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Transitional Entry Into Associate Degree Nursing (LVN to RN)

Program Description

The Transitional Entry course is designed to facilitate upward educational mobility for the Licensed Vocational/Practical Nurse by offering an opportunity for advanced placement into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Advance Placement (LVN-TE) courses are offered in the Spring and Summer semesters. After successful completion of these courses, and paying a credit award fee, the student “transitions” into the Sophomore year of nursing. At the completion of the program, nursing students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to explain, apply and integrate theoretical knowledge necessary in the provision of nursing care
- Demonstrate independent clinical decision making skills to provide safe, effective care for clients and families.
- Independently initiate and maintain communication and health teaching to meet the needs of clients and families.
- Independently integrate caring interventions and client advocacy into nursing practice.
- Demonstrate skills, including collaboration, as a leader or member of the interdisciplinary team.
- Independently initiates collaboration with members of the health care team, clients and families.
- Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors that promote personal growth.
- Demonstrate ethical-legal accountability consistent with the roles of the Associate Degree Nurse.

The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Following program completion, the graduate is eligible to take the examination given by the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse.

Information Meetings

Attendance at one information meeting is **required**. Meetings will be held at the Silver Wings Building. Attendees will learn about admission requirements as well as having an opportunity to ask questions. Program applications and other materials will be available at these meetings. Meetings are held at 1:00 pm the **third Wednesday** of every month (**except for August and December**).

For More Information, Contact

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Pre-Requisite Courses

Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2301)
Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (BIOL 2101)
Microbiology (BIOL 2320)
Microbiology Lab (BIOL 2120)
General Psychology (PSYC 1301)

Anatomy & Physiology. II (BIOL 2302)
Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (BIOL 2102)
Child & Life Span Develop. (PSYC 2301)
Composition & Rhetoric I (ENGL 1301)

Co-Requisite Courses

Fundamentals of Speech (SPCH 1311)
Comp & Rhetoric II (ENGL 1302)
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1301) or Social Problems (SOC 1306)
Elective

Nursing Courses

Transition from Vocational to Professional Nursing (RNSG 1227)
Care of Clients w/ Common Needs (RNSG 2404)

Nursing III
Care of Clients w/Complex Health Care Needs (RNSG 2514)
Clinical (RNSG 2562)
Nursing IV
Integrated Client Care Mgmt. (RNSG 2435)
Clinical IV (RNSG 2563)

Important Information for Applicants

Physical/Mental Performance Admission/Progression Policy

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, students must be able to meet the following performance requirements:

- A. Visual acuity with corrective lenses to identify cyanosis, absence of respiratory movement in patients, and to read small print on medication containers, physicians' orders, monitors, and equipment calibrations.
- B. Hearing ability with auditory aids to understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face and to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells from patients, and stethoscopic sounds originating from a patient's blood vessels, heart, lung, and abdomen..
- C. Physical ability to stand for prolonged periods of time, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lift patients, and move from room to room or maneuver in limited spaces.
- D. Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form. Ability to speak clearly and succinctly when explaining treatment procedures, describing patient conditions, and implementing health teaching. Ability to write legibly and correctly in patient's chart for legal documentation.
- E. Manual dexterity to use sterile techniques and insert catheters. Prepare and administer medications such as IVs, POs, and IMs.
- F. Ability to function safely under stressful conditions, adapting to ever-changing clinical situations involving patient care.

Eligibility for RN Licensure: A petition for Declaratory Order must be submitted to the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners prior to graduation if any of the following criteria apply:

- If you have had any licensing authority: 1) refuse to issue you a license; 2) revoke a license; 3) annul a license; 4) cancel a license; 5) accept surrender of a license; 6) suspend a license; 7) place a license on probation; 8) refuse to renew a professional license or certificate held by you now or previously; or 9) ever fine, censure, reprimand, or otherwise discipline a license issued to you.
- If you have been arrested in any state, territory, or country, including expunged offenses and deferred adjudication (s) with or without prejudice of guilt for anything other than a minor traffic violation. (DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations; "minor in possession" (MIP) is no longer required to be reported to the Board.)
- If you have ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to any crime (felony or misdemeanor) whether or not a sentence was imposed (excluding minor traffic violations).
- If you have been diagnosed, treated, or hospitalized in the past five (5) years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder.
- If you have been addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug within the past five (5) years.
- If you have been issued an order concerning eligibility for examination or licensure by any Board or if you have ever received a proposal of ineligibility

Drug Screen/Background Check: Most clinical agencies now require the student to take a urine drug screening test and a criminal background check before participating in a clinical experience. All students will be required to submit to both prior to participating in a clinical experience.

External Exit Exam must be passed to graduate from program.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is available to students including loans, grants, scholarships and work study jobs. All students seeking financial aid must complete and mail the Fee Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or complete the form over the internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. (GCC's school code in Step Six is 003570) and a GCC Application for Financial Aid is available on the GCC website at www.grayson.edu. All applications should be filed by March 31st to ensure full consideration.

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Admission Criteria and Acceptance

Applications for admission to the nursing program, along with GED or high school transcripts and transcripts from each college or university attended, are due in the Health Sciences Offices by October 15th. Applications will **not** be evaluated until all required information has been submitted. Submission of documents to the Health Science Department is the responsibility of the applicant.

Minimum Selection requirements:

- Admission to Grayson County College
- Attendance at an ADN Information meeting
- ADN Nursing Admission Test (passing 75%)
- College GPA (cumulative) minimum 2.5 from completed college courses.
- High School Math (2 years, "C" or better) or College Credit (3 hr, "C" or better) Math course
- Completion of Anatomy & Physiology Course I & II, Microbiology, General Psychology, Composition & Rhetoric I, Child & Life Span Development
- Minimum grade of "C" must be obtained in all required courses.
- Current licensure as an LVN/LPN
- Current employment as an LVN/LPN for the past year in a clinical setting.
- IV Therapy Certification

Selection is based on a point system, with 1-3 points assigned for completed required science course (C=1 point, B=2 points, A=3 points) and 1 point for all other co-requisite courses completed with a grade of "C" or better. Nursing Admission Test points are awarded according to the following scale: 90-99=3 points; 80-89=2 points; 75-80 =1 point. A score of 75% is required on the ADN Nursing admission test to be eligible for selection. GPA will be the deciding factor in cases of ties.

Applicants must have all Selection Requirements completed prior to selection in to the ADN program. Selection of candidates will be on or before November 23rd. Candidates will be notified in writing via US mail.

Anticipated Program Costs For Two Years

Tuition (in-district) 57 hrs @ \$42/hr	\$2394.00
Drug Screen/Background Check	85.00
Lab Fees	168.00
Lab Kit	100.00
Matriculation Fees	60.00
Parking Fees	30.00
Textbooks	700.00
Uniforms & shoes	250.00
Liability Insurance	80.00
Pinning Ceremony Fee	20.00
Nursing Pin	100.00
Assessment Test	65.00
State Board Exam Fee	283.00
Pinning Fee	20.00
NCLEX Review	200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Approximate Total	\$5,055.00