



TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

2017 – 2018

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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 SELECTED ADMISSION FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN), ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING TRANSITION (ADN TRANSITION), SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY (SGT) AND VOCATIONAL NURSING (VN)

1. ADMISSION TO TVCC*

Apply online at ApplyTexas.org or download the admission application from the main TVCC website. This is one of two applications that must be completed to apply for these programs. 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 December 1, 2017.

For VN Kaufman, the application to the college must be completed before August 15, 2018.

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

2. ADMISSION TO TVCC ADN, SGT & VN PROGRAMS

For ADN, ADN Transition, SGT and VN Palestine, complete the health occupations program application online in the Cardinal Connection accessed from the main TVCC website at www.tvcc.edu between September 15, 2017 and December 1, 2017. 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 VN Kaufman, complete the health occupations program application on Cardinal Connection between April 1, 2018 and August 15, 2018.

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 counselor within 24 hours.

Applicants for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT or VN Palestine should submit official transcripts of courses taken in the fall of 2017 to the registrar's office and send an unofficial copy of fall 2017 transcripts to the HSC counselor at 800 Ed Hall Drive, Kaufman, TX 75142 before January 31, 2018. VN Kaufman applicants should submit official transcript of courses taken in the summer of 2018 to the HSC counselor before September 15, 2018.

3. TSI COMPLETE

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 2017 semester (deadline of December 31, 2017) for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT, and VN Palestine or by the end of the summer 2018 semester for VN Kaufman.

See 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. Send proof to the HSC Counselor at 800 Ed Hall Drive, Kaufman, TX 75142 by the application deadline of December 1, 2017 for VN Palestine or August 15, 2018 for VN Kaufman.

5. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To be eligible for selections, international students must send a letter from TVCC's vice president for student services to the HSC Counselor at 800 Ed Hall Drive, Kaufman, TX 75142 stating they are cleared to attend TVCC by December 1 for ADN, ADN Transition, SGT or VN Palestine or by August 15 for VN Kaufman.

6. ADMISSION TESTING

To be eligible for selections, students must have successfully passed the HESI Admission Assessment (Reading $\geq 79\%$; Math $\geq 75\%$; Grammar $\geq 75\%$) before completing the online application to the program.

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 counselor in Kaufman.

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 Center. In 2017 – 2018, the test will cost \$55. 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 website and mailed or submitted in person to the Testing Center in Athens or the counseling offices at the other TVCC campuses.

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 re-testing 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 2017 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 they are applying for by the end of the semester that the application is submitted:

PROGRAM	PREREQUISITES FOR APPLICATION
ADN	BIOL 2401 & PSYC 2301
LVN-TO-ADN & PARAMEDIC-TO-ADN TRANSITION	BIOL 2401 & PSYC 2301
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

8. PREREQUISITES FOR STARTING THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS CORE COURSES

To be eligible to start the health occupations core courses (RNSG, SRGT, VNSG), students must have successfully complete the required general education courses:

PROGRAM	PRE-REQUISITES FOR APPLICATION
ADN	BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 & PSYC 2301
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

9. LICENSURE AND EXPERIENCE

Applicants for the LVN-to-ADN Transition Program must be currently licensed to practice in Texas as a 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.

10. 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 nursing students, must apply to the college, submit a letter to the Health Science Center provost 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 HSC provost at 972-932-5720 for more information.

11. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ADN PROGRAM - High school students who graduated in 2017 should meet with the HSC counselor to make plans to take the seven general education courses during the 2017-18 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2018 for the fall 2018 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 2018 should meet with the HSC counselor to make plans to take the seven general education courses during the 2018-2019 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2019 for the fall 2019 program. The same point system is used.

PALESTINE VN PROGRAM - High school students enrolled in a health science program who will graduate in 2018 should meet with their high school counselor to make plans to take the two general education courses during the 2017-2018 year. There will be a separate application period for those students. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to May 26, 2018 for the fall 2018 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.

KAUFMAN VN PROGRAM – High school students enrolled in a health science program who will graduate in 2018 should meet with their high school counselor 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, 2018 for the spring 2019 program. Applicants should notify the HSC counselor that they are applying for the spaces reserved for high school students. 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. If the students are not selected for the reserved high school spaces (either program), they may be considered for other open positions using the regular point system.

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 counselor. 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. For the fall semester, late applications will be accepted May 15-26, 2018.

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. 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 number of general education courses for the selected health occupations program that the student is currently enrolled in. In case of further ties, random selection will be used.

These criteria will first be implemented in spring 2018, so there is no historical data for the number of points needed for selections. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the HSC counselor to determine how to maximize their points.

4. POINT SYSTEM FOR SELECTION

A point will be awarded for each of the following courses:

PROGRAM	PRE-REQUISITES FOR APPLICATION
ADN & LVN-TO-ADN & PARAMEDIC-TO-ADN TRANSITION	ADN Courses: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301, 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	Certificate Courses: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, ENGL 1301, MDCA 1313, PSYC 1300, PSYC 2314 AAS Courses: PSYC 2301, BIOL 2420, PSYC 1301, & Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts

Additional points will be assigned according to the following:

Criteria	Generic ADN Kaufman & Athens	LVN-to-ADN Transition or Paramedic-to-ADN Transition Kaufman & Athens	Vocational Nursing Palestine & Kaufman	Surgical Technology Kaufman
Cumulative GPA (all colleges)	$\geq 3.5 = 4$ $\geq 3.0 = 2$	$\geq 3.5 = 4$ $\geq 3.0 = 2$	$\geq 3.5 = 4$ $\geq 3.0 = 2$	$\geq 3.5 = 4$ $\geq 3.0 = 2$
Qualifying HESI A ² Reading	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$
Qualifying HESI A ² Grammar	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$	$\geq 90 = 8$ $\geq 80 = 4$
Highest A&P I Grade	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	A = 8 B = 4
Grade on 1 st A&P I (W's count as 1 st attempt)	$\geq C = 4$	$\geq C = 4$	$\geq C = 4$	$\geq C = 4$
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 points 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 = 4	Completion of VN or Paramedic = 4	Completion of PCT, SGT, EMT, or Medical Assisting = 4	Completion of PCT, EMT, or Medical Assisting = 4
Max # Points	72	72	58	65

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 Kaufman	By October 15th

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 don't 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 counselor in Kaufman 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 in order 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 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 SELECTED ADMISSION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT), PARAMEDIC AND PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY (PCT)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

1. TSI TESTING

Students who are enrolled in the Associate of Applied Science EMS Degree need to test before enrolling and meet Texas Success Initiative (TSI) guidelines before graduation. Students should see www.tvcc.edu/testing, click on "TSI Assessment for New Students" for details about current TSI exemptions and requirements. EMS AAS students will be required to meet TSI requirements for reading in order to be able to enroll in any of the EMT Paramedic level courses.

Students who are enrolled in the Certificate of Completion EMS program are waived from the TSI requirements for the first semester EMT courses only. EMS Certificate students will be required to meet TSI requirements for reading in order to be able to enroll in any of the subsequent semesters. EMT students will be advised to take the TSI exam during the first semester. EMS Certificate students will not be required to meet TSI requirements for math and writing. They will not be allowed to enroll in any other college level courses besides the EMS courses listed in the certificate curriculum.

2. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH 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.

4. REGISTRATION

Registration for EMSP courses is on a first-come, first-served basis during the regular college online preregistration and registration periods according to the published registration schedule. 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 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. Upon completion of the second semester EMS courses, the student will complete an application to the paramedic program, signifying intent to complete the entire program.

PATIENT CARE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

1. TSI TESTING

TSI Testing is not required for the PCT Program. Students who have not taken a reading/math assessment test such as the TSI exam will be advised to take the TSI exam during the PCT the courses. Those who do not have an equivalent of Level I proficiency on the Reading and Math sections of the TSI exam will be advised to take appropriate developmental studies courses at TVCC.

2. REGISTRATION

Students need to preregister for the PCT program. Students will preregister at the Health Science Center in Kaufman for the PCT courses (16 semester credit hours). The day of preregistration will start with an orientation at 8 a.m. Eligible students present at 8 a.m. will be registered for PCT classes. If there are more applicants than available spaces, students will be selected using a random selection process. Only those present at 8 a.m. will be eligible to preregister unless spaces remain after all students have been registered. If there are more students than available spaces, an alternate list will be kept until the semester begins. This preregistration will take place in May or June for the fall and in November for the spring. For the exact dates of registration in May/June and November, check the TVCC website at www.tvcc.edu/healthsciences. Students who are interested in the PCT program after the orientation date should contact the HSC counselor.

To be eligible to preregister the applicant must have applied to TVCC and completed one dose of the hepatitis B vaccine or have a blood test verifying immunity to hepatitis B before May 15 for the fall semester and before October 1 for the spring semester. The student must bring proof of the hepatitis B vaccine or a blood test verifying immunity to hepatitis B to the HSC to register.

3. PREREQUISITE COURSES

There are no prerequisite courses for the PCT program. Students who are not certified as a nurse aide at the beginning of the program will have an opportunity during the semester to take the state certifying examination for an additional fee.

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 HSC counselor (972-932-5721 or jballom@tvcc.edu) or the Health Science Center provost.

Students who don't 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.

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:

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.

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 a completed scholarship application before the designated deadlines to the HSC Provost, TVCC, 800 Ed Hall Drive, Kaufman, TX 75142.

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 health occupations courses (except for 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.

Prior to starting clinical rotations for any health occupations program, the student must have a current BLS Provider certification from the American Heart Association, provide a completed physical exam, negative TB skin test or blood 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 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, under miscellaneous/forms. Immunizations are available from the local public health department at a nominal cost. Students will be given instructions during orientation on how to submit documents electronically to an online

document manager profile through CastleBranch. 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.

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 three hepatitis B vaccines or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus prior to the start of direct patient care. 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 must be completed prior to patient contact.
5. **INFLUENZA (Immunization)**
All students must have the current flu shot by November 1 of each year or prior to 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 From Vaccine Form.

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.

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 Texas Board of Nursing and fully accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Rd., NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326 - Telephone number: 404-975-5000).

SCHEDULE

The ADN Generic pathway begins each fall semester at the Health Science Center in Kaufman. 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, 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 few weeks of the program may involve weekday and weekend rotations as well as day, evening or night rotations for students in both programs.

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

Students will need a laptop or iPad with reliable battery power (less than three years old) for computerized testing during the program. Student for whom this is a financial burden must notify the HSC provost to petition to use one of the school's computers for testing.

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

Students must demonstrate computer literacy. Options for meeting this requirement will be given at orientation.

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

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 NCLEX-RN. The Texas Board of Nursing can be reached at 512-305-7400. The application for a declaratory order can be downloaded from the BON website at www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp. 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 HESI throughout the program. If the designated passing score is not achieved, the student must complete required remediation. Achievement of the required score is not necessary for progression to Levels II, III or IV, but may be required before graduation. The HESI Exit Exam is used as the final semester examination for Level IV. Students must check their Level IV syllabus to determine what the required score on the HESI Exit Exam is for that semester and the number of attempts allowed in order to achieve that score.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

ADN PREREQUISITE COURSES: BIOL 2401 and PSYC 2301 or PSYC 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.

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

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

		Courses	Credit Hours
FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester			
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
FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester			
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
SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester			
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
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester			
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 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.

Courses		Credit Hours	
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC	2301	General Psychology	3
		Or	
PSYC	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.

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

Courses		Credit Hours	
FIRST YEAR - Summer Semester			
RNSG	1118	Professional Nursing Competencies	1
RNSG	1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	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
FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester			
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
FIRST YEAR – Spring Semester			
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.

RN-TO-BSN CURRICULUM

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 - 2014 Core Curriculum

Area	CABNET Agreement Plan A	CABNET Agreement Plan B	CABNET Agreement Plan C	CABNET Agreement Plan D
Standardized Courses				
Anatomy & Physiology	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402	BIOL 2401 & 2402
Microbiology	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420	BIOL 2420
General Psychology	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301	PSYC 2301
Human Growth & Development	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314	PSYC 2314
English	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
Creative Arts	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	
History	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302	HIST 1301 & 1302
Math Statistics	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342	MATH 1342
Subtotal	45	45	45	39
Individualized Courses				
BSN course	SOCI 1301	BIOL 1322	SOCI 1301	SOCI 1301
BSN course	BIOL 1322	CHEM 1405 or 1411	MATH 1314	Math course
BSN course	SPCH 1315	2 hour Elective	ENGL 2311	
Subtotal	9	9	9	6
Total	54	54	54	45
TVCC ADN Nursing	36	36	36	40 (credit awarded for RN licensure)
Total	90	90	90	85
Universities Approving Articulation Agreements	University of Texas at Tyler	Texas Tech University Health Science Center Texas Woman's University University of Houston Western Governor's University (With CHEM 1411 only) Lamar University	University of Texas at Arlington	Galen College of Nursing (36 hours of RN-BSN courses)

ADN PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	GENERIC PATHWAY	TRANSITION PATHWAYS
Tuition & Fees by Semester*		
Prerequisites IN-DISTRICT	(11 HRS) \$972	(18 HRS) \$1581
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	1775	2895
Level I (12 hours)		
IN-DISTRICT	1299	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2175	
Level II (13 hours)		
IN-DISTRICT	1294	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2243	
Transition Level (6 hours)		837
IN-DISTRICT		
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1275
Level III (12 hours)		
IN-DISTRICT	1245	1245
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2121	2121
Level IV (12 hours)		
IN-DISTRICT	1201	1201
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2077	2077
Books & Syllabi (nursing courses only)**	1700	1650
Skills lab kit	100	100
Uniforms (2)	170	170
Scrubs for Lab	60	60
Shoes (white)	70	70
Bandage Scissors	15	15
Stethoscope	40	40
Lab Coat	30	30
Watch with second hand	40	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	290	290
Miscellaneous Sophomore Expenses***	725	725
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	65	65
Fingerprint Fee	40	40
Patches	15	15
ExamSoft Testing Fee	126	63
Extra HESI Diagnostic Exams (if needed)	110	110
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT	\$9,607	\$8,347
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT	\$13,987	\$11,851

*Tuition & Fees (includes liability insurance, diagnostic test fees, 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)

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Vocational Nursing Program of Trinity Valley Community College is a one-year, 49 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.

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULA

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES: One of the two courses are required before applying. BIOL 2404 must be completed before starting VNSG courses.

			Palestine	Kaufman
PREREQUISITES				
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development	3	3
BIOL	2404	Anatomy & Physiology (single semester)	4	4
Total Hours				
LEVEL I			Fall Semester	Spring Semester
VNSG	1136	Mental Health	1	1
VNSG	1116	Nutrition	1	1
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			18	18
LEVEL II			Spring Semester	Summer Semester
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	3
		Or		
VNSG	1361	Clinical IIB (Kaufman)		
VNSG	2214	Applied Nursing Skills III (Palestine)	2	
Total Hours			14	11
LEVEL III			Summer Semester	Fall Semester
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 (Kaufman)		2
VNSG	1362	Clinical IIIA (Palestine)	3	4
		Or		
VNSG	1462	Clinical IIIB (Kaufman)		
Total Hours			10	13
Grand Total			49	49

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.

SCHEDULE

The Vocational Nursing Program in Palestine begins each August. The Vocational Nursing Program in Kaufman 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 Kaufman program are located in Terrell, Kaufman, or Athens. Transportation to these locations is the responsibility of the student. The Vocational Nursing Programs have full approval from the Texas Board of Nursing.

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	IN-DISTRICT	OUT-OF-DISTRICT
Tuition & Fees by Semester*		
General Education Courses (7 hours)	\$609	\$1120
Level I (18 hours)	1816	2815
Level II - Palestine:	1371	2370
Kaufman:	1090	1893
Level III – Palestine:	1008	1738
Kaufman:	1314	2263
Books, Handbook & Syllabi (nursing courses only)	1150	1150
Skills lab kit	100	100
Uniforms (2)	170	170
Scrubs for Lab	60	60
Shoes (white)	70	70
Bandage Scissors	15	15
Stethoscope	40	40
Lab Coat	30	30
Watch with second hand	40	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	290	290
Blood pressure cuff (Palestine only)	30	30
Nursing Pin	40	40
Texas BON Application for Licensure	100	100
Registration for NCLEX-PN	200	200
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	65	65
Fingerprint Fee	40	40
Patches	15	15
Class photos	40	40
ExamSoft Testing Fee (Kaufman only)	63	63
General Class Fund (Palestine only)	20	20
Miscellaneous Supplies/Expenses	150	150
Review Course and Additional Diagnostic Testing Module (Palestine only)	367	367
TOTAL: (Palestine)	\$7,836	\$11,075
TOTAL: (Kaufman)	\$7,507	\$10,769

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

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) 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**

There are two options for surgical technology students – the ST certificate program and the ST Associate of Applied Science degree program.

Courses			Credit Hours
FIRST YEAR – Summer Semester			
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4
PSYC	1300	Learning Frameworks*	3
			Total Hours
			7
FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester			
BIOL	2402	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4
MDCA	1313	Medical Terminology*	3
ENGL	1301	English Composition 1*	3
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development*	3
			Total Hours
			13
FIRST YEAR – Spring Semester			
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
SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester			
SRGT	1405	Introduction to Surgical Technology	4
SRGT	1409	Fundamentals of Perioperative Concepts & Techniques	4
SRGT	1260	Clinical I	2
		Electives	1
			11
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester			
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.

The Certificate of Completion for Surgical Technology consists of all of the SRGT courses plus the 5 marked general education courses for a total of 43 semester credit hours.

After August 1, 2021, the Surgical Technology Certificate will no longer be offered. All students must apply for the associate of applied science degree.

SCHEDULE

Surgical Technology classes begin each fall at the Health Science Center in Kaufman, 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, Jacksonville, 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

	AAS DEGREE		CERTIFICATE	
Tuition & Fees by Semester*				
Prerequisites				
IN-DISTRICT	(10 HRS)	\$609	(4 HRS)	\$363
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1120		655
FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester				
IN-DISTRICT	(13 HRS)	1101	(13 HRS)	1101
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		2050		2050
FIRST YEAR – Spring Semester				
IN-DISTRICT	(13 HRS)	1101		
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		2050		
SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester				
IN-DISTRICT	(11 HRS)	1069	(10 HRS)	987
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1872		1717
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester				
IN-DISTRICT	(16 HRS)	1594	(16 HRS)	1594
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		2593		2593
Books & Syllabi (SGT courses only)**		750		750
Scrubs		60		60
Shoes (white)		70		70
Lab Coat		30		30
Immunizations/Physical/Tb		290		290
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records		65		65
Surgical Technology Apps		20		20
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT		\$6,759		\$5,330
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT		\$10,970		\$8,300

*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 42 credit hour certificate program including Intro to A&P 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.

The goal of the Paramedic program is 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.

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) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR EMS COURSES

Advanced placement is available to students who took EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic courses through continuing education or a non-college based program. A student must be accepted for admission by TVCC before credit will be approved. Credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has met the advanced placement requirements and earned the equivalent number of hours at TVCC.

Students interested in receiving advanced placement credit for EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic courses should contact the EMS Program Coordinator on the Palestine campus for more information. Advanced placement testing must be completed at least a month before graduation. The cost for administering EMS advanced placement evaluations is \$50 for each EMT courses, \$50 for Advanced EMT courses and \$100 for paramedic courses. This fee is payable to the business office and is non-refundable.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – EMT LEVEL

A student who has current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) or National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as an EMT, but who did not complete EMSP 1501/1160 or receive equivalent transfer credit from another college or university may receive credit for EMSP 1501/1160 if the following advanced placement requirements are met:

1. Submission of a copy of current certificate for EMT from TDSHS.
2. Successfully pass a written evaluation at the EMT level with a grade of 75% or better, and satisfactorily demonstrate skills proficiency at that level verified by a TVCC EMS instructor.
3. Be accepted for admission by TVCC. Credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has earned the equivalent number of semester hours at TVCC (six for basic courses).
4. The fee for administering the EMT advanced placement evaluations for the basic level is \$50 which is payable to the business office and is nonrefundable.
5. The evaluation and testing fee (#2 and 4) will be waived if the student requests articulation within one year of completion of the EMT courses.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT - ADVANCED EMT LEVEL

A student who has current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) as an Advanced EMT, but who did not complete EMSP 1338/1356/1261 or receive equivalent transfer credit from another college or university may receive credit for EMSP 1338/1356/1261 if the following advanced placement requirements are met:

1. Submission of a copy of current certificate for Advanced EMT from TDSHS
2. Successfully pass a written evaluation at the Advanced EMT level with a grade of 75% or better, and satisfactorily demonstrate skills proficiency at that level verified by a TVCC EMS instructor.
3. Be accepted for admission by TVCC. Credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has earned the equivalent number of semester hours at TVCC (eight for intermediate courses).
4. Be TSI complete or exempt in reading for both certificate and AAS tracks.
5. The fee for administering the EMT advanced placement evaluations for the basic level is \$50 which is payable to the business office and is nonrefundable.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT – PARAMEDIC LEVEL

A student who has current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) as a Paramedic, but who did not complete EMSP 2444/1355/2361/2330/2362/2434/2143/2363 or receive equivalent transfer credit from another college or university may receive credit for EMSP 2444/1355/2361/2330/2362/2434/2143/2463 if the following advanced placement requirements are met:

1. Submission of a copy of current certificate for Paramedic from TDSHS.
2. Submission of copy of current certification of ACLS and PALS from American Heart Association and a copy of current PHTLS or ITLS certification. PEPP certification may be used in lieu of PALS.
3. Submission of documentation of two years recent experience as a paramedic along with letters of recommendation from the current operations supervisor and medical director.
4. Successfully pass a written evaluation at the Paramedic level with a grade of 75% or better, and satisfactorily demonstrate paramedic skills proficiency, and satisfactorily demonstrate clinical proficiency on simulated paramedic level scenarios as verified by a TVCC EMS instructor.
5. Be accepted for admission by TVCC. Credit will be awarded and placed on the student's academic record only after the student has earned the equivalent number of semester hours at TVCC (24 hours for paramedic level courses).
6. Be TSI complete or exempt in reading for both certificate and AAS tracks.
7. A non-refundable fee of \$100 is paid to the business office for the paramedic level courses.

EMS PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Courses			AAS Degree Credit Hours	Certificate Credit Hours
FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester				
BIOL	2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	
PSYC	1303	Learning Frameworks	3	
ENGL	1301	English Composition 1*	3	
PSYC	2314	Human Growth & Development*	3	
Total Hours			13	
FIRST YEAR – Spring Semester				
BIOL	2404	Anatomy & Physiology (Single Semester)		4
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			3	
Total Hours			13	10
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	2361	Paramedic Clinical II	3	3
Total Hours			10	10
SECOND YEAR – Spring Semester				
EMSP	2434	Medical Emergencies	4	4
EMSP	2330	Special Populations	3	3
EMSP	2362	Paramedic Clinical III	3	3
Electives			2	
Total Hours			12	10
SECOND YEAR – Summer Semester				
EMSP	2143	Assessment Based Management	1	1
EMSP	2363	Paramedic Clinical IV	3	3
Total Hours			4	4
Grand Total Hours			60	42

* 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 BIOL 2404, 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 course 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, Palestine, and Kaufman campuses in the fall and spring semesters; Paramedic I and Paramedic IV courses on the Palestine and Kaufman campuses in the summer semester; and Paramedic II & III courses in a fall/spring sequence annually on the Palestine campus and the Health Science Center in Kaufman.

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.

Paramedic I

Approximately 10 hours a week in class/skills, and a total of 128 hours in the hospital (including ER).

Paramedic II

Approximately nine hours a week in class/skills, and a total of 96 hours in diverse hospital clinical settings, and 96 hours on the Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU).

Paramedic III

Approximately eight hours a week in class/skills, and a total of 96 hours in diverse hospital clinical settings and 96 hours on the MICU.

Paramedic IV

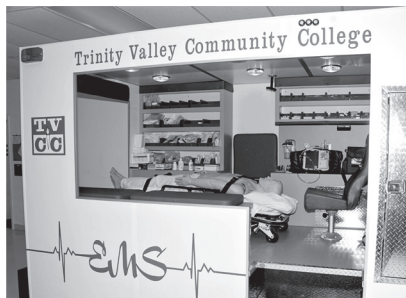
Approximately three hours a week in class/skills and a total of 192 hours on the MICU.

Clinical experiences may be provided in Palestine, Athens, Crockett, Kaufman, Terrell, Rowlett, Sunnyvale, Jacksonville 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.



PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ESTIMATED EXPENSES

	AAS PATHWAY	CERTIFICATE PATHWAY
Tuition & Fees by Semester*		
FIRST YEAR - Fall semester		
IN-DISTRICT	(13 HRS) \$1101	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2050	
FIRST YEAR - Spring semester		
IN-DISTRICT	(13 HRS) 1223	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2172	
FIRST YEAR - Fall or Spring semesters		
IN-DISTRICT		(10 HRS) \$977
OUT-OF-DISTRICT		1707
FIRST YEAR - Summer semester		
IN-DISTRICT	(8 HRS) 861	(8 HRS) 861
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	1445	1445
SECOND YEAR - Fall semester		
IN-DISTRICT	(10 HRS) 903	(10 HRS) 903
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	1633	1633
SECOND YEAR - Spring semester)		
IN-DISTRICT	(12 HRS) 1019	(10 HRS) 855
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	1895	1585
SECOND YEAR - Summer semester		
IN-DISTRICT	(4 HRS) 523	(4 HRS) 523
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	815	815
Books & Syllabi (EMSP courses only)**	1060	1060
Watch with second hand	40	40
Stethoscope	40	40
Aneroid Blood Pressure Cuff (Optional, but recommended)	25	25
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	290	290
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	65	65
Uniform	60	60
Patches	5	5
TDSHS State Fees (EMT Basic Level I	64	64
TDSHS State Fee (Paramedic Level)	126	96
National Registry Fee (EMT Basic Level)	80	80
National Registry Skills Testing Fee	250	250
Fingerprinting Fee for TDSHS	40	40
Review Course (if sufficient attendance)	125	125
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT	\$7,900	\$6,359
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT	\$12,280	\$9,425

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

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	1301	Nurse Aide for Health Care	3
NURA	1407	Body Systems	4
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
NUPC	1291	Special Topics in Patient Care Assistant/Aide	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 at 972-932-4309 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 Kaufman. Clinical sites may be in Kaufman, Terrell, 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	\$1312
OUT-OF-DISTRICT	2311
Lab Fees (including liability insurance & drug testing)	227
Books & Syllabi	86
Uniform	80
Shoes (white)	70
Stethoscope	40
Immunizations/Physical/Tb	290
CPR course (estimate)	50
Criminal Background Check & Document Manager for Immunization Records	65
Nurse Aide Examination Fee (if needed)	105
National PCT Certification (OPTIONAL) (ncctinc.com) (within 6 months after graduation) \$90 fee + \$25 review book + \$20 practice test	
TOTAL: IN-DISTRICT	\$2,325
TOTAL: OUT-OF-DISTRICT	\$3,324

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

For more information

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