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SAN JACINTO COLLEGE 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 (also referred to as "BON") 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.

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 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 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. A copy of the high school transcript or equivalent is required by the VN department as a BON requirement.**
- College Transcripts ...students must submit all previous and current official college transcripts to both the Nursing Office and Registrar & Records Management and have them evaluated. Official transcripts need to be no more than 60 days old from date it was printed.**
- Foreign Transcripts...** Students that have attended school outside the US 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.

_____ **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 BON.

****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.

Pre-requisites:

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.

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 transcripts during the application process. Official copies must also be sent to the Registrar & Records Management Office. Students submitting transcripts from other colleges/universities will need to request a transcript evaluation from enrollment services.

Transfer Courses and Course Substitutions

The Vocational Program does not accept transfer credits from other nursing programs, with the exception of the pre-requisite, BIOL 2301/2101 - Anatomy and Physiology I.

BIOL 2302/2402 – Anatomy and Physiology II is also accepted. Please submit the transcript and syllabus for substitute consideration for courses taken outside of San Jacinto College.

Proof of Healthcare Insurance

All students who are applying into the nursing program must submit a copy of the front/back of insurance card. (Gold Card not accepted)

HESI A2 Exam

Applicants are required to take the HESI A2 entrance exam. It is recommended that you use your San Jacinto email account, if available. Content tested: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary & General Knowledge and Math; critical thinking may also be administered but will not be considered with the composite score. The cost is \$48(price subject to change). **Testing fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.** You may only take the HESI once per application period. Previous HESI exams within two years will be accepted from other campuses/testing facilities. You must score 70% or higher in each of the tested sections to be eligible for admission. Critical thinking has no minimum score. Study resources are on the last page of this packet. **The HESI exam will not be given for use outside of San Jacinto College.**

Background Information

Applicants must have a clear criminal background to be eligible for licensure with the Texas BON.

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 www.bon.texas.gov. Applicants will not be admitted without clearance from the Texas BON.

Application Period

The fillable application will be posted online at www.sanjac.edu/nursing.

Dates and times for application submission will be listed on our website at www.sanjac.edu/nursing.

The application and All required documents MUST be submitted electronically as a complete packet and are only accepted during open registration for the application period specified.

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.

Offer of Admission to the program is based on highest ranking applicants per scoring rubric 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 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 Vocational Nursing Student Orientation: Dates provided in Acceptance Letter.
- Submit proof of completed immunization status to program and/or CastleBranch (See list below).
- CPR - Submit completion of American Heart Association BLS (Health Care Provider) to CastleBranch.
- BON clearance –Original Blue Card or Outcome Letter (along with a copy of same for our records) must be submitted to Vocational Nursing Office at orientation.
- Submit a copy of Healthcare Insurance Card
- Complete Physical Examination (Physical form issued at orientation)

Physical Examination

Applicants must pass a physical examination. The BON must be notified regarding certain mental health and drug/alcohol dependency. Please review the BON website for further information.

Pass Drug Screen

Applicants must pass a drug screen prior to enrollment; applicants may be required to use a third-party vendor established by the program to schedule the drug screen.

Immunization Tracker

San Jacinto College has partnered with CastleBranch to complete the drug screens, track immunizations, and secondary background check.

Applicants who are offered admission into the program will be responsible to submit immunizations to CastleBranch

Accepted students will be given information regarding CastleBranch upon acceptance.

Immunizations

All immunizations must not expire during the program. (Applicants are required to submit copies of immunization with application)

- Tetanus/Diphtheria /Pertussis (Tdap) **[within the past 10 years]**
 - TB (PPD) skin test, Chest X-ray, or Quantiferon test **[within the past year]**
 - Seasonal flu vaccine (within the last year). Flu mist is not accepted.
- Titers that show immunity with lab report required for the following:**
- MMR titer
 - VARICELLA titer (No history of disease will be accepted.)
 - HEPATITIS B titer
 - HEPATITIS C Titer (this titer should be negative)

CPR Certification

(Health Care Provider) BLS through American Heart Association www.heart.org or call 1-800-242-8721
(Submitted at the time of application)

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.

**San Jacinto College Vocational Nursing Curriculum
Level II Certificate of Technology
45 Credit Hours**

Pre-Requisites			
Rubric/Courses	Title	Contact Hours	Credits
BIOL 2301/2101	Anatomy and Physiology I	96	4
First Semester (Fall/Spring)			
Rubric/Courses	Title	Contact Hours	Credits
BIOL 2302/2101	Anatomy & Physiology II	96	4
VNSG 1327	Essentials of Med Admin	64	3
VNSG 1423	Basic Nursing Skills	112	4
VNSG 2431	Advanced Nursing Skills	128	4
VNSG 1260	Clinical I	128	2
Semester Totals		528	17
Second Semester (Spring /Summer)			
Rubric/Courses	Title	Contact Hours	Credits
VNSG 1509	Nursing Health/Illness II	128	5
VNSG 1261	Clinical II: Med-Surg	128	2
VNSG 1331	Pharmacology	64	3
Semester Totals		320	10
Third Semester (Summer / Fall)			
Rubric/Courses	Title	Contact Hours	Credits
VNSG 1301	Mental Health/Illness	48	3
VNSG 1330	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	48	3
VNSG 1334	Pediatrics	48	3
VNSG 2161	Clinical IV- Maternal-Child Nursing	96	1
VNSG 1119	Leadership and Professional Development	32	1
Semester Totals		272	11
*Rotating Courses (Fall/Spring)			
Rubric/Courses	Title	Contact Hours	Credits
VNSG 1226	Gerontology	32	2
VNSG 1162	Clinical III	96	1
Semester Totals		128	3
Curriculum Totals		1344	45

***Rotating Courses**

VNSG 1226 and VNSG 1162 will rotate between the second and third semesters.

*****Program Progression**

** 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.

Program Hours: 864 Clinical Hours and 480 Theory Hours for a total of 1344 Program Hours.

CERTIFICATE OF TECHNOLOGY 45 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

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

Entrance Fees

Drug screen, immunization tracker	\$100.00
HESI A2 Testing	\$48.00
BON Background Check	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Fees (immunizations and physical exam may vary)	

First Semester	In-District	Out of District
Tuition	\$1300.00	\$2335.00
Liability Insurance	\$7.00	\$7.00
Lab Fees	\$116.00	\$116.00
Misc. Fees	\$237.00	\$237.00
Textbooks/ATI Course Material	\$1670.00	\$1670.00
Uniforms	\$400.00	\$400.00
Supplies	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nurse Pack	\$150.00	\$150.00
Semester Totals	\$3,980.00	\$5,015.00
Second Semester	In-District	Out of District
Tuition	\$750.00	\$1290.00
Liability Insurance	\$14.00	\$14.00
Lab Fees	\$60.00	\$60.00
Misc. Fees	\$200.00	\$200.00
Textbooks/ATI Course Material	\$1175.00	\$1175.00
Supplies, Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00
Semester Totals	\$2299.00	\$2839.00
Third Semester	In-District	Out of District
Tuition	\$650.00	\$1,148.00
Textbooks/ATI Course Material	\$990.00	\$990.00
Liability Insurance	\$21.00	\$21.00
Lab Fees	\$43.00	\$45.00
Supplies, Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00
NCLEX Fees	\$200.00	\$200.00
BON Fees	\$125.00	\$125.00
Graduation Pin, Supplies	\$70.00	\$70.00
Semester Totals	\$2,199.00	\$2,649.00

Resources

HESI Study Materials:

Books:

Admission Assessment Exam Review, 4th Edition (check for latest edition)

HESI A2 Secrets: Study Guide [Book]

By Media Mometrix - McGraw-Hill - 2017 - Paperback - 179 pages - ISBN 1609710142

Websites:

<http://www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html>

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html>

AHA CPR Courses:

<http://www.onlineaha.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=info.skills>