



Wharton County Junior College

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

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

WHARTON CAMPUS FALL SEMESTER

Dear Applicant,

Please read the following information carefully. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required paperwork and information are received by the ADN department before the deadline of **March 31st at 5:00 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.

Please refer to the WCJC catalog for any changes in the admission requirements for the program in which you are interested. The most current information will be in the catalog for the year you will be attending. All requirements must be fulfilled. There will be no exceptions.

Official transcripts should be sent directly to the registrar's office. Please send all program information including copies of transcripts to:

Wharton County Junior College- ADN Program

Attn: Lori Baumgarten

911 Boling Highway

Wharton, TX 77488

Sincerely,

Deborah Yancey, MSN, RN

Deborah Yancey, Program Director

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Telephone: 979-532-6391



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TO: Inquirers of the Associate Degree Nursing Program
FROM: Deborah Yancey, Program Director
SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Admission for Fall 2010

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

1. **Admission to WCJC:** Meet WCJC College requirements for admission.
2. **Application to the ADN Program:** Complete application of admission to Associate Degree Nursing Program.
3. **Transcripts:** A transcript from each college you have attended.
4. **Transcript Evaluation Form:** If you have attended other institutions other than WCJC then you must have your transcript(s) evaluated. The transcript(s) should be evaluated by Susan Hoelscher in the Registrar's office and a copy of the evaluation turned into the Associate Degree Nursing program with your completed application.
5. **Proof of Completion of Prerequisite Courses and GPA:** The prerequisite courses are: **BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402 and BIOL 2420.** Applicants must provide proof of completion of prerequisite courses or show that courses are in progress. These must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better and must have been completed within the last five years.
6. **ACT Scores:** Copy of the ACT (American College Test) scores with a composite of at least 19 or above taken within the last five years. You may take the local or national ACT. Testing can be arranged through the testing department at WCJC. Call 979-532-6386 (Wharton Campus), 281-239-1532 (Fort Bend Tech Center), or 281-243-8434 (Sugar Land Campus) for testing information. It is strongly recommended that you schedule testing at least one month prior to the date you plan to test.
7. **Hepatitis B Vaccine:** 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 ADN program. Applicants must have begun the vaccine series by **February 1st** in order meet this requirement.
Notice: The Hepatitis B vaccine is a series of three injections which takes **6 months** to complete.

Due to the number of applicants and a limited number of spaces available, admission to the program is very competitive and meeting all of the criteria does not guarantee anyone admission to the program. An admission to the college does not ensure admission into the Associate Degree Nursing program. Applicants should submit all necessary information on or before **March 31st** before **5:00 PM**.

All communication should be addressed to:
Wharton County Junior College, ADN Program
Attention: Lori Baumgarten
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Pre-Requisite Courses

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 2420 Microbiology

Must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better and must have been completed within the last five years.

Non-Nursing Courses

An overall GPA of 2.5 or greater is required in general education (non-nursing) courses completed. The general education courses in the ADN degree plan include:

BIOL 1322 Nutrition
ENGL 1301 Composition I
ENGL 1302 Composition II
PSYC 2301 Psychology
PSYC 2314 Life Span/Growth & Development
Humanities/Performing Visual Arts elective

It will be the responsibility of the applicant to provide updated transcripts showing proof of completion of course work for the Spring 2010 term by May 24, 2010 at 5:00 PM. The applicant must provide this information to the ADN department regardless of whether the course work was completed at WCJC or another college or university. Unofficial transcripts will be allowed as proof of completion for Spring 2010 coursework.

Registrar's Information:

Students applying to Allied Health Programs with selective admission criteria are required to submit data such as test scores and transcripts by deadlines set by the individual programs. These deadlines are published at the program web sites and contained in the application.

The Registrar's office will not fax or send via interoffice mail test scores or transcripts to the individual Allied Health Programs.

IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO REQUEST AND SECURE FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE INFORMATION SUCH AS TEST SCORES AND TRANSCRIPTS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE STATED DEADLINE. ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER IN ONE PACKET. INCOMPLETE PACKETS ARE NOT REVIEWED FOR ADMISSION.

For questions regarding program information you may 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.

FOR ADN DEPT. (DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)

App rec'd _____

Application complete

Date Reviewed with Applicant _____ In person

Phone

ACT Composite Score _____

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

**Please print in ink or type and complete all sections.
This application is only valid for admission for Fall 2010.**

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. Telephone –Work _____

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

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

9. Will you be enrolled in WCJC courses for Spring 2010? Yes ___ No ___

10. American College Test (ACT) Test Date _____

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

Name of Nursing Program	City, State	Dates attended

12. Colleges/Universities Attended

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

I CERTIFY that this application and the submitted transcripts and ACT 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.

Date _____ Legal Signature of Applicant _____



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Associate Degree Nursing Program Checklist

It is the prospective student's responsibility to ensure admission packet is complete. All required documentation must be submitted together in one packet. Incomplete packets are not reviewed for admission.

- _____ Must meet WCJC college requirements for admission
- _____ Completed application of admission to Associate Degree Nursing program
- _____ Official transcript(s) from each college attended sent to Registrar's Office
- _____ Copies of transcript(s) from each college attended sent to the ADN department
- _____ Transcript Evaluation Form if you have attended other institutions other than WCJC. The transcript(s) must be evaluated by Susan Hoelscher in the Registrar's office and a copy of the evaluation turned into the ADN program with your completed application. See Registrar's information within this application.
- _____ Proof of Completion of prerequisite courses or evidence that currently enrolled in courses
- _____ Copy of ACT scores with a composite of at least 19 Enhanced. Taken within the last five years
- _____ Hepatitis B Vaccine series started by February 1st
- _____ All above information turned in by March 31st

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

- Upon acceptance into the ADN program students will be required to have Wharton County Junior College complete a criminal background check. If there is something in the background check that cannot be resolved quickly, the student will have to reapply to the nursing program when the problem has been resolved. A student with a significant criminal background screen is eligible to be considered for full acceptance and enrollment in the nursing program if: 1) the student has previously submitted a Declaratory Order to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) and 2) received BON verification of eligibility for future licensure as a Registered Nurse. The criminal background check will be at the student's expense.
- All individuals seeking licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Texas must submit to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), 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.

As part of the initial licensure application process applicants are required to respond to eligibility questions. If you answer yes to any of the eligibility questions listed below, you should gather any court documents related to the issue and await instructions from the BON. **DO NOT SEND IN DOCUMENTS TO THE BON PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION FROM BON.** For additional information regarding the declaratory order go to: <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf>. (Do not send to BON prior of notification from them.)

Eligibility Questions

1. 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 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. Nondisclosure 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 that criminal matter.

2. Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
3. 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 professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
4. Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?*
5. Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

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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