



Wharton County Junior College

911 Boling Highway • Wharton, Texas 77488 • (979) 532-4560

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Dear Applicant,

Please read application carefully and follow all directions.

Application period:

Wharton- Fall- November through March Sugar Land –Spring- April through August

Deadlines:

Wharton – Third Wednesday of March Sugar Land - Third Wednesday of August

If deadline falls on a holiday or a time when the college is closed it will change to the following Monday.

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required paperwork and information is received by the ADN department before the above deadline at 3:00 pm. Our office will not follow up on any information that is not in the applicant's file. Incomplete files will not be considered for admission.

All requirements must be fulfilled. There will be no exceptions.

INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FAX OR EMAILED.

Mail completed packet by the deadline to:

Wharton County Junior College- ADN Program

Attn: Lori Baumgarten

911 Boling Highway

Wharton, TX 77488

Or Hand Deliver completed packet by the deadline to:

Lori Baumgarten- Wharton County Junior College- ADN Program

911 Boling Highway

Johnson Health Occupations Center - Lot#5 - Room 206

Wharton, TX 77488

Sincerely,

Sandra Davis, MSN, RN

Sandra Davis, Program Director
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Telephone: 979-532-6391



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Information Pertaining to Admission

Consideration for acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is based upon the submission of the following items directly to the Associate Degree Nursing Department:

- 1. Admission to WCJC:**
Applicant must apply to the college at www.applytexas.org and be fully accepted as a student to WCJC by the ADN application deadline.
- 2. Texas Success Initiative (TSI):**
Must have all components of TSI satisfied before applying to the program. If unsure if TSI complete look at applicant's official transcript or contact WCJC Office of Admissions and Registration.
- 3. Application to the ADN Program:**
Applicant must complete application for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- 4. Transcripts:**
An unofficial or copy of official transcript from each college attended including WCJC must be included with the ADN program application packet. *Must have an unofficial or copy of official transcript from each college attended even if other colleges are on WCJC transcript.
- 5. Transcript Evaluation Form:**
If applicant has attended any institution other than WCJC, then a transcript evaluation MUST be done. You must submit your transcript evaluation form at least one month prior to ADN application deadline.
The form can be found at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEaW-W22C7a3cS1yiS8ogjpxuX08k0X2DZq36kOibyL8MTgg/viewform>
or www.wcjc.edu, Information for, Current Students, Student Forms, under Graduation, Request for Degree/Certificate Evaluation and fill out form and submit online.
- 6. Prerequisite Courses and GPA:**
Prerequisite courses must be completed by the application deadline:
BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I)
PSYC 2301 (General Psychology)
PSYC 2314 (Life Span Growth and Development)
ENGL 1301 (Composition I)
Applicant must submit proof of completion by the stated deadline. Grade must be a "C" or better and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. There is no time frame on the prerequisite courses.
- 7. Entrance Examination Recommendations:**
TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) with a minimum score of 70% in Reading, 70% in Math, and 70% in Science will receive application points. An applicant may retake any section to achieve the 70%. All exam component results must be within two years. Please print out the Individual Performance Profile Sheet to turn in with the individual Reading, Math and Science scores for submission. Do not turn in ATI transcript with overall Individual Score only.
To register and pay for the test go to www.atitesting.com
It is strongly recommended that testing be scheduled at least one month prior to the date you plan to test.
- 8. Statement of Students' Responsibility Form:**
Review, print name, sign and date at bottom as verification that you have read and understand this information.
- 9. Hepatitis B Vaccine Requirement:**
Applicants must show proof of completion of the Hepatitis B vaccine series or serologic confirmation of immunity to Hepatitis B virus.

- a. If you had the Hepatitis B series as a child and do not have proof of your immunizations, it is recommended that you have the Hepatitis B titer (antibody not antigen) drawn to check the status of immunity. If the titer comes back negative, the applicant must re-start the series and have another titer drawn 1 months after the last immunization.
 - b. If you have never received the Hepatitis B vaccine series, it will take six months to complete. You must start the first shot no later than:
 1. For fall admission must have been started by February 1st
 2. For spring, admission must have been started by July 1st.
- Applicants must have proof of two vaccines by the deadline of the application.

10. Letter of Good Standing:

If you have previously enrolled in any nursing program, you must provide a letter from the program director stating that you are a student in good standing and eligible for readmission to that program

Competitive Ranking Process

Acceptance to the program is a competitive ranking process based on points awarded for designated criteria. Meeting all of the criteria does not guarantee anyone admission to the program.

Only completed application packets are competitively ranked.

Criteria for points include, but not limited to:

1. Proof of completion of prerequisites courses by stated application deadline. Grade must be a “C” or higher and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in prerequisite courses. There is no time frame on prerequisite courses.
 - a. BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
 - b. PSYC 2301 General Psychology
 - c. PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development
 - d. ENGL 1301 Composition I
2. Proof of completion of required general education courses required for Associate Degree submitted in application packet. Grade must be a “C” or higher and an overall GPA 2.5 or higher in prerequisite and general education courses. There is no time frame on required general education courses.
 - a. BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
 - b. BIOL 2420 Microbiology
 - c. Language, Philosophy, & Culture elective (per WCJC catalog)
3. TEAS examination results with a minimum score of 70% in Reading, 70% in Math, 70% in Science will receive applications points.
4. Proof of completion of specific course work towards RN-BSN Transition Program submitted in application packet will give you extra points on the calculation process. These courses do not need to be taken before applying to the program. Must have minimum grade of “C” or better.

Courses include:

 - a. ENGL 1302 Composition II
 - b. MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods
 - c. HIST 1301 U.S. History I
 - d. HIST 1302 U.S. History II
 - e. GOVT 2305 Federal Government
 - f. GOVT 2306 Texas Government
 - g. SPCH 1315 Public Speaking or SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication
 - h. CHEM 1405 Introductory Chemistry I or CHEM 1411 General Chemistry I
 - i. Creative Arts elective (per WCJC catalog)
 - j. BIOL 1322 Nutrition
 - k. PHED 1164 Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness or PSYC 1300 Learning Framework
5. Additional points may be awarded for military veterans, healthcare certificates and Bachelor’s degree. See program checklist for required documentation to be submitted.

For questions regarding program information, please call: Lori Baumgarten at 979-532-6391

The Wharton County Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program is fully approved by the
Texas Board of Nursing, 333 Guadalupe, Ste. 3-460, Austin, TX, 78767-0430.

WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

(Please print clearly in ink or type. Do not print double sided.)

This application is valid for admission only for
Fall-Wharton: November through March Spring-Sugar Land: April through August:
(Circle one)

Wharton/Fall

Sugar Land/Spring

1. _____
Name: (Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

2. Date of Birth _____ 3. Social Security Number _____

4. _____
Address: (No. and Street or Box) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)

5. Telephone – Cell _____ 6. WCJC Student ID# _____

7. E-mail _____

8. Do you have a service animal? (Not an emotional support animal) Yes No

9. Testing: TEAS Test Date _____

10. Have you previously attended any nursing program? Yes No If yes, complete the following:

Name of Nursing Program	City, State	Dates attended

11. Colleges/Universities Attended including WCJC:

Name of School/College	City and State	Dates Attended	Major/Degree Earned

I CERTIFY that this application and the submitted transcripts and scores are complete and accurate. I understand that these documents are being used to make an academic decision regarding admission to the ADN Program at Wharton County Junior College. I understand that inaccurate or omission of information will make me ineligible for admission to or progression through the ADN program at Wharton County Junior College. I have received verbal and written information regarding criminal background checks and eligibility for initial RN licensure by NCLEX examination.

Date _____ Legal Signature of Applicant _____



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STATEMENT OF STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

Review and sign as verification that you have read and understand this information:

I have read and understand the admission process for the Associate Degree Nursing program which is a competitive selection process with a limited number of spaces available.

I understand that successful completion of prerequisite courses, required TEAS test, and submission of complete application packet materials does not guarantee acceptance to the Associate Degree Nursing program.

I understand that I must submit a copy of my current transcripts (transcripts may be unofficial or copy of official) from each college attended including WCJC to the ADN program as part of the application packet.

I understand that I must have my transcripts evaluated for all non-WCJC courses. I understand that this request must be submitted at least one month prior to application deadline.

I understand that the prerequisite courses must be completed before applying to the program.

I understand that I must submit my individual TEAS scores. Recommendation is 70% Reading, 70% Math and 70% Science within the last two years.

I understand that documentation must be submitted for the Hepatitis B Vaccine series or Hepatitis B titer results to apply.

I understand that I must meet the essential performance standards and activities for ADN students. (Standards Attached)

I understand the essential eligibility requirements for admission, progression and completion of the Associate Degree Nursing program.

I accept full responsibility for submitting a complete Associate Degree Nursing application packet prior to or by the designated application filing deadline. I understand incomplete packet will disqualify my application.

Date

Legal Signature of Applicant

Print Name



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Associate Degree Nursing Program Checklist

It is the prospective students' responsibility to ensure all documents listed on this page are included in your admission packet when turned in. Information will not be accepted by fax or email. All required Documentation must be submitted together in one packet.

Must be fully accepted to WCJC for admission prior to ADN application deadline

Must be TSI (Texas Success Initiative) complete with the College

Completed application of admission to Associate Degree Nursing program

An unofficial or copy of official transcript from each college including WCJC

Submitted Transcript Evaluation Form online for non-WCJC courses

Copy of TEAS individual test scores

Completed Statement of Students' Responsibility Form

Hepatitis B Vaccine series or titer results documentation

Letter of Good Standing-only if previously enrolled in any nursing program

Send in documentation for extra points:

Military Veteran Honorable Discharge (copy DD214)

Current Healthcare Certificate/License
(copy EMT, CNA, CMA, LVN, Med Aide certificate/license)

Bachelor's Degree- (list on application page in section 11)

All above information turned in by third Wednesday of March for fall admission and third Wednesday of August for spring admission.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS and ELIGIBILITY for INITIAL RN LICENSURE BY NCLEX EXAMINATION

- Upon conditional acceptance into the ADN program, students will be required to complete a criminal background check, which includes a set of fingerprints for the purpose of obtaining a criminal history from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).
- Full acceptance into the ADN program is dependent upon BON verification of eligibility for future licensure as a Registered Nurse prior to the start of the program. If there is something in the background check that cannot be resolved prior to beginning of classes, the student will have to reapply to the nursing program when the problem has been resolved
- Information regarding how to obtain the background check will be provided upon conditional acceptance. The background check expense is the prospective student's responsibility.

Licensure Eligibility

For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

1. Been convicted of a misdemeanor?
2. Been convicted of a felony?
3. Pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
4. Received deferred adjudication?
5. Been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
6. Been sentenced to serve jail or prison time or court-ordered confinement?
7. Been granted pre-trial diversion?
8. Been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
9. Been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
10. Been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment, punishment, or action?

NOTE: You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial renewal licensure application.

Expunged and Sealed Offenses

While expunged or sealed offenses, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket, or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character of the Nurse.

Orders of Non-disclosure

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure, you are not required to reveal those criminal matters on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness of duty issue. Pursuant to other sections of the Gov't Code Chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character.

- Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you? (You may exclude disciplinary actions previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal licensure application)
- *Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or a psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder? (You may answer "No" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN for mental illness OR you've previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing and have remained compliant with your treatment regimen and have had no further hospitalization since disclosure)
- *In the past five (5) years, have you been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? (You may answer "No" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN)

For more information, visit the Texas Board of Nursing website at: www.bon.texas.gov/

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**WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE- ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
POLICY ON ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ADN STUDENTS**

The following performance standards and activities have been identified as essential for successful admission, progression and completion of the ADN program. Applicants to the program must be able to meet the following performance standards.

The essential eligibility requirements for admission, progression and completion of the program are listed below. American Disabilities Act (ADA) supports these eligibility requirements.

PERFORMANCE	STANDARD	ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY/TASKS (EXAMPLES ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical decision-making.	Solve problems and make valid, rational decisions using logic, creativity, and reasoning Analyze and use assessment findings to plan care for clients and families Identify priorities of care based on analysis of data Evaluate the plan of care and revise as appropriate
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal, nonverbal, and written form.	Speak English in such manner to be understood by general public Communicate effectively in verbal and written form by speaking clearly and succinctly when explaining treatment procedures, describing patient conditions, and implementing health teaching for clients and / or families based on assessed needs, available resources, age, life style and cultural considerations
Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport (relationship) with clients and colleagues through speech, touch, and hearing Work effectively in small groups as team members and as a team leader Function safely under stressful conditions with the ability to adapt to ever-changing environments inherent in clinical situations involving client care
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide nursing care in a safe and accurate manner.	Manual dexterity to maintain sterile technique when performing sterile procedures such as insertion of a catheter Manual dexterity to perform all steps required for medication administration (IV, PO, IM, etc) Be able to use a computer keyboard
Hearing	Hearing ability sufficient to monitor, assess, and provide safe nursing care.	Be able to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells, and to answer telephones Distinguish changes in tone and pitch such as when using a stethoscope to hear a blood pressure, heart, lung, vascular, and abdominal sounds
Vision	Visual ability sufficient to monitor, assess, and provide safe nursing care.	Distinguish alterations in normal body activities such as absence of respiratory movement Identify changes in color, size and symmetry of body parts, such as development of cyanosis Read fine, small print on medication containers, physician's orders, monitors, thermometers, measuring cups, and equipment calibrations Visualize written words and a computer screen
Mobility	Physical abilities to move from room-to-room or maneuver in limited spaces, and to accommodate stairwell when necessary.	Perform physical activities necessary to do basic nursing skills such as putting on sterile gloves, performing health assessments Provide or assist with activities of daily living such as bed bath, oral hygiene, ambulation, and positioning Transport and transfer patients using equipment such as stretchers, wheelchairs, walkers, and commode chairs Respond quickly in an emergency Physical ability to stand for prolonged periods of time, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lift patients and objects of 30 lbs. or more
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient to monitor, assess, and provide safe nursing care.	Palpate for pulses, temperature, texture hardness or softness, landmarks, etc
Accountability and Responsibility	Demonstrate accountability and responsibility in all aspects of nursing practice.	Be able to distinguish right from wrong, legal from illegal and to act accordingly Accept responsibility for own actions Be able to comprehend ethical standards and agree to abide by them

SAMPLE ADN ADMISSIONS DATA FORM

This form does not need to be filled out. This is only an example of the criteria used to choose prospective students.

*Prerequisites & General Education Courses in ADN Curriculum

A = 4 points B= 3 points C = 2 points

COURSE	SEMESTER COMPLETED	GRADE	SEMESTER CREDIT HRS	ADMISSION POINTS	-4PTS EACH TIME BIOL IS RETAKEN	GRADE POINTS
* BIOL 2401						
* ENGL 1301						
* PSYC 2301						
* PSYC 2314						
BIOL 2402						
BIOL 2420						
Lang, Phil, & Culture						
TOTALS:						

*Prerequisites Courses

Total Grade Points:

GPA from Prerequisites Required General Education Courses in ADN Curriculum

- 3.99 & Above = 4 points
- 3.49 - 3.98 = 3 points
- 2.99 - 3.48 = 2 points
- 2.50 - 2.98 = 1 point

GPA:

Grade Points divided Semester Credit Hrs.

GPA Adm. Points:

TEAS Scores

Date Taken:

Reading Score:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 70% - 70.9%.....1 point | 73% - 74.9%.....3 points | 77% - 78.9%.....5 points |
| 71% - 72.9%.....2 points | 75% - 76.9%.....4 points | 79% & above.....6 points |

Reading Admission Points:

Date Taken:

Math Score:

Math Admission Points:

Date Taken:

Science Score:

Science Admission Points:

RN-BSN Pathway

Each Course taken worth 1 extra point

ENGL1302, MATH1342, HIST1301, HIST1302, GOVT 2305, GOVT 2306, SPCH1315 or 1318, CREATIVE ARTS, BIOL 1322, CHEM 1405 or 1411, PHED 1164 or PSYC1300

Admission Points:

Sub Total Admission Points:

Other Data

WCJC In District (2pts)

Admission Points:

Subtract 10 pts for W/D or Failure from WCJC Level 1 ADN Program

Admission Points:

Graduation Ready (5 pts Prerequisite and Co-requisite completed)

Admission Points:

Military (copy of DD214 2 pts)

Admission Points:

Healthcare Certificate (2 pts)

Admission Points:

Bachelor or Higher Degree (5 pts)

Admission Points:

Grand Total Admission Points: