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SAN JACINTO COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Vocational Nursing (VN) program at San Jacinto College South (SJCS) is a one-year training program, leading to a Certificate of Technology in Vocational Nursing. The Vocational Nursing 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 program includes 576 classroom and 880 laboratory/clinical hours.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nursing approves the Vocational Nursing program. Upon successful completion of the VN program, graduates may apply to the Texas Board of Nursing to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) to qualify as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. You may contact the BON at their website www.bon.state.tx.us or you can call them at (512) 305-7400.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following **checklist** is provided to assist you in completing the steps to apply for admission to SJC & the Vocational Nursing Program. It is your responsibility to make sure that the Admission Office receives your college application, high school transcript, College transcripts, and test scores.

_____ **Submit a completed San Jacinto College application to the Admissions Office.**

This can be done online at www.sjcd.edu or www.sanjac.edu or in person at the Enrollment Services office on each respective campus. All prospective students must be accepted for admission to San Jacinto College before they are eligible to apply for the Vocational Nursing Program.

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

_____ **Submit official transcripts to the Enrollment Services office.**

High School ...students must show High School graduation or successful completion of all sections of the GED. Foreign students must submit an evaluation of their High School and/or College instruction from their home land. The evaluation must be evaluated by a San Jacinto College District approved evaluation site. You may obtain a list of approved evaluation sites from the Enrollment Services office.

College Transcripts ...students must submit all previous and current official college transcripts to the Enrollment Services office. You may at that time request a copy of the transcript that you are submitting.

Cumulative grade point average, (GPA) of 2.25 is required.

_____ **Attend the mandatory San Jacinto College new student orientation.** (Only First Time Students in college.)

_____ **Contact an Advisor in the Counseling Department**

You must take one the five listed test (COMPASS, THEA, TASP, ASSET, OR ACCUPLACER).

If you have already completed your college placement test you may have an Advisor review your test scores in order to verify skill levels.

Skills levels ... must be a minimum of "7" in reading, math, and writing.

You may contact an Advisor for details in the Counseling Office on the south campus.

The Counseling department is located on the 2nd floor of the J.D. Bruce Student Center on South Campus.

_____ **Must sign up to come to the information session and take the HESI entrance exam (cost \$39).**

To sign up please email us which information session you would like to attend.

Indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for information sessions.

You must include your first and last name, phone number and address, along with correct return email address.

Please make sure you add our email address to your contacts list in your email account. We will send you an email confirmation one week prior to the information session you signed up for.

If you want to attend the session on the south campus please email us at: Vocational.Nursing@sjcd.edu

_____ **HESI Exam & Information Session Registration (You must sign up to attend)**

Your HESI exam and the information session are on the same day.

Dates for the Vocational Nursing Information Session & HESI Exam

Fridays at 1:00pm

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- February 25, 2011
- March 25, 2011
- April 29, 2011
- May 13, 2011
- May 20, 2011

Complete the VN application at the Vocational Nursing Department

(During the application period)

Fall Semester: May 2 – June 30

Spring Semester: September 19 – October 31

Summer Session: February 1 – March 31

Applications will be handed out Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 1pm thru 4:30 pm

At the time of the application period you will need to bring the following items with you before you will receive an application. All required documents **MUST** be submitted as a **complete** packet to the Vocational Nursing Program office in the application period above to be considered for selection. You must supply the copies – the VN department **will not** make copies for you.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

1. SHOTS:

Tetanus (within the past 10 years)

Varicella #1 ____, #2 ____, or Titer ____

MMR #1 ____ and #2 ____ or Titer ____

TB skin test or Chest X-ray (within the past year)

Hep B #1 ____, #2 ____, or Titer ____

(Hep B must be within the last 3 years)

Flu (must be within the last year) ____

1. High School Transcript/GED/equivalent
2. College Transcripts
3. Pass the placement test with acceptable scores (Compass test with skills level of 7 in reading, math and writing)
4. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 from the last college you attended. Validated with a copy of your college transcript.
5. CPR card – (***Health Care Provider***) through American Heart Association
www.AmericanHeartAssociation.com or call 1-800-242-8721

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT

All students who are applying into the nursing program must document that they have received the full series of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations, or have the serum titer drawn to confirm complete immunity to Hepatitis B. If the third shot is more than three years old you must provide a titer. The series takes approximately **six (6) months** to complete. Applicants are encouraged to begin the series well ahead of the desired semester of admission.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK & DRUG SCREEN:

Students who are tentatively accepted into the Vocational Nursing Program must pass a criminal background check and drug screen. Information about this requirement will be discussed in the information session.

Note: Effective January 1, 1996, a person who has been convicted of a felony ... may be disqualified from obtaining licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. If you have any questions regarding past incidents, please call the Texas Board of Nursing at (512) 305-8100. Since August 2004, a criminal background check and/or drug screen has been conducted by a designated investigative agency at the expense of the student. Effective January 2008 this background check must be completed before registering for classes and only those applicants with a clear background will be eligible to register.

SELECTION PROCESS:

You must meet eligibility requirements; complete all appropriate paperwork and testing in order to be considered.

Qualified applicants will be considered for selection to the program based upon the nursing admission assessment (HESI) test scores. Credit may also be given for current work as a CNA or CMA.

Applicants will be notified, via email, regarding admission into the nursing program. Students who are not selected for admission to the vocational nursing program will also 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.

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

San Jacinto College Vocational Nursing Curriculum

First Semester**	Credit
VNSG 1116 Nutrition	1
VNSG 1227 Essential of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1320 Anatomy and Physiology	3
VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1170 Clinical Prep	1
VNSG 1260 Clinical I	2
VNSG 2331 Advanced Nursing Skills	<u>3</u>
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Second Semester**	
VNSG 1231 Pharmacology	2
VNSG 1301 Mental Health/Mental Illness	3
VNSG 1329 Medical Surgical I	3
VNSG 1361 Clinical II – Practical Nurse	3
VNSG 1226 Gerontology***	2
VNSG 1262 Clinical III ***	<u>2</u>
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Third Semester**	
VNSG 1119 Professional Development	1
VNSG 1230 Maternal Neonatal Nursing	2
VNSG 1234 Pediatrics	2
VNSG 1332 Medical Surgical Nursing II	3
VNSG 2260 Clinical IV	2
VNSG 2261 Clinical V	<u>2</u>
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** The pre-requisite for enrolling in the second and third semesters is successful Completion of each preceding semester with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.

***VNSG 1226 and VNSG 1262 will rotate between the second and third semesters.

Program Hours: 880 Clinical Hours and 576 Theory Hours for a total of 1456 Program Hours

CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY 42 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS