

Associate Degree Nursing

A student who has current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services as a nurse's aide, but who did not complete RNSG 1119 – Integrated Nursing Skills I, or receive equivalent transfer credit from another college or university, may receive credit for RNSG 1119 if the following advanced placement requirements are met:

1. Submission of a copy of current certificate for nurse aide from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

A student must be accepted for admission by Trinity Valley Community College before credit will be approved. In addition, credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has successfully completed RNSG 1523 – Introduction to Professional Nursing for integrated programs.

Credit by Evaluation

Non-Traditional Learning Environments

A student may receive up to thirty semester hours credit for military training or course work sponsored by civilian noneducational organizations. Trinity Valley Community College will award credit for associate degree level work as recommended by the American Council on Education in *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* and *The National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs*. Since the recommendations made in these documents are general in nature, such credit may be counted as elective credit and cannot be used in lieu of specific course requirements within a degree program unless equivalency can be established. The decision regarding equivalency rests with qualified faculty, the Vice President for Instruction and the Vice President for Student Services. Students who are awarded credits on this basis will have the subject area and credit earned recorded on their permanent record cards (transcripts) after they have completed twelve semester hours in residence at Trinity Valley Community College.

A student may receive 13 semester credit hours for successfully completing an approved law enforcement training program and passing the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Licensing Exam (TCLEOSE) after 1983. To receive credit the student must present proof that he/she has passed the Texas Basic Peace Officer Licensing Examination to the Dean of Occupational Education and pay a \$40.00 fee.

A student may receive 9 semester credit hours for successfully completing and passing the State of Texas Basic Firefighters Examination. To receive credit the student must submit proof they have passed the Basic Firefighters Examination and a \$40.00 fee to the Dean of Occupational Education.

Distance Learning at Trinity Valley Community College

Distance Learning is a method of instruction that allows the student to take college courses away from the campus, usually at a time of their own choosing. Courses at TVCC are available using the internet (**Online**), 2-way live television (**ITV**) and through video tape lessons and television (**Telecourses**).

Internet students typically meet with their instructor for an in-person orientation and then maintain communication electronically. Individual instructors determine whether examinations may be taken online or off-site with designated proctors.

ITV classes meet at regularly scheduled class times.

Telecourse students generally have an in-person orientation and then meet periodically with their instructor for review and testing.