



Wharton County Junior College

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LVN-ADN TRANSITION NURSING PROGRAM

WHARTON CAMPUS ONLY

Dear Applicant,

Please read application carefully and following all directions.

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY

DEADLINE: Third Wednesday of January

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required paperwork and information is received by the ADN department before the deadline 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 file will not be considered for admission.

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

INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FAX.

Please mail or hand deliver completed packet by the deadline to:

Wharton County Junior College- ADN Program

Attn: Lori Baumgarten

911 Boling Highway

Wharton, TX 77488

Sincerely,

Andrea Shropshire, DNP, MSN, RN

Andrea Shropshire, Program Director

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Telephone: 979-532-6391



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Information Pertaining to Admission

Consideration for acceptance into the LVN-ADN Transition 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 https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX and be fully accepted as a student to WCJC by the application deadline.

2. **Texas Success Initiative (TSI):**

Must have all components of TSI satisfied before applying to the program. If unsure if TSI is complete look at applicant's official transcript or contact WCJC Office of Admissions and Registration.

3. **Application to the LVN-ADN Transition Program:**

Applicant must complete application for LVN-ADN Transition Nursing Program.

4. **Transcripts:**

An unofficial or copy of official transcript from each college attended including WCJC must be included with the Transition program application. *Must have an unofficial or copy of official transcript from each college attended even if other colleges are on WCJC transcript.

*Upon full acceptance to the LVN-ADN Transition program, a Petition for Credit form must be completed by the applicant and approved by the program director, appropriate dean, Registrar, and Vice President of Instruction before credit for prior LVN courses is granted. A fee of \$32.00 per credit hour (12 SCH) will be required.

5. **Transcript Evaluation Form:**

If applicant has attended any college other than WCJC, then a transcript evaluation MUST be done. You must submit your transcript evaluation form at least one month prior to application deadline.

The form can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEaW-W22C7a3cS1yIS8ogjpxuX08k0X2DZq36kOibyL8MTgg/viewform>

or www.wcjc.edu, Students, under Registration, Degree Evaluation Request and fill out form and submit online.

6. **Proof of Completion of Prerequisite Courses and GPA:**

Proof of completion of prerequisite courses by stated deadlines:

BIOL	2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
PSYC	2301	General Psychology
BIOL	2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
PSYC	2314	Life Span Growth and Development
BIOL	2420	Microbiology
ENGL	1301	Composition I

Language, Philosophy, & Culture elective (per WCJC catalog)

Applicant must submit proof of completion by stated deadline. Grade must be a "C" or better and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher in prerequisite courses. There is no time frame on 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 individual Reading, Math and Science score 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. Current Texas licensure as a LVN in good standing.

9. Statement of Students' Responsibility Sheet:

Review, print name, sign and date at bottom as verification that you have read and understand the information.

10. 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 as a condition of full acceptance to the program.

a. If you had the Hepatitis B series as a child and don't 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 month 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:

Series must be started by November 15th, if not done previously.

Applicants must have proof of 2 vaccines by the deadline of the application.

Competitive Ranking Process

Acceptance into 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 deadlines. Grade must be a "C" or better and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher. There is no time frame on prerequisite courses.

- a. BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- b. PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- c. BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- d. PSYC 2314 Life Span Growth and Development
- e. BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- f. ENGL 1301 Composition I
- g. Language, Philosophy, & Culture elective (per WCJC catalog)

2. 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.

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
LVN-ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please print CLEARLY in ink or type and complete all sections
This application is only valid for admission for summer at Wharton Campus.

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

2. Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

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

4. Telephone – Home _____ 5. WCJC Student ID# _____

6. Telephone – Cell _____ 7. E-mail _____

8. Have you ever been enrolled in courses at WCJC? Yes No

9. Testing: TEAS Test Date _____

10. Vocational Nursing Program Attended

Name of Program	City, State	Dates attended	Date of Vocational Nursing Certificate

11. Have you previously attended any initial RN licensure program? Yes No
If yes, complete the following:

Name of Program	City, State	Dates attended

12. Colleges/Universities Attended including WCJC:

Name of Colleges/Universities	City and State	Dates Attended	Hours Completed	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 LVN-ADN Transition 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 LVN-ADN transition program at Wharton County Junior College. I have received verbal and written information regarding criminal background check 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 LVN-ADN Transition 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/or submission of complete application packet materials does not guarantee acceptance to the LVN-ADN Transition program.

I understand that I must submit a copy of my transcripts (transcripts may be unofficial or copy of official) from each college attended including WCJC to the LVN-ADN Transition 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 a 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 my Texas LVN license must be current and in good standing.

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 accept full responsibility for submitting a complete LVN-ADN Transition 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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LVN-ADN Transition 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.

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 LVN-ADN Transition 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

Proof of current Texas licensure as a LVN.

Completed Statement of Students' Responsibility Sheet

Hepatitis B Vaccine series or titer results documentation

All above information turned in by third Wednesday of January.

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.

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

LVN-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 TAKEN ON BIOLOGY COURSES	GRADE POINTS
BIOL 2401						
ENGL 1301						
PSYC 2301						
PSYC 2314						
BIOL 2402						
BIOL 2420						
Lang, Phil, & Culture						
TOTALS:						

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 points

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:

- 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

Math Admission Points:

Date Taken:

Science 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

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

Add 5 pts. for WCJC LVN Program

Admission Points:

Add 2 pts. for WCJC In District

Admission Points:

Grand Total Admission Points: