

2005-2006 PROGRAM



Associate Degree Nursing



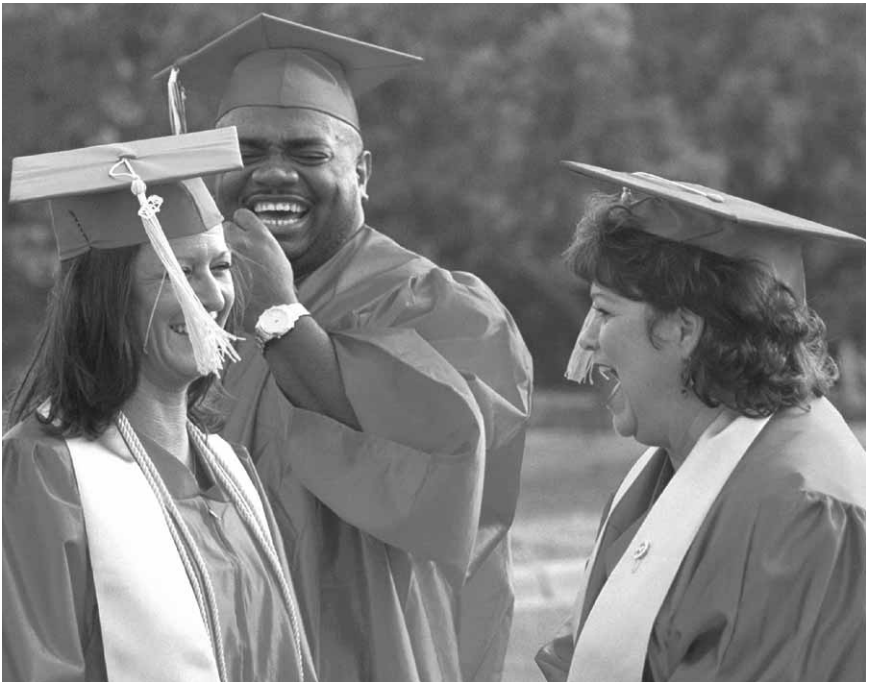
**TRINITY VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



www.tvcc.edu/healthscience

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The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is a 70 credit hour curriculum leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree. Graduates will be recommended to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to be approved to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to qualify as a registered nurse. Upon entry into practice, the Associate Degree Nursing graduate should be able to provide safe, competent nursing care for a group of patients with commonly occurring health problems in various health care settings. The TVCC ADN program is approved by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas and fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (61 Broadway, New York City, N.Y., Telephone number: 212-363-5555 Extension 153).



MISSION

Our mission is to prepare graduate nurses who use critical thinking to provide competent health care, who are ethically-guided and culturally sensitive client advocates, who collaborate with the multi-disciplinary health care team in an ever-changing environment, and who provide compassionate nursing care throughout the community in traditional and nontraditional settings.

ADN PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In addition to the College admission requirements (found in the college catalog), the following are required for admission to the ADN Program.

DEADLINE

***Applications will be accepted from September 15, 2005 until January 31, 2006 for the fall 2006 class.

*** **The ADN application and required documents must be MAILED by U.S. MAIL to TVCC Health Science Center Counselor, 800 Hwy. 243 West, Kaufman, TX 75142 and MUST be POSTMARKED by January 31, 2006. Applications will NOT be accepted in person.**

1. TSI/TASP DOCUMENTATION

- A. Are you TSI exempt, TSI complete, or TASP exempt?
 - NO: You are not ready to apply to the program.
 - YES: You must provide official college transcript(s) or documentation showing proof of TSI/THEA/TASP exemption/completion.
- B. See www.tvcc.edu/testing/thea.htm for details about TSI exemptions and requirements.

2. TESTING

- A. Have you met the TVCC required minimum scores (75%) on each of the reading, math, and grammar sections of the HESI A² test? (**Must have passed all sections on the same test.**)
 - NO: You are not ready to apply to the program.
 - YES: If you tested at TVCC, we have your scores and you are eligible to apply. The HESI A² must be taken at TVCC.
- B. The HESI A² consists of reading, math, and grammar sections as well as learning style, personality profile, and behavioral inventory sections. These additional sections will provide valuable information should you get selected into a health occupations program. There is an optional Anatomy & Physiology section that you may take to assess your current A&P knowledge. **If your science courses are over 5 years old and you make above a 75% on the A&P section of this test, we will waive the 5 year requirement. The student may only take the A&P section of the HESI test to waive the 5 year requirement one time.** If the student fails to make 75% on that section, he/she must either take pathophysiology course or retake the science courses. **Students who pass the A&P section of the HESI and need their 5-year requirement waived must contact the Dean to get the appropriate form completed.**
- C. This test will be offered at TVCC through the Testing Center. The test will cost \$35. The testing dates, locations and sign-up procedures will be posted on the TVCC Testing Center website at www.tvcc.edu/testing. The testing registration form can be downloaded from the Testing Center web site and mailed or submitted in person to the Testing Center in Athens or

the counseling offices at the other TVCC campuses.

- D. Students may take the test only 2 times in an academic year between September 1st and August 31st (first-time and one re-test). The student must wait at least 2 months before re-testing. Keep this and the application deadlines in mind when scheduling to take the test for the first time.
- E. Once minimum scores are earned, they will be good for 3 years.

3. REQUIRED COURSES TO APPLY

- A. Have you completed BIOL 2401 (or SCIT 1407) Anatomy & Physiology I and either PSYC 2301 General Psychology or PSYC 2314 Human Growth & Development, and made a “C” or better in these classes? **These two courses are required before applying to the nursing program. The A&PI must be current (within 5 years) or the 5 year requirement must be waived in order to be able to apply.**
 - NO: You are not ready to apply.
 - YES: You will need an official transcript showing completion of these courses with a “C” or better.

4. TRANSCRIPTS

- A. Do you have official transcripts from **every** college you have ever attended?
 - NO: You are not ready to submit your application.
 - YES: Attach an official transcript from **every** college attended (**including TVCC**) to the ADN application. Note: These are in addition to any previously submitted to the registrar’s office.
- B. Official transcripts have the raised seal of the college.
- C. Do NOT request a TVCC transcript during registration and late registration.
- D. NO international credits are accepted at TVCC.

5. APPLICATION

- A. Are you ready to complete the ADN program application?
 - YES: Download the application to the TVCC Health Occupations programs from www.tvcc.edu/healthscience/adnbrochure.htm (will only be available during application periods – not until September 15th) or pick it up from the Testing Center in Athens of the counseling offices in Kaufman, Terrell or Palestine. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader in order to be able to download the application.
 - Make sure you carefully read and follow all directions and complete the entire application.
 - Students who apply to more than one program will be asked to rank order their preferences.
 - Applications and required documentation must be mailed by U.S. Mail to:
TVCC Health Science Center Counselor
800 Hwy. 243 West
Kaufman, TX 75142

6. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In order to improve the success of recent high school graduates we are no longer accepting graduates straight into the nursing program. High school students who graduated in 2005 should meet with the HSC Counselor to

make plans to take the 8 general education courses during the 2005-2006 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15, 2006 to May 26, 2006 for the fall 2006 program. Students who have completed all 8 courses and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 will be considered using the same point system as the generic students. There will be a separate orientation for these students who are accepted into the ADN program. High school students who graduate in 2006 should meet with the HSC Counselor to make plans to take the 8 general education courses during the 2006-2007 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15, 2007 to May 26, 2007 for the fall 2007 program.

7. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- A. Are you an international student who needs an I-20 to study in the United States?
- YES: Attach to your application a letter from the TVCC Vice President for Student Service stating that you are cleared to attend TVCC.
- B. Contact the Vice President for Student Services on the Athens campus to find out about the needed requirements.

8. TRANSFER STUDENTS

- A. Have you successfully complete one semester of nursing courses at another school and want to transfer in the middle of a program?
- NO: You don't need to apply as a transfer student but need to follow the general application process and submit all documentation to the HSC counselor.
 - YES: Submit a letter to the Dean of Health Occupations requesting transfer along with a letter of recommendation from your last nursing clinical instructor and all the other required documentation. Do not send documentation to the HSC Counselor.

9. REVIEW AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

- A. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.
- B. Incomplete applications or applications from applicants who do not meet the minimum qualifications to apply will NOT be processed.
- These applications will be returned with a checklist that explains why it is being returned.
 - The applicant will have one (1) chance to re-submit the application before the deadline.
 - If the application is re-submitted and is still incomplete or the candidate is still not qualified, the application will not be processed and the applicant can re-apply the next year.

PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF STUDENTS

I. PRIORITY SELECTION

- A. All applicants who have submitted a complete application with required

documentation (transcripts and passing entrance exam scores, and 2.5 GPA or better on a 4.0 scale for ALL previous college courses) will be considered for priority selection according to the point system.

- Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on grade points earned from all colleges. Be advised that some colleges do not count repeated courses when calculating GPA but TVCC counts all attempted college courses when calculating cumulative GPA.
- B. If all qualified applicants with at least a 2.5 GPA are selected (and spaces are still available), applicants with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA will be considered.

II. POINT SYSTEM FOR SELECTION

- A. A point will be given for each of the general education courses in the ADN program completed with a grade of “C” or better (see list under ADN curriculum) = 8 courses. The science courses must be current (with 5 years) or the 5 year requirement must be waived by HESI score or completion of RNSG 1311 in order for the points to be counted.
- B. A point will be given for successful completion of a college honors course as noted on a transcript. The honors course does not have to be one of the required general education courses. At TVCC, students must meet certain criteria to be able to take an honors course.
- C. A point will be given if the student received a grade of “A” on the first attempt of Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2401 or SCIT 1407).
- D. A point will be given if at least 15 semester credit hours have been successfully completed at TVCC.
- E. Points will be given based on cumulative GPA:
- Two points will be given for cumulative GPA between 3.5 and 4.0.
 - One point will be given for cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.
- F. The MAXIMUM NUMBER of points for selections is 13.
- G. The MINIMUM NUMBER of points for selections is 2 (A&P I and one psychology course required before applying).

III. HOW SELECTION IS MADE

- A. Applicants with the highest number of points will be selected for the program.
- B. If all applicants from the highest category (13) are selected, students will be chosen from the next category (12) and so on.
- C. In the event that there are more applicants in one category than the number of spaces available, the applicant’s current TVCC course load will be considered along with completion of core courses.
- D. In case of further ties, random selection will be used.

IV. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED APPLICANTS

- A. Selected applicants will be sent notification of their acceptance and asked to return written acceptance or non-acceptance of the position by a specified postmark date.
- B. **If the written acceptance of the position is not returned to the HSC Counselor in Kaufman on or before the specified postmark date,**

- the applicant's name will be removed from the list and the applicant will have to re-apply to be considered for the next year's process.**
- C. **If a student has applied to the ADN program and has not received notification of their status regarding acceptance into the program by April 15th, it is the student's responsibility to contact the HSC Counselor in Kaufman before April 20th to clarify the situation.**
- D. The applicants who were not selected will be placed on an alternate list if they accept their place on the alternate list.
- In the event of cancellations, eligible applicants will be moved up the list and these candidates will be notified.
 - The alternate list will be maintained until the program begins in the fall semester.
 - **Applicants who are not selected and those who decline a position must re-apply the next year in order to be considered in the next year's selection process.**
- E. Students who are selected for the ADN program will be required to attend an orientation session at the Kaufman Health Science Center in late April or May. **Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of place in the program.**
- F. The selections procedure may change as the situation warrants. Because of the way the selections process works, we cannot estimate or guarantee how long it will take to be selected. This will vary each year according to the number of applicants, their progress on the general education courses, the number of courses taken at Trinity Valley, and their cumulative GPA.

OTHER INFORMATION

WebCT is used to enhance the nursing courses so students must have access to the internet.

Due to computerized charting in many facilities, students must have good keyboarding skills. Students who hunt and peck are encouraged to take a keyboarding course.

Students who have any questions regarding the application and selection processes or general information regarding any of the health occupations programs should contact the counselor or the Dean of Health Occupations at the Health Science Center.

It is the student's responsibility to notify the Health Science Center if there is any change in name, address or telephone number.

In order to accommodate more students in the ADN program, some lectures may be delivered via videoconferencing to the Athens campus. Students will still have to go to the HSC in Kaufman for skills lab and certain lectures.

Prior to starting clinical experiences the student must have a current healthcare provider CPR card, provide a completed physical exam and negative TB test (or chest x-ray if student has a positive TB test), and submit documentation of immunizations or immunity to specific diseases as required by law including tetanus/diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B. Current immunization requirements are available at www.tvcc.edu/healthscience/Immunizations.htm. The physical form can be downloaded from www.tvcc.edu/healthscience/physicalform.rtf.

All students enrolled in a health occupations program are required to have a negative criminal background and registry checks and drug screen prior to beginning clinical rotations. Details about the requirements for background check and drug screens will be provided in orientation.

Any nursing applicant who has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized in the past five years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder, or addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug within the past five years, should petition the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas for a declaratory order concerning their eligibility to take the licensing examination, the NCLEX-RN. The Board of Nursing Examiners can be reached at (512) 305 – 7400. The application for a declaratory order can be downloaded from the BNE website at www.bne.state.tx.us/forms.htm.

Applications are taken for various student scholarships to be awarded for the next semester. Submit a completed scholarship application before the designated deadlines to the Dean of Health Occupations at the HSC, TVCC, 800 Hwy .243 West, Kaufman, TX 75142.

If all qualified applicants have been selected and there are still available positions in the ADN program, students will be notified on the ADN web site at www.tvcc.edu/healthscience/adn.htm if late applications will be accepted.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR WHICH A POINT IS GIVEN FOR SELECTION: (Applicants are encouraged to take these courses to better their chances of being selected but they don't have to complete all of the courses before applying. Only BIOL 2401 and one of the psychology courses are required before applying.)

			Credit Hours
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology	4
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology	4
BIOL	2421	Microbiology	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development	3
ENGL	1301	Composition & Rhetoric	3
COSC	1301	Microcomputer Applications	3
Humanities or Visual & Performing Arts Course*			3

* Choose from one of the following courses: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2326, 2332, 2333; HUMA 1301; PHIL 1301,1304,1316, 1317, 2303, 2306, 2307, 2316, 2321; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2361, 2362; MUSI 1306, 1307.

ONCE SELECTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM, THESE ARE THE REQUIRED COURSES:

FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester

RNSG	1119	Integrated Nursing Skills I	1
RNSG	1523	Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs	5
RNSG	1229	Integrated Nursing Skills II	2
RNSG	1160	Clinical I	<u>1</u>
Total Hours			9

Spring Semester

RNSG	2504	Integrated Care of the Client with Common Health Care Needs	5
RNSG	2561	Clinical II	<u>5</u>
Total Hours			10

SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester

RNSG	2535	Integrated Client Care Management	5
RNSG	2660	Clinical IIIA	6
RNSG	2161	Clinical IIIB	<u>1</u>
Total Hours			12

Spring Semester

RNSG	2414	Integrated Care of the Client with Complex Health Care Needs	4
RNSG	2562	Clinical IV	5
RNSG	2307	Transition to Nursing Practice	<u>3</u>
Total Hours			12

1. If a student is selected without having all the required general education courses completed, they must be taken concurrently with the nursing courses as outlined in the ADN curriculum plan listed in the catalog.
2. The student who is a currently certified nurse aide is exempt from RNSG 1119.
3. All science courses must have been taken within five years of admission to

count as a point for admission to the nursing program. Students whose science courses are over five years old have three options. The student can retake the courses, demonstrate competency by passing the A&P section on the HESI A² admission test with a 75%, or take a nursing pathophysiology course. The student may only take the A&P section of the HESI one time to try to get the five year requirement waived. If the student fails to make 75% on that section, he/she must either take the pathophysiology course or re-take the science courses. Students who pass the A&P section of the HESI and need their 5 year requirement waived must contact the Dean to get the appropriate form completed. RNSG 1311 – Nursing Pathophysiology is offered at the Health Science Center each fall and spring. RNSG 1311 will also be offered in the on the internet each semester.

4. All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better for graduation. The general education courses use the numerical grading scale listed in the catalog. The nursing theory courses use the following grading scale: A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 75-79; D = 65-74; F = Less than 65.
5. Previous college credits may be acceptable toward program requirements. The course numbers listed for the general education courses use the Texas Common Course Numbering System. The nursing courses come from the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM). If there are any questions about the transferability of courses, the student should contact their counselor.

Attention DCCCD Students:

For BIOL 2401 we will accept DCCCD BIOL 1470 or SCIT 1407

For BIOL 2402 we will accept DCCCD BIOL 1472 or SCIT 1408

For BIOL 2421 we will accept DCCCD BIOL 2420

UTA’s RN-TO-BSN PROGRAM

The TVCC Health Science Center is a distance education site for the University of Texas at Arlington’s RN-to-BSN program. Students can complete 60-61 hours of general education courses at TVCC for the BSN program. The UTA’s RN-to-BSN program nursing courses are offered by video one day a week at the Health Science Center and can be completed in a fall and spring semester. Call the Health Science Center for a program brochure.

SCHEDULES

A weekday program begins each fall semester at the Health Science Center in Kaufman. A weekend clinical alternative program begins every odd-numbered year in the fall semester at the Health Science Center. Applications are submitted the preceding year. The nursing courses cover four semesters. In the weekday program, the schedule covers approximately three days a week in the freshman year and four days a week in the sophomore year. In the weekend clinical program, the schedule usually covers Saturday and Sunday skills/clinical during the first three semesters with a class day during the week and occasionally an additional day during the week as needed. During the last semester of the soph-

omore year, the schedule may cover up to three days during the week due to the lack of availability of community-based clinical sites during weekend hours. Clinical experiences may be provided in Terrell, Kaufman, Athens, Palestine, Greenville, Rowlett, Ennis, Mesquite, or some of the smaller cities in the area. Clinical sites are rotated to give the students a variety of experiences. The students must provide their own transportation to these areas. Students must be prepared for both day and evening rotations. A clinical preceptorship during the last few weeks of the program may involve weekday and weekend rotations as well as day, evening or night rotations for students in both programs.

ESTIMATED (2 YEAR) EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance)		
Pre-requisites (7 hours)	\$265.00	\$405.00
Level I (16 hours)	701.00	1,021.00
Level II (14 hours)	530.00	810.00
General Education courses (9 hours)	315.00	495.00
Level III (12 hours)	458.00	698.00
Level IV (12 hours)	440.00	680.00
Books (nursing courses only)	850.00	850.00
Nursing Syllabi	220.00	220.00
Skills lab kit	110.00	110.00
Uniforms (2)	140.00	140.00
Shoes (white)	60.00	60.00
Bandage Scissors	10.00	10.00
Stethoscope	35.00	35.00
Lab Coat	30.00	30.00
Watch with second hand	30.00	30.00
Diagnostic Tests for Level II & III	70.00	70.00
Miscellaneous Sophomore Expenses*	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,014.00	\$6,414.00

**(pin, application for licensure & licensure examination, pictures, diagnostic tests, review course)*

Monies should also be budgeted for other items such as gas, Xeroxing, etc.

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