NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Information
If you have a compassionate, take-charge personality with a desire to make patients feel comforted in the face of illness, then a career in nursing may be the right career for you. As the population is quickly expanding and aging the need for quality health care is greater than ever, and professionals who can provide that care are in short supply. A nursing degree from San Jacinto College will change your life and help save the lives of others.

The San Jacinto College Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing:
• Qualifies students to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) required of all registered nursing candidates. A license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) is granted by the state to graduates who pass this examination;
• Educates nursing students on the College campus where they share learning experiences with other college students;
• Provides unique learning opportunities in theoretical and clinical environments, concurrently, to prepare the student for successful entrance into professional nursing. Experience in patient care is received in hospitals and other agencies in the community;
• Provides opportunity to practice with high-fidelity patient simulators; and
• Focuses on helping students understand the nursing scope of practice and adherence to ethical nursing practice to promote quality patient outcomes.

Accredited by:
The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Office: 404-975-5000

Career Opportunities
As a nurse, the job opportunities are endless. Upon successful completion of the curriculum and passing of the NCLEX-RN, graduates are entering a field of infinite professional opportunities. The registered nurse is seen as a vital member of the health care team and is responsible for coordinating the majority of the care related to the patient. As the first point of contact between the patient and physician, professional nurses encompass all levels of health and well-being.

The registered nurse can secure employment in:
• Hospitals and clinics,
• Home health and community health settings,
• Education, and
• Research and computer/technology.

San Jacinto College has transfer agreements with universities so our graduates can pursue bachelor’s degrees.

Earning Potential
Registered nurses median salary / year: $77,987

1 Source: texaswages.com, Gulf Coast region, 2017.

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Campuses
Central Campus
North Campus

Admission
Associate Degree Nursing Program Central and North Campuses
A student enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program (ADN) is a novice in health care who generally does not have any formal nursing education. Successful completion of the ADN program by these students will qualify graduates to apply for the National Counsel Licensure Examination for Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).
Students applying for admission to the ADN program must submit the following items:

1. Application for Admission to San Jacinto College via the website at https://www.sanjac.edu/admissions-aid/steps-enroll (provided online).

2. Application for the Associate Degree Nursing Program (provided online) during the application period.

3. Application Periods:
   - The ADN program accepts applicants twice a year (spring and fall). The ADN program applications can be obtained on the ADN admissions webpage (https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information). Please see the ADN webpage (https://www.sanjac.edu/our-programs/academic-programs/health-sciences/nursing) for specific application periods. Students are strongly encouraged to contact a Counselor or Education Planner in the Educational Planning & Counseling Center to assist the San Jacinto College and ADN Admissions process. Please call 281-998-6150, x1014 or x2317 to schedule an appointment.

4. Selection criteria.
   - Students should submit all required documents in one packet by the last day of the application period. Students who apply for admissions to the ADN program will be selected on the basis of the highest score on the admissions and scoring rubric. The rubric components can be found on the ADN website. Meeting minimum admissions requirements does not guarantee program admission.

5. Code of Conduct
   - All students admitted to the ADN program are expected to maintain the highest personal and professional standards of conduct in class and clinical, in accordance with the College Student Handbook (https://publications.sanjac.edu/student-handbook), the ADN Department Student Handbook, and clinical facility policies and procedures, which are used as extended campus sites. Any information indicating that such standards are not adhered to is subject to review by the Department Chair, and/or members of the nursing department faculty, and may result in a recommendation to the College for dismissal from the program.

6. Official Transcripts must be submitted with the application packet.
   a. Applicants must submit official transcripts from all colleges previously attended, transcripts should be mailed directly to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services. Transcripts should be requested as soon as possible. Applicants are encouraged to begin accessing their transcripts early in the application process to ensure that all required documents are available for review. All course work taken outside of San Jacinto College is required to be evaluated for transferability of credits towards the ADN degree.
   b. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for all applicants.
   c. Submit all official transcripts sealed from other colleges and San Jacinto College unofficial transcripts with the ADN application.

7. HESI A2 Admissions Test
   - Applicants seeking admissions must take an official Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam (HESI A2). A composite score of 75 percent in EACH section of reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, anatomy and physiology, and math is required. The learning styles and critical thinking sections are required, but will not be used in determining admissions. Submit all HESI A2 admissions test scores with the ADN application packet. Official test scores should be requested as soon as possible. Please visit the Testing Center-HESI website (https://www.sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/testing/hesi-%E2%80%93-information) for test dates on Central campus.

8. Criminal Background Check through the Texas Board of Nursing
   - All applicants are required to complete a criminal background check (CBC) as part of the application/admissions process. According to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) effective Jan. 1, 1996, a person who has been convicted of a felony that relates to the duties and responsibilities of a licensed registered nurse may be disqualified from obtaining licensure as a licensed registered nurse (213.28 Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, Rules and Regulations, Sept. 2004). For further inquiry the applicant should directly contact the Texas BON. Applicants must complete the Texas Board of Nursing CBC prior to entry into the program. Applicants will be required to submit a blue card or decision letter to confirm admission and progression into the program.

9. Completion of Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen through CastleBranch
   - The procedure for completing the criminal background check and drug screen requirements can be found on the ADN webpage (https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information).

10. Additional clinical requirements.
   - Evidence of completing the American Heart Association (AHA) CPR and Immunization requirements must be uploaded to the CastleBranch website. Please see the ADN webpage (https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information) for additional information regarding uploading the documents to CastleBranch.
   - In order for an ADN application to be accepted, students must have completed a minimum of:
     a. CPR - from the American Heart Association Health Care Provider (online courses are not accepted); Copy of CPR Card to be uploaded to CastleBranch
     b. Varicella Immunization #1, #2 and a positive titer
     c. Hepatitis B series and a positive titer
     d. Hepatitis C titer (negative titer)
     e. Or TWINRIX series completed and a positive titer
     f. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Immunizations #1, #2 and a positive titer
     g. Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) within the last 10 years
     h. Current Flu vaccination
     i. TB Skin Test (within 12 months); Chest X-Ray (if applicable)
        - The Texas Administrative Code Rule 97.64 states that enrolled students may not participate in course work activities, including direct patient contact, until full vaccination series have been completed.
        - Titer for MMR, Varicella, and Hepatitis B are required to be on file in the student’s record prior to the end of the first semester of the ADN program.
     iii. Clinical Affiliates may request additional components.
     iv. Applicants must pass the drug screen and background check to be considered for admission and progression into the program.

11. Health-Physical Examination is required.
   - Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to review by the ADN department and medical opinions or policy of hospital/agencies that are used as extended campus sites for assigned educational experiences.
   - A physical examination must be passed prior to entry into the ADN program after a student has been selected and accepted into the program.
program. Physical exams may be scheduled with a private physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant utilizing the forms issued by the ADN program upon acceptance. The physical examination must demonstrate that the student is physically and emotionally fit to meet all requirements of direct patient care without any limitations and be free from all communicable diseases.

Plan of Study
Central and North Campuses

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Total Credits 60

1. Students must satisfactorily complete BIOL 2301 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture)/BIOL 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab), BIOL 2302 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture)/BIOL 2102 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lab), BIOL 2320 Microbiology for Health Science Majors (lecture)/BIOL 2120 Microbiology for Health Science Majors (lab); and ENGL 1301 Composition I to enroll in any nursing course. Biology courses must be taken within the last five years with a passing grade no less than C. College Preparatory courses, which have numbers beginning with zero (0), do not apply toward the AAS degree.

Verification of Workforce Competencies:

1. Capstone Experience - RNSG 2130 Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation
2. External Learning Experience - RNSG 2160 Clinical: Nursing Management of Client Care
   • RNSG courses must have been taken within the last two years with a passing grade no less than C.
   • Course outline is representative of fall semester entry only. Adjustments will be made for spring semester entry.