

**LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE TO ADN (RN) TRANSITION PROGRAM  
PLACEMENT GUIDELINES  
2009 - 2010**

Current Licensed Vocational nurses may enter the Associate Degree Nursing program through the LVN to ADN Transition option. Graduates will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree and will be recommended to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to be approved to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to qualify as a registered nurse. The LVN applicant must provide evidence of licensure as a vocational nurse in Texas prior to enrollment. An individual also must have graduated from a vocational school of nursing within the last 5 years and/or have been employed in nursing practice within the last 5 years.

***ADMISSION HIGHLIGHTS***

- **Meet reading, math and writing requirements to be TSI complete for Tyler Junior College.**
- **Speak with Nursing Advisor in Room G-222.**
- **Meet reading, math and writing proficiency of the HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST before obtaining an application.**
- **Complete application to the college.**
- **Submit official transcripts of all previous college work to TJC registrar's office and the ADN office.**
- **Have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.0 or higher for all previous undergraduate college courses. Have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.0 for all required courses in the nursing curriculum. TJC counts all attempted college courses when calculating cumulative GPA.**
- **Have Prerequisite courses completed before obtaining application to the nursing program (courses are listed below).**
- **Provide your current LVN license.**
- **Participate in selection process according to point system explained below.**
- **Obtain an application to the ADN Program from the ADN Program Office in person, complete and submit according to directions.**

**ADMISSION PROCESS**

The admission requirements for the college are found in the college catalogue. In addition to the College requirements the following are required for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. **All applicants must be eligible for re-admission to any Allied Health and Nursing program previously attended to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Tyler Junior College.**

**Section I – Testing**

The student must meet the passing score on the **HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST** in both areas before receiving an application. Passing scores are: (1) 75% composite on reading; (2) 75% composite on math. **HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST** scores will be good for two years after which time the applicant must retest. Retest for expiration of time will be considered a first testing. **The HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST may be retaken once per application period to achieve a passing score. HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST is the only version of the HESI accepted.**

## Section II – Curriculum

Pre-requisite to application for LVNs to the Associate Degree Nursing Program:

**Pre-requisite courses MUST be completed prior to application to the ADN Program.**

**BIOL 2401**

**PSYC 2314**

**BIOL 2402**

**PSYC 2301**

**ENGL 1301**

**ENGL 1302**

**One 3 semester hour Humanities or Fine Arts Elective**

Classes accepted as Humanities electives are:

**JOURNALISM:** COMM 1307

**ENGLISH:** ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327 2328, 2332, 2333, 2342, 2352, 2353

**HUMANITIES:** HUMA 1301, 1302

**FRENCH:** FREN 2311, 2312

**SPANISH:** SPAN 2306, 2311, 2312, 2316

**PHILOSOPHY:** PHIL 1301, 2306

**SIGN LANGUAGE:** SGNL 2301, 2302

**HISTORY:** HIST 2311, 2312

Classes accepted as Fine Arts Electives are:

ART: ARTS 1301

MUSIC: MUSI 1306

DRAMA: DRAM 1310

DANCE: DANC 2303

Those applying to the program may take either or both of the **required** non-nursing courses listed below prior to application.

BIOL 2420

SOCI 1301

### STUDENTS MUST:

- 1. Repeat Biology 2401, Biology 2402, Biology 2420, and Psychology 2314 if completed more than seven years prior to if completed more than seven years prior to the end of the application period in the ADN program.**
- 2. Maintain a “C” or better in all required courses of the associate degree curriculum. Having received a “D”, “F”, or a “W”, in any prerequisite course, the student cannot progress. This policy applies also to transfer courses.**

## Section III – Application Periods

Applications are not normally mailed. The forms must be obtained in person except under extenuating circumstances. Applications may **only** be obtained in the ADN Office (T-125B). Please present a copy of your test scores during the appropriate application period to receive an application for the ADN program. **Inadequate or out-dated scores will necessitate retesting or referral for counseling according to program policy.**

LVN-ADN Transition Option/**Summer 2010**

December 1, 2009 – January 19, 2010

Traditional for **Fall 2010**

January 20, 2010 – March 3, 2010

LVN-ADN Transition Option/Jacksonville **Fall 2010**

April 6, 2010 – May 18, 2010

Traditional For **Spring 2011**

August 2, 2009 – September 14, 2010

An LVN must submit a separate application for both the Traditional and the LVN to ADN Transition option if applying for both programs.

Applications for placement into the Associate Degree Nursing program **must be on file in the Department Chairman's office by the last day of the published application period.** All completed qualifying applications submitted by the deadline will be considered for placement within 5-7 weeks.

**Applications will not be processed if financial holds are recorded at Tyler Junior College.**

Applicants must sign a statement acknowledging they have read and understand the ADN Placement Guidelines.

#### **Section IV – Selection Process**

Scores and grades are awarded points. Selection is based on total points from highest to the lowest (See ADN criteria and worksheet). *Effective immediately, five (5) points will **no longer be discounted** for any required course taken more than once. If a course is repeated for a higher grade, **the grades will be averaged and that averaged grade used in point calculations.** Courses repeated due to the seven year shelf life will be considered as first time completion.*

A copy of the ADN Candidate Form will be sent to the applicant within 3 weeks after the deadlines for applications. It is necessary for the applicant to examine this form **CAREFULLY** to ensure no errors have been made during input of data. It is the **applicant's responsibility** to follow directions for correction of information displayed. The applicant selected for tentative placement into the ADN program will receive a letter of notification from the dean of Allied Health and Nursing. Within two weeks of the date of the dean's letter, the applicant must submit to the ADN office written acceptance of placement.

**A completed criminal history check and drug screen must be in the office of the Dean of Allied Health and Nursing within two weeks following the notification letter. The criminal history and drug screen must be negative.**

**Confirmed placement** is dependent upon submission of the acceptance letter and required forms with a full release by the physician to perform patient care. **Failure to submit the required letter within two weeks with the required forms or a projected date of submission of health and immunization forms will result in forfeiture of placement.** A space vacated by forfeiture or for health reasons will be filled from the alternate list.

Applicants not selected for tentative placement will be notified in writing of potential placement status and/or other alternatives available at the time. Positions vacated in the class prior to class orientation date will be filled from the alternate list. Those individuals on the alternate list for the current class are not automatically considered and receive no priority for subsequent period(s) of enrollment. LVNs who have graduated from programs outside of Texas must meet with the Department Chair to discuss the Texas Articulation Model.

Having been accepted in the LVN-ADN nursing option, enrollment is necessary for one summer session and two (2) semesters to complete the nursing courses, graduate and to attain eligibility to apply for licensure.

#### **Section V – IMPORTANT PROGRAM POLICIES**

Please read the following policies related to admission and progression in the ADN program. If you have any questions related to these policies, call the Nursing Department Chair's office at (903) 510-2869.

- 1. Applicants must be eligible to sit for RN licensure through the Texas Board of Nursing to be eligible to apply to the ADN (RN) Program.**

### DECLARATORY ORDER INFORMATION

**Tyler Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program requires that, if a Declaratory Order needs to be filed with the Texas Board of Nursing, the applicant must have the letter from the Texas Board of Nursing stating eligibility for licensure PRIOR to applying to the program. If you can answer yes to any of these questions EXCEPT number 1, you need to contact the BON at [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us)**

**Yes**  **No (1.)** Are you enrolled, planning to enroll, or have you graduated from a nursing program?

Name of Nursing Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

City State \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Nursing Program: (circle one) LVN RN**

**Date of Enrollment:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**  **No (2.)** For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:

A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?

B. been convicted of a felony?

C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?

D. received deferred adjudication?

E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?

F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?

G. been granted pre-trial diversion?

H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?

I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?

J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)

**NOTE: 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.

**NOTE: 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 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 the 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.

**Yes**  **No (3.)** Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

**Yes**  **No (4.)** 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?

**Yes**  **No (5.)** Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?\*

**Yes**  **No (6.)** Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?\*

If "YES" indicate the condition:  schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders,  bipolar disorder,

paranoid personality disorder,  antisocial personality disorder,  borderline personality disorder

\*\*\*IF YOU ANSWER "YES" TO ANY QUESTION #2 - #6, YOU MUST PROVIDE A SIGNED AND DATED LETTER DESCRIBING THE INCIDENCE(S) THAT YOU ARE REPORTING TO THE BOARD.

\*You may indicate "NO" if you have completed and/ or are in compliance with Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) for substance abuse or mental illness.

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**PLEASE NOTE THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION TAKES A MINIMUM OF 3-6 MONTHS.**

## 2. Essential Physical Competencies

### Policy Statement:

The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Tyler Junior College has adopted the following as Essential Physical Competencies for Nursing Students. These competencies outline reasonable expectation of a student in the Associate Degree Nursing Program for the performance of common nursing functions. The Associate Degree Nursing student must be able to apply the knowledge and skills necessary to function in a variety of classroom, lab and/or clinical situations while providing the essential competencies of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. These requirements apply for the purpose of admission and continuation in the program.

The student must demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Extended walking and standing daily, ability to grasp, push and/or pull, ability to bend and stoop, moving quickly in response to an emergency, using upper body movements, ability to reach, reaching and/or lifting, carrying and moving equipment:
  - a. Students must be physically capable of successfully performing activities in both the practice laboratory and clinical practice area. Sufficient physical health and stamina is needed to carry out all required procedures. It is also necessary for each student to determine their physical capabilities and report to the nursing department any physical limitations that would restrict or interfere with satisfactory clinical performance.
  - b. Each student must demonstrate fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
2. Other essential competencies identified for nursing care include vision that allows detecting physical changes, hearing that allows responding to physical and verbal cues, a sense of touch that allows for assessment and palpitation.
  - a. It is necessary, in order to observe, assess and evaluate clients effectively, for each student to have sufficient use of the following senses: vision, hearing, touch, and smell. Sensitivity must be demonstrated in the classroom, laboratory, and the clinical area.
3. Communication, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills while not physical competencies are essential competencies for the nursing student.
  - a. Students must demonstrate the ability to communicate verbal as well as written messages clearly and in a timely manner.
  - b. Each student must demonstrate the ability to interact with individuals, families, groups and communities from a variety of emotional, religious, sociocultural/ethnic and intellectual backgrounds.
  - c. It is mandatory that each student demonstrate sufficient ability to use judgment and the sufficient ability in the area of critical thinking which involves judgment and the sufficient power of assimilate, integrate, apply, synthesize, and evaluate information in order to solve problems.

## 3. Transfer, readmission or admission

All applicants considered for transfer, readmission, or admission subsequent to attending another nursing program must meet admission requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. A student may be readmitted only once within three years of enrollment for failure to pass nursing courses and the program must be completed within three years of the initial admission. Students are limited to one readmission. Having received a final grade of “D”, “F”, or an automatic “W” while not passing constitutes failure to pass. Only two attempts will be permitted on any science course while in the program. This policy applies to completion of the course through any method including traditional enrollment, LVN to ADN transition and transfer. Students on disciplinary probation at the time of withdrawal or dismissal are ineligible to reapply. Failure of two nursing courses in ANY nursing program makes the individual ineligible for application/admission to the ADN program at Tyler Junior College.

## 4. Immunizations

**Prior to the first clinical day**, the student must have current immunizations (D/T, Rubella, Measles, Mumps, initiated the Hepatitis B series), TB skin test or chest X-ray and current CPR card. The Hepatitis B series **MUST** be completed prior to patient contact.

Policies are evaluated biannually; therefore, a new packet of policies and guidelines must be secured for each application period. Those individuals on the alternate list for the current class are not automatically considered and receive no priority for subsequent application periods.

**Tyler Junior College gives equal consideration of all applicants for admission without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status or physical handicap.**

**LVN-ADN Transition Curriculum**  
**Associate of Applied Science Degree (RNTR\_AAS, 8021B)**

**First Year**

**Prerequisites to Enrollment**

<b>BIOL 2401</b> Anatomy and Physiology I	<b>ENGL 1301</b> Composition I
<b>BIOL 2402</b> Anatomy and Physiology II	<b>ENGL 1302</b> Composition II
<b>PSYC 2314</b> Lifespan Growth and Development	<b>PSYC 2301</b> General Psychology
<b>Humanities/Fine Arts Elective</b>	

**SUMMER SESSION**

RNSG 1327 Transition from Vocational to Professional Nursing  
 RNSG 1160 Clinical Nursing

*Second Year*

**SEMESTER I**

RNSG 2208 Maternity/Newborn Nsg, &  
 Women's Health (8 wks)  
 RNSG 2160 Clinical Nursing IV (8 wks)  
 RNSG 2201 Care of Child & Family (8wks)  
 RNSG 2170 Clinical Nursing IX (8 wks)  
 RNSG 1293 Special Topics M/CH  
**BIOL 2420 Microbiology\***  
 (Capstone)

**SEMESTER II**

RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing (7 wks)  
 RNSG 2161 Clinical Nursing VI (7 wks)  
 RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of  
 Adult Health (7 wks)  
 RNSG 2262 Clinical Nursing VII (7 wks)  
 RNSG 2121 Mgmt of Client Care (16 wk online)  
 RNSG 2163 Clinical Nursing VIII (2 wks)

**SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology\***

**Total Semester Hours: 52**

**RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology – This is an elective nursing pathophysiology course with the prerequisites of A&P I, A&P II, and Microbiology.**

\* Must be taken concurrently with nursing courses in the order listed in the degree plan if no previous credit with a grade of "C" or better.

Deviation from the required curriculum schedule must be approved by the Department Chair.

All required curriculum courses must be completed with a "C" or better prior to graduation.

All science courses and PSYC 2314 must have been completed within seven years of the time required in the curriculum or must be repeated.

Lower-division nursing content is offered at community colleges through one of two general types of programs: Blocked or Integrated. Tyler Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program utilizes a Blocked Curriculum; therefore, students requesting transfer from an integrated curriculum may be required to repeat content of some courses.

**Special admissions and retention rules apply. Contact the department chair for details. Program requires criminal background and drug screen.**

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(LVN to ADN Transition Tyler/Jacksonville)

**Section VI - ADN Admission Criteria & Worksheet**

Selection for placement into the nursing program is based on a point system.

1. **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (CGPA)** must be 2.0 or higher; minimum 15 semester hour's college level solid subject courses from all colleges attended.

CGPA \_\_\_\_ X 4= \_\_\_\_\_

2. **REQUIRED COURSES GRADE POINT AVERAGE (RGPA)** must be 2.0 or higher GPA in **required** college courses, including Humanities/Fine Arts elective. Must have at least 12 semester hours (4 courses) of ADN required courses including pre-requisites.

For ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, PSYC 2301, Humanities/Fine Arts and SOCI 1301, grades more than 7 years old may be used. If the course is repeated, the grades received will be averaged. PSYC 2314, BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402, and BIOL 2420 grades will not be used if more than 7 years old. Minimal competency must have been demonstrated through "testing-out" or completing BIOL 2404 with a grade of C or better. BIOL 2404 renews BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402. BIOL 2420 (Micro) must be repeated if older than 7 years. Speak with academic advisor or Department Chair concerning questions. *Effective immediately, five (5) points will **no longer be discounted** for any required course taken more than once. If a course is repeated for a higher grade, **the grades will be averaged and that averaged grade used in point calculations.** Courses repeated due to the seven year shelf life will be considered as first time completion.*

RGPA \_\_\_\_ X 16 = \_\_\_\_\_

3. **HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST MATH SCORE X 5**  
(Minimum passing score 75% - Maximum score 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

4. **HESI A2 VERSION 1 TEST READING SCORE X 5**  
(Minimum passing score 75% - Maximum score 100%) \_\_\_\_\_

6. **BIOLOGY 2401, 2402, and 2420 COURSE GRADES** Points awarded for **each** completed biology course within the 7 year period

<b><u>PTS:</u></b>	<b><u>-4.0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>+4.0</u></b>	<b><u>+8.0</u></b>	<b><u>+12.0</u></b>	
<b><u>GRADES:</u></b>	<b><u>F/WF</u></b>	<b><u>D</u></b>	<b><u>C</u></b>	<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>	_____

7. **MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I & II, points awarded for each class.**

<b><u>PTS:</u></b>	<b><u>-4.0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>+2.0</u></b>	<b><u>+3.0</u></b>	<b><u>+4.0</u></b>	<b><u>I</u></b>	
<b><u>GRADES:</u></b>	<b><u>F/WF</u></b>	<b><u>D</u></b>	<b><u>C</u></b>	<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>A</u></b>	<b><u>II</u></b>	_____

8. **TJC CURRENT ENROLLMENT at time of application is awarded +2.0 points.** \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Residency points** are awarded as follows:

<b><u>TJC INDISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>+3.0</u></b>	
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Maximum Points That Can Be Achieved Is 139