

NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



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).

In accordance with Texas House Bill 1508, the College informs all students in this program who may have a criminal background that a criminal history could keep graduates from being licensed by the state of Texas. Students with any questions about their background and licensure may speak with the Department Chair.

Students enrolling into San Jacinto College programs with external learning experiences (i.e., clinical, practicum, externship, cooperative, etc.) will be required to comply with the immunization requirements and policies of the clinical/external learning sites to engage in all clinical/external learning experiences. Vaccination requirements at clinical/external learning sites are implemented pursuant to the independent authority of such facilities and are not mandated by San Jacinto College. Failure to meet the immunization requirements mandated by clinical/external learning sites may limit a student's ability to complete the program and/or may delay the student's graduation date. San Jacinto College does not process exemptions, and students should address potential vaccination exemptions directly with the clinical/external learning site.

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> (<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). Students may obtain the ADN program applications and specific application periods on the ADN admissions webpage (<https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information/>). Students are strongly encouraged to contact a Counselor or Education Planner in the Educational Planning & Counseling Center to assist in the San Jacinto College and ADN Admissions process. Students may 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 clinicals 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. The College requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all applicants.
- c. Students must 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. Students should request official test scores as soon as possible. Students may visit the **Prometric Testing Centers** for test dates on **Central Campus TESTING ID: 198971** or the ADN Nursing North (<https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information/>) website for the test dates on North 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 should 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. Students may 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); and
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Titers 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.

After the College selects and accepts a student into the program, the student must pass a physical examination prior to entry into the ADN program. Students may schedule physical exams 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 is free from all communicable diseases.