

**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAMS**

Trinity Valley Community College maintains an open-door admissions policy and constantly strives to provide programs beneficial to all students. The admission requirements to the College are found in the College catalog.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAMS WITH SELECTIVE ADMISSION FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN), ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING TRANSITION (ADN TRANSITION), RN-TO-BSN, SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY (SGT), VOCATIONAL NURSING (VN), PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY (PCT) AND PARAMEDIC**

**1. ADMISSION TO TVCC\***

Apply online at <https://apply.tvcc.edu>. On the main TVCC website. Start by clicking on the "Get Started" link and select Transfer Students. This is one of two applications that must be completed to apply for these programs. Applications for admission must be submitted at least 4 weeks before the application deadline. Request that official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended be sent to and received by the Registrar's Office at 100 Cardinal Drive, Athens, TX 75751 by the deadlines. International credits are not accepted at TVCC.

For ADN, ADN Transition, SGT and VN Palestine the application to the college must be completed before November 1, 2025.

For RN-to-BSN, the application to the college must be completed before October 1, 2025, for spring 2026 admission and before March 1, 2026, for fall 2026 admission.

For VN Terrell HSC, the application to the college must be completed before July 15, 2026. For Pharmacy Technician, the application to the college must be completed before June 1, 2026.

For Patient Care Technology, the application to the college must be completed before October 1, 2025, for spring 2026 classes and before June 1, 2026, for fall classes.

For Paramedic, the application to the college must be completed before May 1, 2026.

*\* Acceptance to TVCC does not guarantee acceptance to a health occupations program.*

**2. ADMISSION TO TVCC ADN, RN-to-BSN, SGT, VN, PHARM TECH, PARAMEDIC & PCT PROGRAMS**

For ADN, ADN Transition, SGT and VN Palestine, complete the health occupations program application online at [www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences](http://www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences) between October 15, 2025, and December 1, 2025. Applications will not be accepted in person. 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 the order of their preferences.

For RN-to-BSN, complete the RN-to-BSN program application online at [www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences](http://www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences) between September 1, 2025, and October 31, 2025, for spring 2026 admission and between February 1, 2026, and March 31, 2026 for fall 2026 admission.

For VN Terrell HSC, complete the health occupations program application between April 1, 2026, and August 15, 2026.

For Pharmacy Technician and Paramedic, complete the health occupations program application between February 1, 2026, and June 1, 2026.

For Patient Care Technology, complete the health occupations program application between August 16 and October 14, 2025, for spring 2026 classes and between February 1, 2026, and May 14, 2026, for fall 2026 classes.

After completing the health occupations application, the student should receive a copy of the application in an email. Print a copy of the email as proof of application. Students who do not receive an email should contact the

HSC advisor within 24 hours.

Applicants for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT or VN Palestine must submit official transcripts of courses taken in the fall of 2025 to the registrar's office and send an unofficial copy of fall 2025 transcripts to the HSC advisor at 1551 S. H. 34 South, Terrell, TX 75160 before January 31, 2026. Pharmacy Tech applicants should submit official transcripts of courses taken in spring 2026 to the HSC advisor before June 1, 2026. PCT applicants must get transcripts in by May 25, 2026, for spring classes and by September 15, 2026, for summer classes. VN Terrell HSC applicants should submit an official transcript of courses taken in the summer of 2026 to the HSC advisor before September 15, 2026.

### 3. TSI TESTING

To be eligible for selections, students must be TSI complete in reading, math and writing before completing the online application for health occupations programs or anticipate being TSI complete by the end of the fall 2025 semester (deadline of December 1, 2025) for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT, and VN Palestine or by the end of the summer 2026 semester for VN Terrell HSC. Pharmacy Technician, Paramedic and Patient Care Technology applicants must have taken the TSI exam before completing the application to the program. Being TSI complete is not required, but points may be awarded for students based on scores.

Pharmacy technician and paramedic students must be TSI complete before completing their associate degree, but not the certificate.

See [www.tvcc.edu/testing](http://www.tvcc.edu/testing), click on "TSI Assessment for New Students" for details about current TSI exemptions and requirements.

### 4. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR GED

To be eligible for the SGT or VN programs, students must have graduated from high school or completed a GED or be enrolled in a dual credit VN program. Send proof to the HSC Advisor at 1551 S.H. 34 South, Terrell, TX 75160 by the application deadline of December 1, 2025, for VN Palestine or August 15, 2026, for VN Terrell HSC. To be eligible for the Pharmacy Technician program, the student must have a high school diploma or GED or be enrolled as a dual credit student in the Pharmacy Tech program.

### 5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To be eligible for selections, international students must be admitted to TVCC and notify the HSC Advisor that they are cleared to attend TVCC by November 1 for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT or VN Palestine, by March 1 for RN-to-BSN, by May 26 for Pharmacy Technician and by August 15 for VN Terrell HSC.

### 6. ADMISSION TESTING

To be eligible for selections, students must have successfully passed the HESI Admission Assessment (Reading >79%; Math >75%; Grammar >75%) before completing the online application to the program. This admission assessment is not required for the Pharmacy Technician, Paramedic or Patient Care Technology programs.

All sections must be passed on the same test. If students tested at TVCC, HSC staff has access to the scores. If students tested elsewhere, they will need to contact Evolve at 1-800-950-2728, ext. 6918 or 6947, and request a testing transcript be sent to the HSC advisor in Terrell.

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. Students are encouraged to take the Anatomy & Physiology section to assess current A&P knowledge.

The HESI Admission Assessment will be offered at TVCC through the testing centers at Terrell HSC, Athens or Palestine Workforce Education Center. In 2025 – 2026, the test will cost \$78.50. The testing dates, locations and sign-up procedures will be posted on the TVCC Testing Center website at [www.tvcc.edu/testing](http://www.tvcc.edu/testing). Registration for testing is online at <https://www2.registerblast.com/tvcc-athens/Exam/List>.

At TVCC, students may take the HESI Admission Assessment only two times in an academic year between September 1 and August 31 (first-time and one re-test). The student must wait at least two months before retesting at TVCC. Keep this and the application deadlines in mind when scheduling to take the test for the first time. Students may take the test more often at other colleges.

Once minimum scores are earned in reading, math and grammar, these are the scores that will be considered for selection purposes. There is no expiration date. Students who tested before June 2020 will be permitted to

test one additional time, even if the minimum scores were reached previously. TEAS V scores will no longer be accepted.

### 7. PREREQUISITES FOR APPLICATION

To be eligible for selections, students must have successfully completed the necessary prerequisites for the program with a grade of C or above for the program they are applying for by the end of the semester that the application is submitted. Please note these requirements relate to submitting the application (not to starting the intended program).

PROGRAM	PREREQUISITES FOR APPLICATION
ADN	BIOL 2401 & PSYC 2301 or EDUC 1300
LVN-to-ADN & PARAMEDIC-to-ADN TRANSITION	BIOL 2401 & PSYC 2301 or EDUC 1300
SGT	ONE OF THE FIVE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, ENGL 1301, MDCA 1313 & PSYC 2301 OR 2314)
VOCATIONAL NURSING	BIOL 2404 OR PSYC 2314
RN-to-BSN	Texas Core Curriculum Complete
PCT, PHARMACY TECHNICIAN & PARAMEDIC	NONE

### 8. INTERVIEW

A personal interview is required for the Pharmacy Technician program. Applicants will be notified of their appointment for the interview at the end of the application period on June 1. Interviews will take place in June.

### 9. PREREQUISITES FOR STARTING THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS CORE COURSES

To be eligible to start the health occupations core courses (RNSG, SRGT, VNSG, NURS), students must have successfully completed the required general education courses relating to the program they have applied for:

PROGRAM	PRE-REQUISITES FOR STARTING WORKFORCE CLASSES
ADN	BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 & PSYC 2301 or EDUC 1300
LVN-to-ADN & PARAMEDIC-to-ADN TRANSITION	BIOL 2401, 2402, 2420, PSYC 2301, & 2314
SGT	FOUR OF THE FIVE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, ENGL 1301, MDCA 1313 & PSYC 2301 OR 2314)
VOCATIONAL NURSING	BIOL 2404 & PSYC 2314
RN-to-BSN	All General Education Courses
PARAMEDIC	EMSP 1501, 1160 or Equivalent

### 10. LICENSURE AND EXPERIENCE

Applicants for the LVN-to-ADN Transition Program must be currently licensed to practice in Texas as an LVN/LPN. Applicants will document their nursing experience on the online application for the transition program.

Applicants with less than one year's experience must complete the Application for Admission with **less** than one year's experience (available on HSC website). A score of 10 or higher at the time of application is required for students to be considered for the transition program with less than one year's experience.

Applicants for the Paramedic-to-ADN Transition Program must be currently licensed or certified to practice in Texas as a paramedic and have one year's experience as a paramedic. Applicants will document their paramedic experience on the online application for the transition program. Applicants are encouraged to get some acute care experience, such as ER experience, before starting the transition program.

Applicants for the RN-to-BSN Program must be currently licensed to practice in Texas as a RN. Applicants will document their nursing experience on the online application for the program. Applicants with less than one year's experience must complete an admission essay on the assigned topic. If a student scores less than 9 points, they may be required to complete an APA tutorial before being able to start the NURS courses. Students who are currently in the last semester of an ADN program may apply, but they must become licensed as a RN before starting NURS classes.

Applicants for the Paramedic program must be currently certified as an EMT Basic. If an applicant is currently in the EMT Basic Program when the application is completed, they must be certified before starting paramedic level courses.

## 11. TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who have successfully completed one or more semesters of a health occupations program at another school and want to transfer in the middle of a program must meet the same admission requirements as other students, must apply to the college, submit a letter to the Health Science Center Associate Vice President (AVP) requesting transfer and must attach a letter of recommendation from their last clinical instructor. Transfer students will be required to successfully demonstrate pharmacological math competence (for nursing programs) and selected skills before being approved for acceptance in a TVCC program. Transfer students may be required to audit a previous semester if they have had more than one admission to another program. Contact the Associate Vice President (AVP) at Terrell Health Science Center for more information.

## 12. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**ADN PROGRAM** - High school students who graduated in 2025 should meet with the HSC advisor to make plans to take the seven general education courses during the 2025-26 year. There will be a separate application period for those students, but students must submit a letter of intent to apply to the Terrell HSC advisor by December 1, 2025. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2026, for the fall 2026 program.

Students who have completed all seven 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 2026 should meet with the HSC advisor to make plans to take the seven general education courses during the 2026-2027 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2027, for the fall 2027 program. The same point system is used. High school students who will complete the seven ADN general education courses before they graduate from high school will be eligible to apply for the ADN program from May 15-26 of their senior year for the upcoming fall semester.

**PALESTINE VN PROGRAM** - High school students enrolled in a health science program who will graduate in 2026 should meet with their high school advisor to make plans to take the two general education courses during the 2026-2027 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2027, for the fall 2027 program. Students who have completed both courses and have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.5 will be considered using the point system for the spaces reserved for high school students. There will be an orientation for these students who are accepted into the VN program.

**TERRELL HSC VN PROGRAM** - High school students enrolled in a health science program who will graduate in 2026 should meet with their high school advisor to make plans to take at least one of the required general education courses prior to graduation and the other during the summer after graduation. These students will apply during the regular VN application period from April 1 to August 15, 2026, for the spring 2027 program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### 1. REVIEW AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. A checklist regarding the status of the application will be sent to the email address on the application. If a student has not received this checklist within three weeks, contact the HSC advisor. Applicants who do not meet the minimum qualifications to be eligible to apply will NOT be considered.

### 2. LATE APPLICATIONS

If all qualified applicants have been selected and there are still available positions in any of the health occupations programs, students will be notified on the Health Occupations Division website if late applications will be accepted.

### 3. PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF STUDENTS - PRIORITY SELECTION

All applicants who have submitted a completed application with required documentation (TSI complete, transcripts and passing HESI A2 scores submitted and 2.5 cumulative GPA or better on a 4.0 scale for ALL previous college courses) will be considered for priority selection according to the point system in #4 below. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on grade points earned from all colleges.

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.

Applicants with the highest number of points will be selected for each program. If all applicants from the highest category are selected, students will be chosen from the next category and so on.

Applicants who select SGT as their first choice will be given first priority for the SGT program. If all students who chose SGT as their highest priority are selected, and there are still spaces available, others will be selected according to the same process.

In the event that there are more applicants in one category than the number of spaces available, the first tie-breaker will be the overall science GPA. For the RN-to-BSN program, the overall nursing (RNSG) GPA will be used as the first tie-breaker. In case of further ties, random selection will be used.

These criteria were first implemented in spring 2018, so there are five years of historical data for the number of points needed for selections. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the HSC advisor to determine how to maximize their points.

### 4. POINT SYSTEM FOR SELECTION

One point will be awarded for each of the following courses the student completed with a grade of C or higher:

PROGRAM	GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES
ADN & LVN-TO-ADN & PARAMEDIC-TO-ADN TRANSITION	ADN Courses: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301 or EDUC 1300, PSYC 2314, ENGL 1301, Creative Arts RN-to-BSN Courses: ENGL 1302, HIST 1301 & 1302, GOVT 2305 & 2306, MATH 1342, Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts, plus 2 from one of the following options: a. SOCI 1301, BIOL 1322, SPCH 1315 b. BIOL 1322, CHEM 1405 or 1411 c. SOCI 1301, MATH 1314, ENGL 2311
VOCATIONAL NURSING	BIOL 2404 & PSYC 2314
SGT	BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, ENGL 1301, MDCA 1313, PSYC 1300, PSYC 2314, PSYC 2301, BIOL 2420, PSYC 1301, & Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN	NURA 1307 & MDCA 1313 or equivalents



Additional points will be assigned according to the following:

Criteria	Generic ADN Terrell HSC & Athens	LVN-to-ADN Transition or Paramedic-to-ADN Transition Terrell HSC & Athens	Vocational Nursing Palestine & Terrell HSC	Surgical Technology Terrell HSC
Cumulative GPA (all colleges)	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2
Qualifying HESI A2 Reading	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4
Qualifying HESI A2 Grammar	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4	> 90 = 8 > 80 = 4
Highest A&P I Grade or BIOL 2404 Grade (for VN)	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4
Highest A&P II Grade	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4
Highest Microbiology Grade	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4		A = 8 B = 4
Grade on 1st A&P I (W's count as 1st attempt)	A = 4	A = 4	A = 4	A = 4
Completion of General Education Courses with C or Better	7 ADN Courses = 1 point each 9 RN-to-BSN Courses = 1 point each	7 ADN Courses = 1 point each 9 RN-to-BSN Courses = 1 point each	2 VN Courses = 1 point each	5 SGT Certificate Courses = 1 point each 4 SGT AAS Courses = 1 point each
Credit Hours at TVCC (Does not include CLEP hrs)	> 15 hours = 4	> 15 hours = 4	> 15 hours = 4	> 15 hours = 4
Successful completion of TVCC Healthcare program:	Completion of PCT, SGT, EMT, Medical Assisting, or Pharm tech = 4	Completion of VN or Paramedic = 4	Completion of PCT, SGT, EMT, or Medical Assisting, or Pharm tech = 4	Completion of PCT, EMT, Medical Assisting, or Pharm tech = 4
Max # Points	72	72	50	65

Criteria	Pharmacy Technician Terrell HSC & Athens	Patient Care Technology Terrell HSC
Cumulative GPA (all colleges)	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2	> 3.5 = 4 > 3.0 = 2
Qualifying HESI A2 Reading	TSI Complete, Reading = 4	TSI Complete, Reading = 4
Qualifying HESI A2 Grammar	TSI Complete, Grammar = 4	
Highest A&P I Grade or BIOL 2404 Grade	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4
Highest A&P II Grade	A = 8 B = 4	A = 8 B = 4
Highest Microbiology Grade		
Grade on 1st A&P I (W's count as 1st attempt)	A = 4	A = 4
Completion of General Education Courses with C or Better	2 General Education Courses = 1 point each See page 5	
Credit Hours at TVCC (Does not include CLEP hrs)	> 15 hours = 4	> 15 hours = 4
Successful completion of TVCC Healthcare program:	Completion of PCT, EMT or Medical Assisting = 4	
Interview	8 points max	
Max # Points	50	32

Criteria	RN-to-BSN
Cumulative GPA (all colleges)	>3.5 = 4 > 3.25 = 3 >3 = 2 >2.75 = 1
RNSG courses GPA (all colleges)	>3.5 = 8 > 3.25 = 6 >3 = 4 >2.75 = 2
Successful completion of TVCC Healthcare Program	Completion of ADN = 4
TVCC Residence Status In- District In-Service Area (not in-district)	In-District = 2 In-Service Area = 1
No withdrawals on any transcript	No withdrawals = 2
Max # Points	20

## 5. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED APPLICANTS

All qualified applicants will be sent an email regarding their acceptance status according to the following schedule:

PROGRAM	DATE FOR SELECTIONS
ADN	By end of March
ADN Transition	Before Spring Break
SGT	By end of March
VN Palestine	By end of March
VN Terrell HSC	By October 15th
Pharmacy Technician	By June 15th
Patient Care Technology	By November 1st or June 1st
Paramedic	By June 15th
RN-to-BSN	By May 20th or November 1st

Applicants will be asked to send a return email with written acceptance or non-acceptance of their position (either selected or alternate) by a specified date. Applicants who do not respond by the deadline will be removed from the list and the applicant will have to reapply to be considered for the next year's process. Applicants should request a read receipt when emailing their acceptance form.

If a student is selected for their first choice, they will not be considered for other programs. If a student is selected for their second or third choices, they will still be considered for their first or second choices and may be accepted as an alternate for those programs and selected as spaces become available.

If a student has applied to a health occupations program and has not received notification regarding acceptance into the program by the dates above, it is the student's responsibility to contact the HSC advisor in Terrell to clarify the situation.

In the event of open positions, eligible alternates will be moved up the list and these candidates will be notified. The alternate list will be maintained until the program starts.

Applicants who are not selected and those who decline a position must reapply the next year to be considered in the next year's selection process.

## 6. ORIENTATION

Students who are selected for a health occupations program will be required to attend an orientation session at the respective campus. Students will be notified of the details of the orientation (date, time, & location) in the email notification of acceptance into the program or of alternate status. When planning trips/vacations, check the Health Occupations website by January 1st for important orientation dates. Failure to attend without prior notice will result in forfeiture of place in the program.

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, grades on science courses, scores on the HESI Admission Assessment, the number of courses taken at Trinity Valley and their cumulative GPA.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAMS WITHOUT SELECTIVE ADMISSION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT), & CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CMA)

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

#### 1. TSI TESTING

Students who are enrolled in the Certificate of Completion EMS program are waived from the TSI requirements. It is recommended that EMS Certificate students meet TSI requirements in reading before enrolling in any of the paramedic level courses. EMT Certificate students without TSI scores will not be allowed to enroll in any other college level courses besides the EMSP courses listed in the certificate curriculum.

#### 2. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REQUIREMENTS

The student must be at least 18 years of age within a year of completion of the first EMS course, Basic Emergency Technology. The student must have a high school diploma or a GED. A student with a felony or class A or B misdemeanor conviction may not be allowed to take the state certification examinations. The student should contact the program or course coordinator if they have questions about this.



### 3. PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for EMSP courses. Students are advised to take Anatomy & Physiology courses before taking the advanced paramedic level courses. Students must be EMT Basic Certified before starting paramedic level courses.

### 4. REGISTRATION

Registration for EMT Basic courses is on a first-come, first-served basis during the regular college online registration periods. There are no reserved spaces. Students must have one of the required hepatitis B vaccines or a blood test verifying immunity to hepatitis B completed before registering for the beginning EMT courses. Students must have all of the hepatitis B vaccines completed or a blood test verifying immunity before doing any EMSP clinical hours or registering for the EMT Paramedic courses.

Students must register for both the lecture/lab and clinical sections to be properly registered for the EMS courses. Students may register at the Athens, Palestine, or Terrell campuses for any course the college offers.

### CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

#### 1. TSI TESTING

TSI Testing is not required for the Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA) Program. Students who wish to take core courses outside the CMA program will be required to take the TSI exam.

#### 2. PREREQUISITE COURSES

There are no prerequisite courses for the Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA) Program. Students are encouraged to start with NURA 1307 – Body Systems and HPRS 1105 – Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals, as they are pre-requisites for most of the other CMA courses.

#### 3. REGISTRATION

Registration for Clinical Medical Assistant program courses (NURA, HPRS, MDCA, PLAB, ECRD) is on a first-come, first-served basis during the regular college on-line registration periods. There are no reserved spaces. Students must have required immunizations before starting patient contact in clinical courses (NURA 1160, MDCA 1160 and PLAB 1171). Since these require a minimum of four months for completion (for Hep B), students are encouraged to plan accordingly.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FOR ALL HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAMS

Students who have any questions regarding the application and selection processes or general information regarding any of the health occupations programs should contact the Assistant Campus Director (jballom@tvcc.edu) or the Health Science Center Associate Vice President (jason.smith@tvcc.edu).

Students who do not have any healthcare experience should seek out volunteer opportunities in a hospital to get a better idea of what being in a health profession will entail.

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

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 advisor.

Attention DCCCD Students: If completed before Fall 2016, SCIT 1407 will be accepted as substitutes for BIOL 2401. If completed before Spring 2017, SCIT 1408 will be accepted as substitute for BIOL 2402. For courses completed starting with Fall 2016, only BIOL 2401 will be accepted and for courses starting with Spring 2017, only BIOL 2402 will be accepted. SCIT 1407 and SCIT 1408 will not be able to be substituted for the Life and Physical Sciences requirement to be core complete for the RN-to-BSN program, regardless of when it was taken.

Students are encouraged to apply for Pell Grants, if they are eligible, at least several months before the beginning of the semester. Applications are taken for various student scholarships to be awarded for the next semester.

Students should submit the on-line health occupations scholarship application before the designated deadlines.

All health occupations 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 health occupations courses (except for some clinical courses) use the following grading scale: A = 90-100; B = 80-89; C = 75-79; D = 65-74; F = Less than 65.

For graduation with a health occupations AAS degree, the student must have an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better on all courses attempted at the post-secondary level, and for graduation with a health occupations certificate, the student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the courses required for the certificate.

Before starting clinical rotations for any health occupations program, the student must have a current BLS Provider certification from the American Heart Association (AHA) or a provider who uses AHA guidelines, provide a completed physical exam, if required, negative TB skin test or blood test (or chest x-ray if student has a positive TB blood test), and submit documentation of immunizations or immunity to specific diseases as required by law and clinical sites including tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B and influenza. Current immunization requirements and the physical form can be downloaded from the TVCC HSC website, [www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences](http://www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences), under miscellaneous/forms. Immunizations are available from the local public health department at a nominal cost for those without health insurance. Students will be given instructions during orientation on how to submit documents electronically to an online document manager profile through CastleBranch (or alternative method for high school dual credit students). Because the hepatitis B series of three vaccines takes a minimum of four months, students are encouraged to get started as soon as possible.

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

For students enrolling in a health occupations program who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed/certified by the State of Texas. If state certification is not required for your occupation, a criminal background may keep you from being employed in the field. If you have a question about your background and licensure/certification, please speak with your faculty member or the HSC AVP. You may also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.



## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The following immunizations are required by clinical facilities or law according to Rule 97.64 of the Texas Administrative Code amended July 28, 2016 for all students enrolled in higher education courses involved in direct patient care contact. Submit a copy of the records of the following immunizations with a validation stamp or signature, a signed statement from a physician, or lab report indicating serologic confirmation.

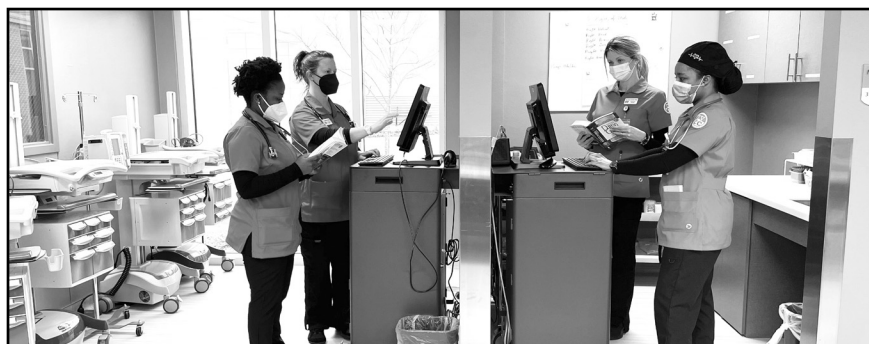
1. **TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (Immunization)** All students must have proof of a tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (TDaP) immunization within the last 10 years.
2. **MEASLES/MUMPS/RUBELLA (MMR) (Immunization or blood test)** All students must have proof of two doses of MMR vaccine administered on or after their first birthday or serologic confirmation of measles (rubeola), mumps and rubella immunity.
3. **VARICELLA (Immunization or blood test)** All students must have two doses of varicella vaccine or serologic confirmation of varicella immunity. Having a history of chicken pox is not sufficient.
4. **HEPATITIS B (Immunization or blood test)** All students must receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccines or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus prior to the start of direct patient care. The series must be three doses of Engerix-B or Recombivax-HB or two doses of Hepplisav-B. If time is an issue, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends an accelerated schedule with a first dose followed by a second dose in four weeks and followed by the third dose at least four months from the initial dose and eight weeks from the second dose. All three doses (or two of the Hepplisav-B) must be completed prior to patient contact.
5. **INFLUENZA (Immunization)**  
All students must have the current influenza vaccine by October 15 of each year before the start of clinical unless the clinical facility requires it earlier. Influenza is also needed for any spring clinical rotations until March 31.
6. **MENINGITIS**  
All new TVCC students who are under 22 must have proof of meningitis vaccine on file at TVCC before being able to register.

**PREGNANCY** - Requirements for measles, rubella, mumps, and varicella vaccines are waived during pregnancy. Pregnancy is not a medical contraindication for administration of Tetanus/diphtheria toxoids, but it is best to delay until the second trimester. Check with your physician regarding hepatitis vaccinations. Students who get the MMR vaccines should take precautions not to get pregnant within three months.

Pregnant students and students who cannot get vaccines for a medical reason must first get titers completed and if negative must get their health care provider to complete the Request for Medical Exemption Vaccine Form.

**COVID-19** – Although TVCC cannot require the COVID-19 vaccine, the clinical facilities can. Students are expected to comply with the clinical facility requirement with regards to the COVID-19 vaccine, personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-19 testing.

Accommodations for students needing medical exemptions following the center for disease control (CDC) guidelines or for a sincerely held religious beliefs will be handled on a case by case basis depending on what is allowed by the clinical facility. The college does not have a religious exemption option.



## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM



There are three pathways for the TVCC Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program:

1. **Generic Pathway:** The ADN Generic Program is a two-year curriculum over four long semesters.
2. **LVN-to-ADN Pathway:** This three-semester pathway is designed to validate and update the previous experiences and education of licensed vocational nurses. Upon successful completion of the transition courses in the summer, the transition students enter the second year of the ADN program.
3. **Paramedic-to-ADN Transition Pathway:** This three-semester pathway is designed to validate and update the previous experiences and education of licensed or certified paramedics. Upon successful completion of the transition courses in the summer, the transition students enter the second year of the ADN program.

Graduates of any of the ADN pathways will receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree in nursing.

Graduates from all pathways will be recommended to the Texas Board of Nursing to be approved to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) to qualify as a registered nurse after all requirements are met.

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 healthcare settings.

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### SCHEDULE

The ADN Generic pathway begins each fall semester at the Health Science Center in Terrell. Applications are submitted the preceding year. The nursing courses cover four semesters. In the program, the schedule covers approximately three days a week in the freshman year and three to four days a week in the sophomore year.

The LVN-to-ADN Transition and Paramedic-to-ADN Transition pathways begin each May and students graduate the following May. The schedule covers approximately three days a week in the transition courses in the summer and three to four days a week during the sophomore year.

Clinical experiences may be provided in Terrell, Kaufman, Athens, Palestine, Greenville, Rowlett, Ennis, Mesquite, Sunnyvale, Rockwall, Dallas, 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.

There may be weekend clinicals depending on instructor availability, but they are not guaranteed. A clinical preceptorship during the last semester of the program involves weekday and weekend rotations including day, evening, or night rotations for Level IV ADN students.

#### OTHER

Students working on their general education courses are encouraged to take a full load (12 credit hours) for at least one semester to get an idea about the amount of time required for the nursing program.

Canvas, the learning management system, is used to enhance the nursing courses so students must have computer and internet access.

Students will use one of the school's computers for testing and a few students may need to use a personal laptop that meets the minimum qualifications.

Due to computerized charting in clinical facilities, students must have good keyboarding skills. Students who have poor keyboarding skills are encouraged to take a keyboarding course. Students must demonstrate computer literacy.

To accommodate more students in the ADN program, some classes may be delivered by videoconferencing to the Athens campus. Students attending classes on the Athens campus will still be required to attend scheduled classes at the Terrell HSC at various times throughout the program.

Applicants will be given instructions for obtaining fingerprints for an FBI criminal background check for the Texas Board of Nursing. These must be done at least 90 days prior to the start of nursing classes. The student must have a "blue" card, a positive outcome letter or an eligibility letter (declaratory order) before starting classes. Students who need to complete this requirement will be sent an email in January with instructions.

Any nursing applicant who has been arrested, 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, must petition the Texas Board of Nursing for a declaratory order concerning their eligibility to take the licensing examination, the National Council Licensure Examination Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN®). The Texas Board of Nursing can be reached at 512-305-7400. Applicants must create a nurse portal account at [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov) to complete the application for a declaratory order. This declaratory order must be completed, and the eligibility letter received before the student starts nursing courses. If the case must be sent to the enforcement division, the processing may take 6-24 months, so applicants must apply early. If a student is not able to start nursing courses due to waiting for a declaratory order, a space will be reserved for the following year pending positive outcome from the Texas Board of Nursing.

The ADN Program uses diagnostic testing from Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) during each level of the program. If the student does not achieve the designated passing score, the student is required to complete remediation. Achievement of the required score is not necessary for progression to Levels 1, 2, 3 or 4. The ATI Comprehensive Predictor exam is used as the final semester examination for Level IV. No more than 10% of the Level 4 HESI will be used on the student final examination.

The ADN program is a concept-based curriculum, and the faculty employ a flipped classroom approach to get the students engaged in activities which promote critical thinking and clinical judgement during class.

#### ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

ADN PREREQUISITE COURSES: BIOL 2401 and PSYC 2301 or EDUC 1300 are required before applying. BIOL 2402 must be completed before starting RNSG courses. \*Students with less than 15 semester credit hours should take PSYC 1300; others should take PSYC 2301. The rest of the general education courses must be taken prior to, or concurrently during the semester in which they are scheduled in the curriculum.

Courses			Credit Hours
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
	Or		
EDUC	1300	Learning Frameworks*	
Total Hours			11

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

Courses			Credit Hours
<b>FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester</b>			
RNSG	1216	Professional Nursing Competencies	2
RNSG	1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	1
RNSG	1430	Health Care Concepts I	4
RNSG	1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I	1
RNSG	1161	Clinical I	1
PSYC	2314	Human Growth and Development	3
Total Hours			12
<b>FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester</b>			
RNSG	1533	Health Care Concepts II	5
RNSG	1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II	1
RNSG	2362	Clinical II	3
BIOL	2420	Microbiology	4
Total Hours			13
<b>SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester</b>			
RNSG	1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG	1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG	2363	Clinical III	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition I	3
Total Hours			12
<b>SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester</b>			
RNSG	2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG	2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG		Clinical IV	3
		Language, Culture, Philosophy or Creative Arts**	3
Total Hours			12

\*\* Choose from one of the following courses: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; HUMA 1301; PHIL 2306; SPAN 2311, 2312; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2366; MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310.

The curricula of the TVCC ADN programs meets the Texas Board of Nursing educational requirements for professional licensure. TVCC has not decided if the programs' curricula meet the state educational requirements for professional licensure for any of the other 49 states. If a student or potential student is interested to see if the curriculum meets the state educational requirements for professional licensure in another state, please contact the TVCC Health Science Center AVP.

# ADN TRANSITION PROGRAMS (LVN-TO-ADN & PARAMEDIC-TO-ADN) CURRICULA

**TRANSITION PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES:** BIOL 2401 and PSYC 2301 are required before applying. BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420 and PSYC 2314 must be completed before starting RNSG courses. \*Students with less than 15 semester credit hours should take PSYC 1300; others should take PSYC 2301. The rest of the general education courses must be taken prior to, or concurrently during the semester in which they are scheduled in the curriculum.

Courses			Credit Hours
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
	OR		
EDUC	1300	Learning Frameworks*	
BIOL	2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development	3
Total Hours			18

**12 semester credit hours of VNSG or EMSP electives are also required for graduation. If the transition student completed their LVN or paramedic program from a non-accredited college, he/she should contact the Terrell HSC advisor to complete a Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) form to get the required credit hours. Students must maintain their LVN or Paramedic license while attending the ADN program. Failure to maintain a current license may make the student not eligible for CPL. There is a \$10 per credit hour fee for this process.**

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

Courses			Credit Hours
<b>FIRST YEAR - Summer Semester</b>			
RNSG	1118	Professional Nursing Competencies	1
RNSG	1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I	1
RNSG	1324	Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	3
RNSG	1163	Transition Clinical - LVN or	1
RNSG	1162	Transition Clinical - Paramedic	
Total Hours			6
<b>FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester</b>			
RNSG	1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG	1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG	2363	Clinical III	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition I	3
Total Hours			12
<b>FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester</b>			
RNSG	2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG	2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG	2360	Clinical IV	3
		Language, Culture, Philosophy or Creative Arts**	3
Total Hours			12

**\*\* Choose from one of the following courses: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; HUMA 1301; PHIL 2306; SPAN 2311, 2312; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2366; MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310**

## ADN PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

		GENERIC PATHWAY	TRANSITION PATHWAYS
Tuition & Fees by Semester*			
Prerequisites	IN-DISTRICT	(11 HRS) \$1038	(18 HRS) \$1,689
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT	1,874	3,057
Level I (12 hours)	IN-DISTRICT	1,955	
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,867	
Level II (13 hours)	IN-DISTRICT	1,912	
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,909	
Transition Level (6 hours)	IN-DISTRICT		1,496
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1,952
Level III (12 hours)	IN-DISTRICT	2,491	2,491
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT	3,403	3,403
Level IV (12 hours)	IN-DISTRICT	1,808	1,808
	OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,884	2,884
Books & Syllabi (nursing courses only)**		680	680
Skills lab kit		110	110
Uniforms (2)		85	85
Scrubs for Lab		60	60
Shoes (black)		70	70
Bandage Scissors		15	15
Stethoscope		40	40
Lab Coat		30	30
Watch with second hand		40	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb		300	300
Miscellaneous Level IV Expenses***		800	800
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records		69	69
Fingerprint Fee		45	45
Patches		15	15
Name Badge		15	15
Extra HESI Diagnostic Exam (if needed)		65	65
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT		11,643	9,923
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT		16,376	13,735

\*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, ATI or HESI testing package, UWORLD package, class photos, SNA dues, drug testing and lab fees).

\*\*Nursing Courses only. Books for general education courses will be an additional expense. Monies should also be budgeted for other items such as gas, photocopies, etc.

\*\*\*Miscellaneous Sophomore Expenses (includes Texas BON licensure application fee, NCLEX registration fee, NCLEX Review course, nursing pin)

## CONCURRENT BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAM

Trinity Valley Community College has entered into a partnership with the University of Texas at Tyler through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to offer a concurrent ADN and BSN program. Incoming ADN students who are selected for the concurrent program will take BSN courses in the summers and along with the ADN courses. Upon successful completion of the two-year program, students will graduate with their AAS and BSN degrees at the same time.

Interested students should contact the lead advisor for the UT Tyler School of Nursing. Students must have completed all the general education courses, including chemistry, statistics and nutrition, as well as being TVCC core complete.



## RN-TO-BSN CURRICULUM ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

TVCC participates in a consortium of colleges and universities that accept a standardized list of general education courses for the RN to BSN curriculum in CABNET (Consortium for Advancing Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas) agreements. Listed below are the general education courses that will meet TVCC's current core curriculum requirements and the required nursing courses for the RN to BSN program for ADN graduates. Please note that universities not participating in the consortium may require additional general education courses not listed here. If the student has taken all general education courses at TVCC, the transcript will be marked core complete. If the student has taken the general education courses at multiple colleges, the student should apply to graduate from TVCC with an AA degree by the end of Level III in the ADN program.



## General Education Courses - 2022 Core Curriculum

Area	CABNET Agreement Plan A	CABNET Agreement Plan B	CABNET Agreement Plan C	CABNET Agreement Plan D	CABNET Agreement Plan E	TVCC RN-to-BSN Program
Standardized Courses						
Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402
Microbiology	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301
Human Growth & Development	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314
English	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 1301 & 1302	ENGL 1301 & 1302
Language, Philosophy, & Culture	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Sophomore Literature	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list
Creative Arts	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list	Select from TVCC list
Government	GOVT 2305 & 2306	GOVT 2305 & 2306	GOVT 2305 & 2306		GOVT 2305 & 2306	GOVT 2305 & 2306
History	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302
Math Statistics	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342
Subtotal	45	45	45	39	45	45
Individualized Courses						
BSN course	SOCI 1301	BIOL 1322	SOCI 1301	SOCI 1301	BIOL 1322	SOCI 1301
BSN course	BIOL 1322	CHEM 1405 or 1411	MATH 1314 or 1332	Math course	6 hours Electives	ENGL 2311
BSN course	SPCH 1315	2 hours Elective	ENGL 2311			3 hours Elective
Subtotal	9	9	9	6	9	9
Total	54	54	54	45	54	54
TVCC ADN Nursing	36	36	36	40 (credit awarded for RN licensure)	36	36
Total	90	90	90	85	90	90
Universities Approving Articulation Agreements	University of Texas at Tyler Texas A & M Commerce	Texas Woman's University University of Houston Western CHEM 1411) Lamar University Texas A & M Commerce	University of Texas at Arlington TVCC's RN-to-BSN Program if approved with elective in place of MATH 1314 or 1332 University Texas A & M Commerce	Galen College of Nursing (36 hours of RN-BSN courses)	Texas Tech University Health Science Center Texas A & M Commerce	TVCC RN-to-BSN



## RN-to-BSN PROGRAM

The RN-to-BSN program at TVCC is a 30-semester credit hour program of upper-division nursing courses for RN graduates of an associate degree nursing program which leads to a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The college will offer this affordable and accessible option for RNs to progress in their nursing education for the first time in fall 2021. This program is offered in a hybrid format with face-to-face and on-line components, and faculty-supervised assignment-based clinical experiences in leadership and community and public health. The program will focus on areas not covered in the ADN program, such as research, community health, and leadership and management. There will be no course substitutions to meet Texas core curriculum requirements.

Courses		Credit Hours
<b>Pre-Requisites</b>		4
BIOL	2401 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL	2402 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL	2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	3
PSYC	2301 General Psychology	3
PSYC	2314 Human Growth & Development	3
ENGL	1301 Composition I	3
ENGL	1302 Composition II	3
GOVT	2305 Federal Government	3
GOVT	2306 Texas Government	3
HIST	1301 United States History I	3
HIST	1302 United States History II	3
MATH	1342 Elementary Statistical Methods	3
	Language/Philosophy/Culture Elective	3
	Creative Arts Elective	3
ENGL	2311 Technical & Business Writing	3
SOCI	1301 Introduction to Sociology	3
	Elective	3
Total General Education Courses		54
Total ADN Nursing Courses		36
Total Lower Division Hours		90
<b>RN-to-BSN Nursing Courses</b>		
<b>Term 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> 8 Weeks</b>		
NURS	3350 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	3
NURS	3301 Health Assessment for the RN	3
Total Hours		6
<b>Term 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Weeks</b>		
NURS	4313 Theoretical Principles of Nursing	3
NURS	4326 Legal & Ethical Considerations in Nursing	3
Total Hours		6
<b>Term 2 - 1<sup>st</sup> 8 Weeks</b>		
NURS	3351 Research & Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS	4355 Community & Public Health	3
NURS	4160 Community & Public Health Clinical	1
Total Hours		7
<b>Term 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Weeks</b>		
NURS	4345 Health Policy & Regulation	3
NURS	4457 Leadership & Management	4
NURS	4161 Leadership & Management Clinical	1
Total Hours		8
Upper division nursing elective (Examples-NURS 3300 Cooperative Education, NURS 3353 Health Informatics, Certification such as CEN, CCRN (Credit for Prior Learning) – the elective can be taken at any time.		3
Total Upper Division Hours		30
Program Total		120

## TVCC RN-TO-BSN PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees by Semester		
Fall Semester (15 HRS)	\$1,355	\$2,354
Spring Semester (15 HRS)	1,355	2,354
Books (NURS courses only)	900	900
RN to BSN Mobility Exam	60	60
TOTAL:	\$3670	\$5,678

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## VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Vocational Nursing Program of Trinity Valley Community College is a one-year, 46 credit hour curriculum leading to a certificate in Vocational Nursing. Graduates will be recommended to the Texas Board of Nursing to be approved to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN®) to qualify as a licensed vocational nurse after all requirements are met.



## VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULA

**VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES:** Before submitting the application the applicant must achieve a score of C or above in one of the two courses to apply; however, BIOL 2404 and PSYC 2314 must be completed before the applicant is eligible to start the VNSG courses.

			Palestine	Terrell
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>				
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development	3	3
BIOL	2404	Anatomy & Physiology (single semester)	4	4
Total Hours			7	7
<b>LEVEL I</b>			<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>
VNSG	1122	Vocational Nursing Concepts	1	1
VNSG	1400	Nursing in Health & Illness I	4	4
VNSG	1472	Nursing Skills I	4	4
VNSG	2473	Nursing Skills II	4	4
VNSG	1160	Clinical I	1	1
VNSG	1231	Pharmacology	2	2
Total Hours			16	16
<b>LEVEL II</b>			<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Summer Semester</b>
VNSG	1409	Nursing in Health & Illness II	4	4
VNSG	1230	Maternal/Neonatal	2	2
VNSG	1234	Pediatrics	2	2
VNSG	1461	Clinical IIA (Palestine)	4	2
	or	or		
VNSG	1261	Clinical IIB (Terrell)		
VNSG	2214	Applied Nursing Skills III (Palestine)	2	
Total Hours			14	10
<b>LEVEL III</b>			<b>Summer Semester</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>
VNSG	2510	Nursing in Health & Illness III	5	5
VNSG	1119	Professional Development	1	1
VNSG	1126	Gerontology	1	1
VNSG	2214	Applied Nursing Skills III (Terrell)		2
VNSG	1262	Clinical IIIA (Palestine)	2	4
	or			
VNSG	1462	Clinical IIIB (Terrell)		
Total Hours			9	13
Grand Total			46	46

BIOL 2401 and 2402 may substitute for BIOL 2404. Both courses must be completed to substitute. For example, BIOL 2401 by itself will not substitute for 2404.

Selected classroom and clinical courses must be passed concurrently in order to progress to the next semester. Concurrent courses are outlined in the college catalog.

TVCC has not made a determination if the programs' curricula meet the state educational requirements for professional licensure for any of the other 49 states. If a student or potential student is interested to see if the curriculum meets the state educational requirements for professional licensure in another state, please contact the TVCC Health Science Center AVP.

### SCHEDULE

The Vocational Nursing Program in Palestine begins each August. The Vocational Nursing Program in Terrell begins each January. Classes are conducted Monday through Friday approximately six – eight hours per day. Some clinicals may be 12 hours. Clinical experiences for the Palestine program are offered in Palestine and Athens. Clinical rotations for the Terrell program are in Forney, Wills Point, Terrell, Kaufman, or Athens. Transportation to these locations is the responsibility of the student. The Vocational Nursing Programs are approved by the Texas Board of Nursing.

### OTHER

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### VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees by Semester*</b>		
General Education Courses (7 hours)	\$651	\$1,183
Level I (16 hours)		
Palestine:	2,258	3, 257
Terrell:	2,289	3,288
Level II - Palestine: (14 hours)	1,995	2,994
Terrell HSC: (10 hours)	1,609	2,369
Level III - Palestine: (9 hours)	1,508	2,192
Terrell HSC: (13 hours)	1,908	2,896
Books, Handbook & Syllabi (nursing courses only)	605	605
Skills lab kit	110	110
Uniforms (2)	85	85
Scrubs for Lab	60	60
Shoes (black)	70	70
Bandage Scissors	15	15
Stethoscope	40	40
Lab Coat	30	30
Watch with second hand	40	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	300	300
Blood pressure cuff (Palestine only)	30	30
Nursing Pin	48	48
Texas BON Application for Licensure	75	75
Registration for NCLEX-PN	200	200
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	69	69
Fingerprint Fee	45	45
Patches	15	15
Name Badge	15	15
Class photos	40	40
General Class Fund (Palestine only)	20	20
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expenses	150	150
<b>TOTAL: (Palestine)</b>	<b>\$8,474</b>	<b>\$11,688</b>
<b>TOTAL: (Terrell)</b>	<b>\$8,519</b>	<b>\$11,798</b>

\*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, diagnostic test fees, drug testing and lab fees)

\*\*Vocational Nursing Courses only. Books for general education courses will be an additional expense.

## SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Surgical technologists are allied health professionals who are an integral part of the team of medical practitioners providing surgical care to patients in a variety of settings.

The surgical technologist works under medical supervision to facilitate the safe and effective conduct of invasive surgical procedures. This individual works under the supervision of a surgeon to ensure that the operating room or environment is safe, that equipment functions properly, and that the operative procedure is conducted under conditions that maximize patient safety.

A surgical technologist possesses expertise in the theory and application of sterile and aseptic technique and combines the knowledge of human anatomy, surgical procedures, and implementation tools and technologies to facilitate a physician's performance of invasive therapeutic and diagnostic procedures.

Graduates will take the National Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologists to qualify as a Certified Surgical

Technologist (CST). The TVCC Surgical Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology.

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### SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CURRICULUM ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Courses			Credit Hours
<b>FIRST YEAR - Summer Semester</b>			
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology	4
PSYC	1300	Learning Frameworks I*	3
Total Hours			7
<b>FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester</b>			
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4
MDCA	1313	Medical Terminology	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition I*	3
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development*	3
Total Hours			13
<b>FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester</b>			
BIOL	2420	Microbiology for Non-science Majors	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
BCIS	1305	Business Computer Applications	3
		Language, Culture, Philosophy or Creative Arts**	3
Total Hours			13
<b>SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester</b>			
SRGT	1405	Introduction to Surgical Technology	4
SRGT	1409	Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts & Techniques	4
SRGT	1260	Clinical I	2
		Electives	1
Total Hours			11
<b>SECOND YEAR - Spring Semester</b>			
SRGT	1441	Surgical Procedures I	4
SRGT	1442	Surgical Procedures II	4
SRGT	2461	Clinical II	4
SRGT	2461	Clinical III	4
Total Hours			16
Grand Total Hours for AAS			60

\* Must have four of the five marked prerequisites before starting SRGT courses - PSYC 2301 may be used as a prerequisite instead of 2314 but both are required for the AAS degree. The fifth prerequisite must be taken concurrently with the fall surgical technology courses if not already completed.

\*\* Choose from one of the following courses: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; HUMA 1301; PHIL 2306; SPAN 2311, 2312; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2366; MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310.

### SCHEDULE

Surgical Technology classes begin each fall at the Health Science Center in Terrell, and last nine months. The tentative schedule for the Surgical Technology classes is:

Fall Semester	First Seven Weeks	T/W/Th	8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Last Nine Weeks	W	8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
		M/T or Th/F	7 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Spring Semester	Class	Monday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
	Clinical	T/W/Th/F	7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

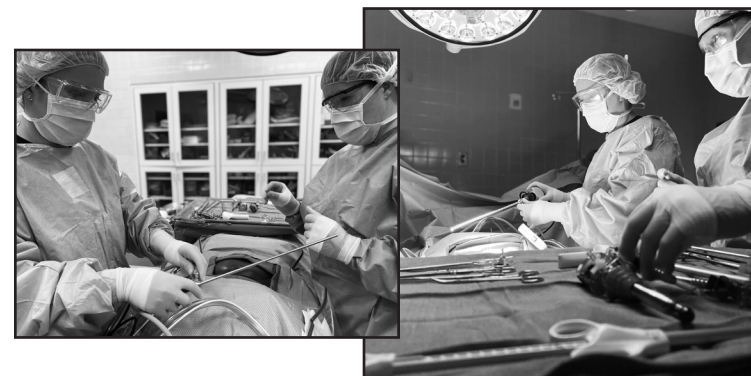
Clinical experiences may be provided in Terrell, Kaufman, Athens, Palestine, Greenville, Rockwall, Rowlett, Ennis, Sunnyvale, and Corsicana. Clinical sites are rotated to give the students a variety of experiences. The students must provide their own transportation to these areas.

### SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees by Semester*		
Prerequisites (7 HRS)	\$651	1,183
FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester (13 HRS)	\$1,179	2,167
FIRST YEAR – Spring Semester (13 HRS)	\$1,179	2,167
SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester (11 HRS)	\$1,150	1,986
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester (16 HRS)	\$1,775	2,774
Books & Syllabi (SGT courses only)**	\$200	\$200
Scrubs	\$60	\$60
Shoes (white)	\$70	\$70
Lab Coat	\$30	\$30
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	\$290	\$290
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	\$69	\$69
Surgical Technology Apps	\$20	\$20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6,673</b>	<b>\$11,016</b>

\*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, drug screen, AST membership, CST Exam & diagnostic test)

\*\*Surgical Technology Courses only. Books for general education courses will be an additional expense. Monies should also be budgeted for other items such as gas, photocopies, etc.



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM



The Emergency Medical Services Program at Trinity Valley Community College consists of two options. One is a 60-credit hour curriculum leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services. This curriculum consists of 38 credit hours of emergency medical services courses and 22 credit hours of general education courses. The second option is a 40-credit hour certificate program including Learning Frameworks and the emergency medical services courses, leading to a Certificate of Completion in Emergency Medical Services. There are two exit points in both curricula at which times students will be recommended to the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) to take the appropriate certification examinations, the EMT and the Paramedic level. EMS graduates who have completed the EMS AAS degree and meet TDSHS requirements can become licensed Paramedics for an additional fee. Upon entry into the field, graduates of both options will be able to provide safe, competent care for patients in both field and hospital settings.

Graduates will take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Exam to qualify as a certified or licensed paramedic. The TVCC Emergency Medical Services program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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### PROGRAM GOAL

To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with an exit point at the Emergency Medical Technician level.

### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (CPL)

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is available to students who took EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic courses through continuing education or a non-college-based program. Credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has met the CPL requirements including submission of the form and accompanying documentation and paid the credit for prior learning fee of \$10 per semester credit hour (max. \$150). Students interested in receiving advanced placement credit for EMT, or Paramedic courses should contact the Health Science Center advisor for more information.

## EMS PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Courses			AAS Degree Credit Hours	Certificate Credit Hours
FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester				
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	
PSYC	1300	Learning Frameworks	3	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition 1*	3	
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development*	3	
Total Hours			13	3
FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester				
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	
EMSP	1501	Emergency Medical Technology - Basic	5	5
EMSP	1160	EMT Clinical I	1	1
Language, Culture, Philosophy or Creative Arts Elective			3	
Total Hours			16	6
FIRST YEAR - Summer Semester				
EMSP	1338	Introduction to Advanced Practice	3	3
EMSP	1356	Patient Assessment & Airway Management	3	3
EMSP	1261	Paramedic Clinical I	2	2
Total Hours			8	8
SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester				
EMSP	1355	Trauma Management	3	3
EMSP	2444	Cardiology	4	4
EMSP	2461	Paramedic Clinical II	4	4
Total Hours			11	11
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester				
EMSP	2434	Medical Emergencies	4	4
EMSP	2330	Special Populations	3	3
EMSP	2462	Paramedic Clinical III	4	4
EMSP	2143	Assessment Based Management	1	1
Grand Total Hours			60	40

\* Choose from one of the following courses: ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, 2333; HUMA 1301; PHIL 2306; SPAN 2311, 2312; ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DRAM 1310, 2366; MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310.

Students who have completed PSYC 1300, EMSP 1501 & 1160 will receive an EMT Occupational Skills certificate.

It is highly recommended that the AAS students take the general education courses prior to or concurrently with the EMS courses as outlined in the AAS curriculum plan listed above. The Anatomy & Physiology courses should be taken before enrolling in the paramedic courses.

### SCHEDULES

Consult the schedule to confirm that a certain course is offered during any given semester. The tentative schedule is as follows: EMT courses on the Athens and Terrell HSC campuses in the evening, either in the fall and/or spring semesters. Paramedic courses will be offered in a hybrid format with the didactic portions online and skills labs alternating between the Athens, Palestine, and Terrell Health Science Center campuses. Students attend Thursday labs once every other week.

### EMT

Approximately eight hours of lecture/skills per week as well as a total of 24 hours in the Emergency Department and 36 hours with at least three valid emergency runs with approved ambulance departments. There may be additional class/skills times on Saturdays to meet the course requirements.



Clinical experiences may be provided in Palestine, Athens, Kaufman, Rowlett, Sunnyvale, and Canton. Clinicals are rotated to give the students a variety of clinical experiences. Students must provide their own transportation to the clinical sites. Students must be prepared for both day and evening rotations. The student must complete the clinical requirements during the semester. Students will be required to do additional clinical shifts if they have not met the minimum number of required skills or team leads.

#### OTHER

Canvas is used to enhance the EMS courses to students must have computer and Internet access.

The initial fee for the National Registry Paramedic exam is included in lab fees for the last semester. Any fees for subsequent exams are the graduate's responsibility.

Any EMS student with a question as to whether he/she would be eligible for certification/licensure due to an issue with a criminal history should complete the TDSHS Petition for EMS Criminal History Pre-Screening form found at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/formsresources.shtml#Compliant>.

#### PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	AAS PATHWAY	CERTIFICATE PATHWAY
Tuition & Fees by Semester*		
FIRST YEAR - Fall semester IN-DISTRICT	(13 HRS) \$1,179	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,167	
FIRST YEAR - Spring semester IN-DISTRICT	(16 HRS) 1,562	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,561	
FIRST YEAR - Fall or Spring semesters IN-DISTRICT		(9 HRS) \$ 911
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1,595
FIRST YEAR - Summer semesters IN-DISTRICT	(8 HRS) \$ 3,204	(8 HRS) \$ 3,204
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	3,812	3,812
SECOND YEAR - Fall semester IN-DISTRICT	(11 HRS) 3,468	(11 HRS) 3,468
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	4,304	4,304
SECOND YEAR - Spring semester) IN-DISTRICT	(12 HRS) 3,556	(12 HRS) 3,556
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	4,468	4,468
Books & Syllabi (EMSP 1501)	950	950
Watch with second hand	40	40
Stethoscope	40	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	300	300
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	69	69
Uniform	60	60
Patches	5	5
TX HHS State Fees (EMT Basic Level I	64	64
TX HHS State Fee (Paramedic Level)	126	96
National Registry Fee (EMT Basic Level)	80	80
National Registry Skills Testing Fee	275	275
Fingerprinting Fee for TDSHS	40	40
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT	\$14,818	\$13,158
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT	\$19,361	\$16,198

\*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, drug testing, diagnostic test, and paramedic national registry fee)

\*\*EMS Courses only. Books for general education courses will be an additional expense.

Currently certified paramedics wishing to obtain their associate degree should follow these steps:

1. Obtain Credit for Paramedic classes
  - A. If you graduated with your paramedic certificate from TVCC, go to step 2.
  - B. If you graduated with your paramedic certificate from another accredited college, see the Health Occupations advisor to complete the course substitution form.
  - C. If you completed your paramedic program from a non-accredited program, see the Health Occupations advisor to complete a "Credit for Prior Learning" form and pay the \$150 articulation fee.
2. Complete the seven general education courses – 23 semester credit hours.
  - A. At least 15 credit hours MUST be completed at TVCC. This is an accreditation rule – completing 25% of the degree at the degree-granting institution.
  - B. If you have completed any of these courses at another accredited institution, submit an official transcript to the registrar's office.
  - C. All of these can be taken on campus or on-line at TVCC.
  - D. The courses are:
    - 1) ENGL 1301 – English Composition 1
    - 2) PSYC 1300 – Learning Frameworks (Can substitute PSYC 2301 – General Psychology)
    - 3) PSYC 2314 – Human Growth & Development
    - 4) BIOL 2401 – Anatomy & Physiology I
    - 5) BIOL 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology II
    - 6) Language/philosophy/culture or Creative Arts elective (1 of these HUMA 1301, PHIL 2306, SPAN 2311, ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, DRAM 1310, 2366, MUSI 1306, 1307, 1310)
    - 7) Elective – any 3 hours
3. Apply for graduation by the deadline during the semester when all of the forms/courses will be completed.

Contact the health occupations advisor for more assistance.





## PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This certificate program is designed to educate and train individuals to function as nursing support personnel who are above the level of a nursing assistant but below the level requiring licensure. The major focus is the role of the PCT in the hospital setting. The student will be trained to support the nursing staff by performing duties that may be safely and legally delegated. Included in the courses are the role and scope of practice of the PCT, cross training in basic health care skills, ethical and legal concepts, and alterations in various body systems. Also covered are principles of infection control, safety, activities of daily living, vital signs, professionalism, meeting nutrition and elimination needs, providing skin care, communication skills (written and verbal), and consideration of growth and development and grief and loss concepts. Lecture and skills laboratory practice and evaluation are used to prepare the student to meet the objectives. Skills such as tube feedings, Foley catheter insertion, collection of specimens, enemas, colostomy care, sterile dressing changes, oxygen therapy, pulse oximetry, obtaining an EKG, basic phlebotomy skills, monitoring telemetry skills, and blood glucose monitoring are included. Clinical experiences are provided to give the student the opportunity to administer basic nursing care and practice selected skills for patients in all age groups. Graduates of the PCT program are eligible to take the national exam to become a Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT).

### PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

Courses			Credit Hours
Fall or Spring Semester (One semester only)			
NURA	1401	Nurse Aide for Health Care	4
NURA	1307	Body Systems	3
HPRS	1105	Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals	1
HPRS	1106	Essentials of Medical Terminology	1
NUPC	1320	Patient Care Technician/Assistant	3
NUPC	1164	Practicum - Patient Care Technology	1
ECRD	1111	Electrocardiography	1
MDCA	1210	Medical Assistant Interpersonal & Communication Skills	2
Total Hours			16

### SCHEDULE

The PCT program is offered during both the fall and spring semesters. The courses require 37 hours per week in class, skills and clinical (usually four days with one day of assignments that can be done at home). Call the Health Science Center or check the current schedule for the specific days of the week that the course will be offered for the next semester. Class days begin at 8 a.m. Clinical days begin at 6:45 a.m. Class/skills will be at the Health Science Center in Terrell. Clinical sites may be in Kaufman, Terrell, Forney, or Athens. Students must provide their own transportation to the clinical site.

### PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	Expenses
Tuition & Fees by Semester*	
Fall or Spring Semesters (16 hours) IN-DISTRICT	\$1,408
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2,407
Lab Fees (including liability insurance & drug testing)	265
Books & Syllabi	100
Uniform	80
Shoes (white)	70
Stethoscope	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	300
CPR course (estimate)	50
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	69
Nurse Aide Examination Fee (if needed)	105
National PCT Certification (OPTIONAL) (ncctinc.com) (within 6 months after graduation) \$155 fee + \$69 review book & practice test)	
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT	\$2,487
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT	\$3,486

\*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, and drug testing)

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM



Pharmacy technicians work under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist and perform many pharmacy related functions. They refer any questions regarding prescriptions, drug information or health matters to the pharmacist. They provide customer service and fill prescriptions, compound medications, computer information and manage operations, as well as many other tasks. Pharmacy technicians are employed in community retail pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, independent pharmacies), hospital pharmacies – in-patient and out-patient, long term care facilities, infusion clinics, hospice, compounding pharmacies, correctional facilities and educational and training institutions.

The pharmacy technician training program conducted by Trinity Valley Community College in Athens and Terrell Health Science Center; Texas is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM CURRICULUM CERTIFICATE

Courses			Credit Hours
FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester			
PHRA	1201	Introduction to Pharmacy	2
PHRA	1202	Pharmacy Law	2
PHRA	1305	Drug Classification	3
PHRA	1309	Pharmaceutical Mathematics	3
PHRA	1313	Community Pharmacy Practice	3
PHRA	1349	Institutional Pharmacy Practice	3
Total Hours			16
FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester			
PHRA	1243	Pharmacy Technician Certification Review	2
PHRA	1345	Compounding Sterile Preparation	3
PHRA	1441	Pharmacy Drug Therapy and Treatment	4
PHRA	1360	Clinical - Pharmacy Technician/Asst.	3
Total Hours			12
Grand Total Hours			28

Students who have completed MDCA 1313 – Medical Terminology or NURA 1307 – Body Systems or equivalent (BIOL 2404 or BIOL 2401 & 2402) will receive a point for selection. Completion is encouraged but not mandatory.

## PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM CURRICULUM ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

Pharmacy Technician students who complete all the courses for the pharmacy technician certificate may earn an associate of applied science degree by completing the following general education courses.

Courses			Credit Hours
SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester			
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology	4
PSYC	1300	Learning Framework	3
ENGL	1301	Composition I	3
		Language/Culture/Philosophy or Creative Arts Elective	3
SPCH	1311	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
OR	OR	OR	
SPCH	1315	Public Speaking	
Total Hours			16
SECOND YEAR - Spring Semester			
BMGT	1327	Principles of Management	3
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
		Elective from TVCC's Core Curriculum	3
		Elective from TVCC's Core Curriculum	3
Total Hours			16
Grand Total Hours for the AAS Degree			60

### SCHEDULE

The Pharmacy Technician classes begin each fall on the Athens and Terrell HSC campuses and last nine months. The classes are offered in a hybrid format with labs on campus from 8 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. In the spring semester, classes/labs are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and clinicals at an experiential site will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 7.5 hours a day. Effort will be made to place students in clinicals based on where they live. Clinical sites are rotated to give students a variety of experiences. The student must provide their own transportation to these areas. Students will earn a certificate and sit for the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Board Exam during the week of spring finals.

### PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees by Semester		
Fall Semester ( 16 hours )	\$1,408	\$2,407
Spring Semester ( 12 hours )	1,056	1,968
Fall Lab Fees include skills lab fees and drug screen	252	252
Spring Lab Fees include liability insurance, sterile compounding certification fee, practice certification exam and PCTB certification fee	446	446
Books (PHRA courses only*)	620	620
Scrubs	60	60
Immunization/TB test	200	200
Fingerprint fee for Texas State Board of	40	40
Pharmacy		
Application fee for Texas State Board of Pharmacy Trainee License	60	60
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	69	69
TOTAL:	\$4,211	\$6,122

\*Pharmacy Technician courses only. Tuition, fees, and books for the AAS general education courses will be an additional expense. Monies should also be budgeted for other items such as gas, photocopies, etc.

### PARTNERSHIP

Trinity Valley Community College has proudly partnered with the top pharmacy software, PioneerRx, to provide a hands-on learning experience for our students. Learn more at [www.pioneerRx.com](http://www.pioneerRx.com) and see how PioneerRx compares to other software providers at [www.pharmacysoftwarereviews.com](http://www.pharmacysoftwarereviews.com).

## CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTING PROGRAM

The Clinical Medical Assistant Program is a 18-19 credit hour certificate program, which provides training to individuals who support physicians, medical professionals, and medical programs. A clinical medical assistant works with both direct patient care (back office) and in medical administrative support (front office) positions. Students who complete this program will be eligible to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) exam, which is a nationally recognized industry certification from the National Healthcareers Association (out-patient care and medical front office skills). During this program, students can take the courses to qualify to take the exam to become a Texas Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), a Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) or a Certified EKG Technician (CET). CCMA, CPT, and CET are nationally recognized industry certifications for the National Healthcareers Association. All courses in the Clinical Medical Assistant certificate are available for ISDs to provide as dual credit and can be scheduled for completion while in high school. Fast Track CNA (Nurse Aide) and CPT (phlebotomy certification) are available as non-credit training with the TVCC Continuing & Workforce Education Department, and the earned certifications can be used for employment as well as articulated into the credit Medical/Nursing Assistant Program for college credit.

### CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Costs may vary depending on elective course taken, number of courses taken each semester and certification exams included.

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees by Semester		
First Semester (11 credit hours)	\$968	\$1,804
Second Semester (8 credit hours)	704	1,312
First Semester Lab Fees include skills lab fees and drug screen	203	203
Second Semester Lab Fees include skills lab fees and liability insurance	157	157
Books	775	775
Scrubs	60	60
Immunization/TB test	200	200
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	69	69
Certified Nurse Aide Exam Fee	105	105
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Exam Fee	155	155
CCMA Study Guide & Practice Test	100	100
Certified Phlebotomy Technician Exam Fee	117	117
CPT Study Guide & Practice Test	100	100
Certified EKG Technician Exam Fee	117	117
CET Study Guide & Practice Test	100	100
TOTAL:	\$3,930	\$5,374

### SCHEDULE

Students can register for any clinical medical assistant course during the regular college registration periods on a first-come, first-served basis. The times for the classes will be noted on the schedule. Students can take these courses on a full-time or part-time basis. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid by the posted deadlines. Students can start in the fall or spring semester.

### CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM CURRICULUM CERTIFICATE

		Courses	Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER			
HPRS	1105	Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Care	1
NURA	1307	Body Systems	3
MDCA	1348	Pharmacology & Administration of Medications	3
MDCA	1452	Medical Assistant Laboratory Procedures	4
OR			
PLAB	1323	Phlebotomy	3
Total Hours			10-11
SECOND SEMESTER			
MDCA	1317	Procedures in a Clinical Setting	3
MDCA	1160	Clinical – Medical/Clinical Assistant	1
MDCA	1254	Medical Assisting Credentialing Exam Review	2
Electives (from approved elective list)			2
Total Hours			8
Grand Total Hours			17-18
APPROVED ELECTIVES			
NURA	1401	Nurse Aide for Health Care	4
NURA	1160	Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide	1
MDCA	1321	Administrative Procedures	3
MDCA	1313	Medical Terminology	3
ECRD	1211	Electrocardiography	2
PLAB	1171	Phlebotomy Lab	1

#### NOTES:

HPRS 1105/NURA 1407 should be taken prior to or with MDCA 1317, 1348 or 1452.

MDCA 1160 and MDCA 1254 should be taken concurrently.

MDCA 1317 and MDCA 1452 or PLAB 1321 should be taken prior to MDCA 1160.

NURA 1401 & 1160 should be taken concurrently.

PLAB 1323 is a pre-requisite for PLAB 1171.

#### FOR THOSE TRANSITIONING FROM PREVIOUS CURRICULUM:

HITT 1249 will substitute for MDCA 1348.

MDCA 1417 will substitute for MDCA 1317.

HPRS 1205 will substitute for HPRS 1105.

POFM 1317 will substitute for MDCA 1321.

PLAB 1164 or PLAB 1191 will substitute for PLAB 1171.

MDCA 1360 will substitute for MDCA 1160 and MDCA 1254.

#### CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

A student may receive credit for prior learning if they have earned a relevant certification, including Nurse Aide Certification from TDSHS (CNA), Medication Aide Certification from TDSHS (MA), Phlebotomy Technician from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists or Certified Phlebotomy Technician from National Health Careers Association. See the current catalog for more information.

### OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AWARD

Students who complete any of the following sets of courses will receive the appropriate occupational skills award.

Nurse Aide Occupational Skills Award			Credit Hours
NURA	1401	Nurse Aide for Health Care	4
NURA	1160	Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide	1
HPRS	1105	Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Care	1
NURA	1307	Body Systems	3
Total Hours			9

Phlebotomy Occupational Skills Award			Credit Hours
HPRS	1105	Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Care	1
NURA	1307	Body Systems	3
PLAB	1323	Phlebotomy	3
PLAB	1171	Phlebotomy Lab4	1
		CMA Program Elective	1
		Total Hours	9

EKG Skills Award			Credit Hours
HPRS	1105	Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Care	1
NURA	1307	Body Systems	3
MDCA	1317	Procedures in a Clinical Setting	3
ECRD	1211	Electrocardiography	2
Total Hours			9





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