Program Information

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Application Instructions
Admissions Information

The San Jacinto College – South Campus ADN Transition Program is a four semester technical program designed specifically for currently Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) and Paramedics. Upon successful program completion, students earn an Associates in Applied Science in Associate Degree Nursing and earn the eligibility to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses. The program curriculum includes a combination of face to face classes, simulation lab, and clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare and hospital settings throughout the Houston metropolitan area.

The Texas High Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) approves the ADN Transition program. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and regulated by the BON. The following information is for a technical program, subject to change at any time.

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)  Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
Web:  www.bon.state.tx.us  Web:  www.acenursing.org
Phone: (512) 305-7400  Phone: (404) 975-5000

First Steps to Apply:
Applying to the LVN/Paramedic to ADN Transition program requires two separate application processes.

If you are not a current SJC student this semester, you must first apply through Apply Texas (see link) and be accepted to San Jacinto College. After receiving acceptance, you will be given a one time Student ID #, also called a G# number. If you are a current SJC student, please make sure all grades have been updated on an official transcript, and skip the next few steps to ADN Transition Program Requirements, on page 3.

You will then need to submit an application to the LVN/Paramedic to ADN Transition program, see website for application, for review by the ADN Transition Admissions Committee. The following information assists you in completing the steps to apply for admission to San Jacinto College and the LVN/Paramedic to ADN Transition program. It is your responsibility to make sure that the steps are followed accordingly and that the Admissions and ADN Transition Nursing office receives the appropriate paperwork.

San Jacinto College Requirements:

1) Apply online with ApplyTexas at https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX to complete the San Jacinto College application to Admissions. See https://www.san jac.edu/admissions-aid/steps-enroll
   All prospective students must be admitted to San Jacinto College before being eligible to apply for the ADN Transition program, and have a current application for the upcoming application semester.

   Please note: Admission to SJC does not guarantee admission into the ADN Transition program. The admissions committee will meet each fall and spring application periods to review applicants.

2) Submit official transcripts to any campus of San Jacinto College Admissions Department

   Official Transcripts: Applicants must submit ALL previous and current official college transcripts. SJC processes your transcripts into your student account. You may request a photocopy of your official transcripts from the EPCC/ Counseling office, with the Transcript Specialist. These copies are the student's responsibility and are required with the ADN Transition application. It is the applicant’s responsibility to update transcripts with Admissions and the ADN Nursing office after completion of pre-requisites.

   Foreign Transcripts: Applicants that have attended educational institutions outside of the United States must submit an evaluation of all previous high school and/or college education. An approved SJC evaluation site will evaluate all submitted documents. A list of approved evaluation sites may be obtained from Admissions.
ADN Transition Program Requirements:

- **Licensure/Certification**
  - Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) or Licensed Paramedic
  - Current and Active CPR card BLS Healthcare Provider from the American Heart Association (www.heart.org or call 1-800-242-8721) or ACLS Certification – Paramedics must provide proof of this certification

- Successful completion of all pre-requisite courses with a pre-requisite grade point average (GPA) of 2.5
  - See page 4 for a list of the pre-requisite courses.
  - Successful completion of all SCIENCE courses with minimum grade of "C" taken within 5 years of the first day of class. (No CLEP or Refresher courses allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.)
  - Official San Jacinto College transcripts, if ever attended
  - Proof of completion of pre-requisites with photocopies of official transcripts received from EPCC/Counseling Dept. after submitting a transcript evaluation

- Successful completion of the HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Entrance Exam, no minimum score required

- Have not failed out of a registered nursing program within 1 year of the application deadline

**Applying to the program:**

Applications will be accepted in the ADN Transition office located in room S-1.253b, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays only from 9:00am – 11:00am and 2:00pm – 3:30pm during the application period. If you have a complete application and need to come outside of the available times, please email adn.transition@sjcd.edu to schedule an appointment. Please allow 48 hours advance notice.

All required documents MUST be submitted as a complete packet to the ADN Transition program. Student must submit copies of transcripts, current licensure, CPR certification, immunizations, and titers. The application is posted online at http://www.sanjac.edu/adn-transition. Please type in the fillable pdf to complete the application. If you have any problems downloading here are some possible solutions:

- Change browsers, try Google Chrome, as you may not have a supported browser.
- You may also use the student computers labs on campus to type and print your application.

**Deadline for Fall 2020: 4:00pm, Thursday, March 26, 2020**

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
Pre-requisite Courses:

To show proof that you have completed all of the required pre-requisite courses, with the exception of two "in progress" courses scheduled to be completed prior to beginning the program. You must be able to show proof of registration and earn a "C" or higher to be eligible for contingent acceptance. You must include a printed copy of your San Jac GPS report (see instructions on the next page) in your application packet. If San Jacinto College accepts the courses taken at another institution as credit earned, the nursing department will accept the course as credit. If the course credit earned by a student at another institution is not accepted, a Course Substitution will need to be approved by the Department Chair. Course Substitution requests are not an automatic guarantee that the course will be accepted as credit.

CLEP Credits are not accepted.

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***MATH 1316, 1324, 1325, 1342, 2318, 2320, 2412, 2413 or 2414 (Except MATH 1332)

Credit will only be applied once student is accepted into our program, and major code updated to reflect student's new LVN/Paramedic to ADN Transition degree plan.

Once accepted as credit, the course may not correctly show on the GPS report (instructions listed below) until processed for graduation in the third semester. For degree evaluation credit transfer questions, please see EPCC.
SAN JACINTO COLLEGE Graduation Plan Strategy (GPS) Report

STEPS TO PRINT THE SAN JAC GPS ONLINE FROM your Student Online Suite (SOS) Account:

Step 1: Go to the San Jacinto College website at www.sjcd.edu. In the top right hand corner, there is a login for SOS. Enter your User ID & PIN. Click Login.

Step 2: Click on My Student Records, Registration, Financial Aid and Orientation.

Step 3: Click on My Student Records.

Step 4: Click on Perform Degree Evaluations – My San Jac GPS.

Step 5: Click on What If located under the first tab: Worksheets.

Step 6: Select Associates of Applied Science from the Degree drop down.

Step 7: Select 2019-2020 from the Catalog Year drop down.

Step 8: Select Nrsg-LVN-RN Transition AAS or Nrsg-Paramedic-RN Transtn AAS from the Major drop down.

Step 9: Click the Process What-If button near the top of the screen. This process may take a few minutes to generate the request.

Step 10: Click Print on the top right corner. Keep a copy and submit one copy in the application packet.

Please Note: Only completed pre-requisite courses that meet the General Education Requirements will be marked as a “met condition” of curriculum, unless you have taken a RNSG course within two years of semester you are applying for. The GPS will select the first semester and year you completed the course, and may not correctly state pre-requisite has been "met". As a technical program, the nursing program requires completion of BIOL courses to be current, within 5 years of semester of acceptance. AP courses are accepted, however no grade is earned or attached to this course.

For more information on My San Jac GPS, see more at the link below:
The San Jacinto College South Campus LVN/Paramedic to ADN Transition program requires the HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Entrance Exam for all applicants, including Paramedics.

This exam is a 75-item comprehensive exam designed to be used as an exam for currently Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses and Licensed Paramedics seeking entrance into an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. The exam identifies their strengths and weaknesses in LPN/VN content areas, and the possible need for remediation prior to acceptance into an ADN program.

- The test items are normed on LPN/LVNs currently in clinical practice, measuring competencies across the following content areas:
  - Nursing Process, Client Needs, Community Health, Fundamentals, Geriatrics, Maternity, Medical Surgical, Pathophysiology, Pediatrics, Professional Issues, Psychiatric/Mental Health
- Limit of one test per semester at San Jacinto College South Campus, no minimum score
- You may take the test at another school, as we will accept Score Reports from other schools.
- HESI Exams must be completed in advance to submit your score report with your application.

How to register for the HESI Exam: RegisterBlast

Please use link to RegisterBlast or enter website: https://www2.registerblast.com/sjcsouth/Exam/List when you are ready to register for the next available date and time. Seating is limited to the first 30 registrants. Approximate cost: $58. For updates, see website at www.sanjac.edu/adn-transition

The Day of the Exam

- Please arrive in advance and be prepared to provide photo identification at check-in.
- You will need it to log in to Evolve to test in our lab, please know your user-name/password.
- Calculators, headsets, pencils and scratch paper provided with instruction sheet.
- Personal belongings must be secured, especially cell phones.
- Applicants are not allowed entrance into the testing room once the exam has started.
- Late attendees will need to re-register and pay again for another date. No exceptions.

Scoring Explanation:
Scores range from 0 to over 1,000. An acceptable level of performance is 850, however, the recommended level of performance is 900 and above for all scores provided. Many schools choose a certain overall score as a benchmark for progression, and such benchmarks are set at the discretion of the school’s faculty and administrators.

However, when preparing for the NCLEX®, it is recommended that students seriously remediate any subject area category in which they obtained a score of less than 850. All test items are weighted according to their difficulty level. If you answer more difficult items correctly, you will get more credit than if you answer less difficult test items correctly. Because of this scoring method, it is highly probable that two students answering the same number of test items correctly will receive different scores because such scores depend not only on how many test items the student answered correctly, but also on which test items the student answered correctly. Your score reflects application of the HESI Predictability Model (HPM) to your overall score and each subject area score. Research studies have found the HPM to be highly accurate in predicting NCLEX® success. Your “conversion score” is a weighted percentage score that considers the average difficulty of the exam and the average difficulty of the test items you answered. At this time, we do not require a minimum score for Fall 2020, however you will want to be as competitive as possible.
Core Performance Standards for Successful Program Progression

Applicants admitted into the SJC ADN Transition Program are expected to perform the minimum, but not limited to, common nursing technical standards and essential functions. Students must be able to apply the knowledge and skills necessary to function in a variety of classroom, lab and/or clinical situations while providing the essential competencies of the ADN program.

Please review the technical standards and essential functions below required for program admission and progression.

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<th>EXAMPLES (not inclusive)</th>
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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>Critical thinking sufficient for clinical reasoning and judgment.</td>
<td>Independent decision-making which results in competent client assessment, accurate data analysis and problem identification, appropriate treatment plans and interventions, evaluation of client outcomes.</td>
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<td>Interpersonal</td>
<td>Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.</td>
<td>Therapeutic interactions with clients and their families stressed by illness, death, life situations, and cultural differences.</td>
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<td>Abilities</td>
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<td>Communication</td>
<td>Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.</td>
<td>Accurate interpretation of verbal and/or written instructions, communication of patient responses, documentation of therapeutic procedures, health education, professional consultation with other health care providers.</td>
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<td>Mobility</td>
<td>Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, walk in hallways, maneuver in small spaces, and lift patients as needed.</td>
<td>Ability to ambulate to and from departments and patient rooms, to care for all assigned clients, to assist in patient transport, to administer CPR.</td>
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<td>Motor Skills</td>
<td>Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.</td>
<td>Performance of vital signs and psychomotor nursing skills, calibration and use equipment, physical assessment.</td>
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Core Performance Standards Cont.

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<th>Hearing</th>
<th>Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.</th>
<th>Auscultation of BP, breath sounds, heart sounds, bowel sounds, ability to hear alarms, emergency signals, call bells, phones, cries for help; ability to converse with patients, family, and staff</th>
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<td>Tactile</td>
<td>Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.</td>
<td>Performance of palpation, administration of injections, initiation of IVs and other therapeutic interventions</td>
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<td>Strength/Stamina</td>
<td>Sufficient stamina to provide care and related responsibilities for extended periods of time (8-12 hours)</td>
<td>Ability to perform shift work, lift 25 pounds from standing position, ability to bend, position, and lift</td>
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Successful applicants possess qualities such as:

- Interest and aptitude for math and science
- Strong motivation to learn
- Well-developed study skills
- Good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds
- Focused attention to detail

Texas Administrative Code Rule 213.27(a)
“Good professional character is the integrated pattern of personal, academic and occupational behaviors which, in the judgment of the Board, indicates that an individual is able to consistently conform his or her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board’s rules and regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice including, but not limited to, behaviors indicating honesty, accountability, trustworthiness, reliability, and integrity.” Prospective students must demonstrate good professional characteristics to be eligible for program admission and licensure with the Texas BON.

**Note: Effective January 1, 1996, a person who has been convicted of a felony may be disqualified for obtaining licensure as a Registered Nurse. If you have ANY questions regarding past incidents, call the Texas BON at (512) 305-7400. 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 8, 2008 the background check must be completed before registering for classes and only those applicants with a clear background will be eligible to register.
Eligibility Questions

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)
Web: www.bon.state.tx.us
Phone: (512) 305-7400

Your application to our program subjects you to allow The Texas Board of Nurse Examiners to randomly select any applicant to an additional required background check, including an additional cost for fingerprinting, performed by IDENTOGO.

For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:

A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
B. been convicted of a felony?
C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
D. received deferred adjudication?
E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action? (You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offenses, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed may subject your license to a disciplinary order and/or fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure: Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to the Gov’t Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

1) Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

2) Has any licensing authority ever refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?

*3) Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

*4) Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

*Pursuant to the Occupations Code §301.207, information, including diagnosis and treatment, regarding an individual’s physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individual’s criminal history is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Texas Occupations Code §301.466. If you are licensed as an LVN in the State of Texas and are currently participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses you may have exceptions reviewed by the Texas Board of Nursing regarding these circumstances.
**Immunization Requirements**

Copies of immunization documents are required at the time of application.

Please do not include originals, as your records indicate clearance to the Texas Board of Nursing, and are subject to review. The purchase of a document tracking system that follows you through the entire course of the program is required after acceptance into the program.

CastleBranch is used as a document tracking system, including drug screen, approximately $60 and will require you to upload and manage your immunizations, proof of licensure, CPR certification, and background clearance. The Clinical Liaison will have access, however you are responsible for keeping all records current during each level. Once you have been accepted into the program, you will be given instructions on how to set up your CastleBranch account and drug screen.

Please note: Drug screen results showing a dilute negative will not be valid and another drug screen will be required, and an additional payment of $27.00 will be due to CastleBranch.

- **Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) TITER (blood draw showing proof of immunity)**
  - Positive antibody titers for all 3 components (lab reports or physician verification of results required)

- **Varicella (Chicken Pox) TITER (blood draw showing proof of immunity)**
  There must be documentation of one of the following; history of the disease is not accepted:
  - Positive antibody titer (lab report or physician verification of results required)

- **Hepatitis B TITER (blood draw showing proof of immunity)**
  There must be documentation of the following:
  - Positive antibody titer (lab report or physician verification of results required)

- **TB Skin Test**
  There must be documentation of one of the following:
  - TB skin test within the last 12 months
    - or -
  - Chest X-Ray results within the last 2 years

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (Tdap)**
  There must be documentation of a Tdap booster within the past 10 years.

- **Influenza**
  There must be documentation of one of the following:
  - Flu shot administered during the current flu season
    - or -
  - Declination waiver from a physician’s office. WE DO NOT provide the waiver.
LVN/Paramedic to Associate Degree Nursing Transition  
San Jacinto College – South Campus  
Fall 2020 Plan of Study

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