



Wharton County Junior College
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LVN-ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS FOR MARCH 31, 2009 APPLICATION DEADLINE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The LVN-ADN Transition Program is designed specifically for students who are already Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) and desire to complete an education program allowing them to be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Required Courses can be completed eleven months after acceptance into the program.

The LVN-ADN Transition Program has limited enrollment. Because enrollment is limited, not all qualified applicants can be accepted. The admission process established by the Associate Degree Nursing Department is designed to select those applicants with the best qualifications. In addition to the admission requirements for the College the following are requirements for admission to the LVN-ADN Transition Program:

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Admission to WCJC:** Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Wharton County Junior College. Admission to WCJC is a separate process from admission to the nursing program. Applicants must be eligible to register for courses at WCJC in order to be considered for admission to the LVN-ADN Transition program.
- 2. Application to the LVN-ADN Transition Program:** Applicants must complete the LVN-ADN Transition Application. Applicants must sign, date, and return the application to the ADN department.
- 3. ACT Scores:** All applicants are required to take the ACT (American College Test) within five years of admission. The required ACT score is a composite of 19. You may take the local ACT or a national ACT. You may repeat the ACT, however "blended" scores will not be accepted in order to make the required score. Testing can be arranged through the Testing Center 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.
- 4. Transcripts:** Applicants must submit transcripts from all colleges attended, including Wharton County Junior College. Online copies of transcripts are not acceptable. If an applicant desires that course work completed from other colleges be considered, the applicant must initiate an official transcript evaluation from the Office of the Registrar. The ADN Program Director, program faculty and staff are not responsible for official transcript evaluation. Courses will be accepted for transfer if evaluated by the Registrar's office as equivalent to required courses in the LVN-ADN Transition Program degree plan.
If you desire that course work completed from other colleges be considered, you must allow ample time for the Registrar's office to evaluate the transcripts. The Registrar's office will not submit the transcript evaluation to the ADN department. It is the applicant's responsibility to include the completed transcript evaluation along with the ADN application.
For transfer of general education (non-nursing) courses the applicant must:
Submit an **official transcript** from the transferring college to the Registrar's office.
Submit a **copy of the official transcript** from the transferring college to the ADN department.
Submit the **official transcript evaluation** from the Registrar's office to the ADN department.

- 5. Proof of Completion of Prerequisite Courses and GPA:** Applicants must provide proof of completion of prerequisite courses. The prerequisite courses for the LVN-ADN Transition Program are: ENGL 1301, ENGL 1302, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, BIOL 1322, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and BIOL 2420. PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, BIOL 1322, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and BIOL 2420 must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. A GPA of 2.5 or greater is required in the prerequisite courses. A general education course in the ADN degree plan that is not a prerequisite course for the LVN-ADN Transition program is a humanities/performing visual arts elective. This requirement may be met after admission to the program.
- 6. Proof of current Texas licensure as a LVN.**
- 7. Proof of 1 year experience as a LVN within the last three years.**
- 8. Proof of Completion of 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 LVN-ADN Transition program. Applicants must have begun the vaccine series by February 1st in order to meet this requirement.
Notice: The Hepatitis B vaccine is a series of three injections which takes 6 months to complete.
- 9. Applicant Responsibility:** It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to make sure all required paperwork and information is received in the Associate Degree Nursing Department by 5pm on Monday, March 30, 2009. Our office will not follow up on any information that is not in your file. Incomplete files will not be considered. It will be the responsibility of the applicant to provide proof of completion of course work for the Spring 2009 term by May 18, 2009. 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 2009 coursework.
- 10. Selection Process:** Following the application deadline, applicants who have met the application requirements create the applicant pool for the term to which they are seeking admission. Applicants accrue points based on the number of prerequisite and non-nursing courses completed, grades in those courses, ACT scores and WCJC district status. The number of failed and repeated prerequisite, non-nursing, and nursing courses will be considered. Applicants are placed in rank order and selection is based on descending order until the class is filled. Qualified applicants not selected constitute the alternate list. The alternate list is not maintained as a waiting list.
- 11. Applicants will be notified by the end of April of an admission decision.**
- 12. Conditions for Full Acceptance:** Upon acceptance, all admissions to the LVN-ADN Transition program are contingent upon the following:
 - proof of completion of Spring 2008 course work by May 18, 2009.
 - completion of a satisfactory criminal background check.
 - providing a completed health data form.
 - showing proof of required immunizations (diphtheria-tetanus, Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella).
 - documentation of annual TB skin test (positive results will require follow-up).
 - proof of current CPR certification by the American Heart Association in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (require that CPR does not expire during the program)

Admission to the College does not ensure admission into the LVN-ADN Transition program.

Applications received after the **March 31** deadline may be considered, but only if space is available.

The Wharton County Junior College LVN-ADN Transition Program is fully approved by the Board of Nurse Examiners for The State of Texas, PO Box 430, Austin, TX, 78767-0430.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST FOR THE LVN-ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM

This checklist is for your use. Do not include with your application.

Date you submitted	Document	Send to	Contact phone number
	<p>1. Application for admission to WCJC</p>	<p>Wharton County Junior College Registrar's Office 911 Boling Highway Wharton, TX 77488</p>	<p>979-532-6303</p>
	<p>2. Application for admission to WCJC LVN-ADN Transition Program The following documentation must accompany the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACT scores 2. Copies of official transcripts from all colleges attended (originals to the Registrar) 3. Transcript evaluation from the WCJC Registrar's office. This is required if you want course work completed at another college to be considered for transfer of credit. 	<p>Wharton County Junior College ADN Department 911 Boling Highway Wharton, TX 77488</p>	<p>979-532-6391</p>

FOR ADN DEPT. (DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)	
App rec'd _____	Application Complete _____
Application reviewed with Applicant _____ In person _____ Phone _____	ACT Composite Score _____

**WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE
LVN-ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM - APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

(Please print in ink or type)

This application is only valid for admission for the program that begins in May 2009.

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 2007? Yes ___ No ___
10. American College Test (ACT) Test Date _____

11. Vocational Nursing Program Attended

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

12. Indicate proof of a minimum of 1 year experience as a LVN within the last three year period.

Employer Name and Address	Dates of Employment	Position	Supervisor

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

Name of Program	City, State	Dates attended

14. Colleges/Universities Attended

Name of School/College	City and State	Dates Attended	Hours Completed	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 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 any ADN program at Wharton County Junior College.

Date _____ Legal Signature of Applicant _____

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

- Upon acceptance into the LV-ADN Transition 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 must contact the BON and request a Petition for Declaratory Order. The Declaratory Order is available from the Texas BON website: www.bon.state.tx.us. Review of applicants with eligibility issues can take three (3) to six (6) months to complete.

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- LVN-ADN TRANSITION PROGRAM
POLICY ON ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ACTIVITIES FOR LVN-ADN
TRANSITION STUDENTS**

The following performance standards and activities have been identified as essential for successful admission, progression and completion of the LVN-ADN Transition 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