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SAN JACINTO COLLEGE SOUTH VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Vocational Nursing (VN) program at San Jacinto College 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 480 classroom and 864 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 Texas Board of Nursing at their website www.bon.state.tx.us, or you can call them at (512) 305-7400.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following information assists you in completing the steps to apply for admission to SJC & the Vocational Nursing Program. It is your responsibility to make sure that the steps are followed accordingly, and that Admissions and the Nursing office receives the appropriate paperwork.

San Jacinto College Requirements

Submit a completed San Jacinto College application.

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 Vocational Nursing Program.

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

Submit official transcripts to Admissions.

High school - students must show High School graduation or successful completion of all sections of the GED. A copy of the high school transcript or equivalent is required by the VN department as a Texas Board of Nursing requirement.

College Transcripts ...students must submit all previous and current official/copies of official college transcripts to the Admissions office and have them evaluated. You may at that time request a copy of the official transcript that you are submitting. Unofficial transcripts or online print outs will not be accepted. The nursing department needs a separate copy submitted in your packet.

Foreign Transcripts... Students that have attended school outside the US must submit an evaluation of their High School and/or College instruction from their homeland. 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 Admissions office.

Attend the mandatory San Jacinto College new student orientation.

First Time College Students only: Refer to college website for more information.

Vocational Nursing Program Requirements

Pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code Rule 213.27: 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.” Students and prospective students must be able to demonstrate good professional characteristics to be eligible for entry and licensure with the Texas Board of Nursing.

****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) 305-7400. 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 2008 this background check must be completed **before** registering for classes and only those applicants with a clear background will be eligible to register.

☐ **Vocational Nursing Information Session**

Please use the link provided on the website at www.sanjac.edu/vn to register for an information session. The number of slots available is limited so requests are not guaranteed.

Information sessions are tied to the specific semester in which applications are open. Nursing is a technical program, so please be sure to attend the latest session as requirements may change.

If an applicant has questions, please email vocational.nursing@sjcd.edu & allow 48 hours for a reply.

☐ **Contact an Advisor in the Career and Professional Planning Center**

All applicants must speak to an Advisor regarding any admission/placement testing that may be needed. If you have already completed your college placement test you may have an Advisor review your test scores in order to verify skill levels.

Skill levels ... must be a minimum of “7” in reading, “8” in **math** and “7” in writing. Remediation is recommended for any area, (reading, writing and math), if skill levels are below required levels. You may contact an Advisor for details in the Counseling Center on each prospective campus.

☐ **Must have minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25, on all college course work.** GPA will be validated with a college transcript during the application process. Applicants are required to submit Official/copies of official transcripts during the application process. Official transcripts must be sent to the Enrollment Services Office to be evaluated. There are no exceptions for the GPA requirement.

☐ **Must have prerequisite courses of BIOL 2301/2101 Anatomy & Physiology I** completed with a grade of A, B, or C & must be taken within 5 years. Completion of A&P II with a grade of ‘C’ or higher will give you extra points on the rubric.

☐ **VNSG courses from other schools are not accepted.** Nursing courses from other schools are not accepted. All courses must be taken in the program.

□ **Immunization/Titer Schedule**

All immunizations must be completed before time of application and must not expire during the program.

- Tetanus (td/tdap) [**within the past 10 years**]
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, & Rubella) titer that shows immunity
- Varicella titer that shows immunity
- Hep B titer that shows immunity
- Hep C titer that shows immunity

Six weeks before the start of clinical the following shots need to be completed and reviewed by Castle Branch

- TB (PPD) skin test, Chest X-ray, or Quantiferon test [**within the past year**]
- Seasonal flu shot (within the last year) or proof of allergy to the flu shot

Important Notice Regarding Hepatitis B Requirement

All students who are applying into the nursing program must document that they have a Hepatitis B serum titer drawn to confirm complete immunity to Hepatitis B.

The series itself takes approximately six (6) months to complete with an additional one (1) month wait period needed before a titer can be drawn. Applicants are encouraged to begin the series well ahead of the desired semester of admission. Students may also consult with their doctor about the Hepatitis B Fast Track Series.

□ **CPR Certification**

BLS Provider or BLS Healthcare Provider through American Heart Association www.heart.org or call [1-800-242-8721](tel:1-800-242-8721)

- Front and back copy of CPR card from American Heart Association (must not expire during the program)

□ **Proof of Health Insurance**

All students who are accepted into the nursing program must provide a copy of the front/back of their insurance card. If you are in need of insurance and don't have a current provider, please visit www.healthcare.gov. Harris County Gold Card or Medicaid for pregnancy only are not accepted.

□ **HESI A2 Exam**

Applicants are required to take a HESI A2 entrance exam. **Due to technical issues, the HESI A2 is not available at San Jacinto College South Campus. You must find another testing site.**

Content tested: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Math & Critical Thinking. You must score 70% or higher in each of the tested sections to be eligible for admission. Critical thinking has no minimum score. The cost is \$51 (price subject to change). **Testing fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.** The scores are only good for two years. Previous HESI exams within two years will be accepted from other schools.

You will be allowed one retake for any failed section(s). The entire exam must be purchased again at full price. If the retake score is higher than the failing score, the higher score will be used.

□ **Background Information**

Applicants must have a clear criminal background to be eligible for licensure with the Texas Board of Nursing. Applicants with a criminal background must resolve the issue with the Texas Board of Nursing 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 the Texas Board of Nursing.

□ **Application Period**

Applications will be accepted using the online web form. Required supporting documents will be uploaded in pdf format. These must be full page document pdf scans, no pictures from cell phones. Do **not** come to the college.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

□ **Selection Process**

You must meet eligibility requirements; complete all appropriate paperwork and testing in order to be considered (Please review admissions rubric for further details.)

Offer of Admission to the program is based on highest-ranking applicants, and clinical site availability. 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

Requirements after Acceptance

□ **Acceptance**

Applicants will be notified, via email, of acceptance into the program. Accepted students will attend a mandatory acceptance meeting to formally accept our offer and get the necessary paperwork.

□ **Physical Examination**

Accepted students must pass a physical examination, which will be uploaded to CastleBranch. The Texas Board of Nursing must be notified regarding certain mental health and drug/alcohol dependency. Please review the Texas Board of Nursing website for further information.

□ **Pass Drug Screen**

Accepted students must pass a drug screen prior to enrollment; students will be required to purchase a special package from CastleBranch to schedule & process the drug screen. The drug screen results will automatically be uploaded to the department.

□ **CastleBranch**

San Jacinto College has collaborated with CastleBranch to complete the drug screens and track immunizations. Students accepted into the program will be responsible to submit immunizations to CastleBranch prior to orientation.

Students will be given information regarding CastleBranch in the Acceptance Packet.

The requirements for the LVN 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.

□ **Attend Nursing Orientation**

Nursing Orientation is a Mandatory one-day event that will prepare students for nursing school.

Core Performance Standards for Successful Program Progression

Applicants admitted into the SJC-South Vocational Nursing 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 VN program.

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

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

Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	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
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Reading patient charts/flow sheet/monitors, preparation and administration of medications, assessment of patient skin color, reading thermometers.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.	Performance of palpation, administration of injections, initiation of IVs and other therapeutic interventions
Strength/Stamina	Sufficient stamina to provide care and related responsibilities for extended periods of time (8-12 hours)	Ability to perform shift work, lift 25 pounds from standing position, ability to bend, position, and lift

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

You must be able to meet the minimum technical standards and essential functions for program duration.

CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY

Prerequisite

BIOL 2301/2101 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I. Must be taken within 5 years and earned a “C” or better completed at the time of application.

Rubric	Course	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
BIOL	2101 / 2301	Anatomy & Physiology I	48	48		4	96
Totals			48	48		4	96

First Semester Level I

The prerequisite for enrolling in the first semester is acceptance into the program & completion of BIOL 2301/2101 Anatomy & Physiology I.

Rubric	Course	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
BIOL	2102 / 2302	Anatomy & Physiology II	48	48		4	96
VNSG	1327	Essentials of Medication Administration	32	32		3	64
VNSG	1423	Basic Nursing Skills	48	64		4	112
VNSG	2431	Advanced Nursing Skills	32	96		4	128
VNSG	1260	Clinical I			128	2	128
Totals			160	240	128	17	528

Second Semester Level II**

**The prerequisite for enrolling in the second and third semesters is successful completion of each preceding term with a minimum grade of C in each course.

Rubric	Course	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
VNSG	1509	Nursing Health/Illness II	64	64		5	128
VNSG	1261	Clinical II: Med-Surg			128	2	128
VNSG	1331	Pharmacology	32	32		3	64
Totals			96	96	128	10	320

Third Semester Level III**

Rubric	Course	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
VNSG	1301	Mental Health/Illness	48			3	48
VNSG	1330	Maternal – Neonatal Nursing	48			3	48
VNSG	1334	Pediatrics	48			3	48
VNSG	2161	Clinical IV Pedi/OB Nursing			96		96
VNSG	1119	Leadership and Professional Development		32		1	32
Totals			144	32	96	11	272

***Rotating Courses (These courses are taken in Level II during the spring semesters and Level III during the fall semester)**

Rubric	Course	Course Title	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Credit Hours	Contact Hours
VNSG	1162	Clinical III			96	1	96
VNSG	1226	Gerontology	32			2	32
Total			32		96	3	128
Grand Total			480	416	448	45	1344

The following figures are ESTIMATES and subject to change.....

Entrance Fees:	In District	Out of District	Out of State
Drug Screen/Immunization Tracker	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
HESI A2 Testing	\$49.00	\$49.00	\$49.00
TBON Background Check	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Misc. Fees (immunizations & physical may vary)	Varies	Varies	Varies

First Semester:

Tuition (effective Fall 2019 for 17 credit hrs)	\$1,326.00	\$2,295.00	\$3,570.00
ATI Package (Bookstore Package)	\$662.25	\$662.25	\$662.25
Textbooks	\$970.00	\$970.00	\$970.00
Supplies*	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Uniforms (logo required)-Career Uniforms	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Nurse Pack (contains all nursing equipment)	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
First Semester Total:	\$3,738.25	\$4,707.25	\$5,982.25

Second Semester:

Tuition (effective Fall 2019 for 13 credit hours)	\$1,014.00	\$1,755.00	\$2,730.00
ATI Package (Bookstore Package)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Certifications & Immunizations	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Textbooks	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00
Second Semester Total:	\$2,389.00	\$3,130.00	\$4,105.00

Third Semester:

Tuition (effective Fall 2019 for 11 credit hours)	\$858.00	\$1,485.00	\$2,310.00
ATI Package (Bookstore Package)	\$662.25	\$662.25	\$662.25
Certifications & Immunizations	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Textbooks	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Pearson-Vue NCLEX Fee	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
TBON NCLEX Application Fee	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Jurisprudence	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Graduation Pinning Ceremony & Supplies	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Third Semester Total:	\$2,485.25	\$3,112.25	\$3,937.25

Grand Total for All Semesters:	\$8,612.50	\$10,949.50	\$14,024.50
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*Facilities may require N95 masks to be purchased at student's expense, see clinical instructor.

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