicable) & all other schools: ____________

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