NURSING, LVN/PARAMEDIC TO RN TRANSITION NURSING, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Information
Are you already working as a Licensed Paramedic or Licensed Vocational Nurse in Texas? Are you ready to expand your practice to the associate degree nursing level at an accelerated pace?

If so, the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) transition program may be just right for you!

The San Jacinto College Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing (ADN):

• 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 those graduates who pass this examination;
• Educates nurses on the College campus where they share learning opportunities with other experienced, professional college students in the health care industry. Student learning is also conducted in local hospitals, community agencies, and the San Jacinto College South campus state-of-the-art simulation lab;
• Provides student clinical experiences concurrently with theory courses in general and specialty professional nursing education, taught by faculty who instruct and supervise; and
• Focuses on helping students develop as individuals and responsible citizens who become competent practitioners in professional nursing.

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 and challenges. The registered nurse is seen as a vital member of the health care team and is responsible for being the integral part of coordinating the majority of the care related to the patient. As the first point of contact between the patient and health care providers, the role of professional nurse encompasses 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 arenas.

Admission Information
Applications for entry into the program are accepted each year in the fall and spring. For dates, please see the LVN webpage (https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-transition) on the San Jacinto College website.

Earning Potential
Registered Nurse median salary: $77,987 per year


For more information, please contact the following:
281-998-6150 x3315 or adn.transition@sjcd.edu

Campus
South Campus

Transition Program Offered at South Campus effective Fall 2015.

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Transition program is a career transition opportunity designed for license vocation nurses (LVN) and paramedics who desire to continue their education while maintaining employment. It is a program specifically designed to meet the unique learning needs of the LVN and paramedic. The nursing program can be completed in four (4) terms. The ADN transition program is approved by the:

Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas
333 Guadalupe #3-460
Austin, Texas 78701
and accredited by the
Accreditation Commission for Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
(404) 975-5000.

Applicants for the program must meet the requirements for general admission to the College and must also meet program specific requirements. For detailed information concerning admission requirements and deadlines for submitting applications and related documents, contact the Nursing department.

Contact Information:
Email: SJCSouth-ADN@sjcd.edu
Phone: (281) 998-6150, x3315
Website: www.sanjac.edu/adn-transition

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](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](https://www.sanjac.edu/adn-admission-information)). Please see the ADN webpage ([https://www.sanjac.edu/our-programs/academic-programs/health-sciences/nursing](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](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.**
   - 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.
   - A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for all applicants.
   - 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-rn-information](https://www.sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/testing/hesi-%E2%80%93-rn-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 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](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](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)
         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.
A physical examination must be passed prior to entry into the ADN program after a student has been selected and accepted into the 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.

Nursing - Associate Degree Nursing Transition Program

Following are the admission requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Transition program.

- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) or Paramedic License
- Current and Active CPR card BLS/ACLS from the American Heart Association
- Official transcripts from all institutions
- GPS Report after transcript evaluation is complete
- Copy of HESI A2 scores (limit 2 reports & each section must score 75 or higher)
- Copy of HESI A2 critical thinking report
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Successful completion of all the required pre-requisite courses with a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.

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- Immunizations
  - Tetanus (td/tdap) within 10 years
  - Seasonal Flu within 1 year
  - TB (PPD) skin test within 1 year or chest x-ray within 2 years
  - MMR titer that shows immunity
  - Varicella titer that shows immunity
  - Hep B titer that shows immunity

Additional Links

Directions to San Jacinto College South / Map of South Campus
(https://www.google.com/maps/place/San+Jacinto+College/South/@29.578642,-95.204999,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x392d12b9cc394b37!8m2!3d29.578642!4d-95.204999?sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiIjKjL6ofiAhXi71oKHeccB0wQ_Bw9kBAgCEAI).

List of courses that meet the Humanities requirement for ADN Transition

Applications for Spring will be accepted starting in June 2018.
Applications will be accepted in the South Campus Nursing Office located at the South Campus in Building 1 Room 253b (S-1.253b) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 9:00a - 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Please make copies for your records, prior to submitting your application. Unfortunately, the office staff will not be able to make copies of documents or print applications for you.

All required documents for application to the program must be submitted as a complete packet and applications must be typed. We will return incomplete packets and ask that you resubmit prior to the application period deadline. Please check your packet carefully because we are unable to accept incomplete applications. Late applications will not be accepted.

We require official transcripts in a sealed envelope for every college attended, including a San Jacinto College transcript, if attended.

Please note that all applicants must attend an information session for each application period applying. Registration is not required. However, seating and entry is based on a first come first serve basis. In preparation for the information sessions, please bring a pen and paper for note taking. Be on time as late entry will not be granted. All late arrivals will be asked to attend an information session, per schedule, at a later date. If the applicant is late to the last scheduled information session for the application period, the applicant will be asked to apply the following semester.

If an applicant fails to attend an information session for the semester in which they are making application, their application will not be accepted for that semester.

If an applicant has questions, please allow 24-48 hours for a reply.

Phone: 281-998-6150 ext 3315

Email: adn.transition@sjcd.edu

Mandatory Information Sessions for Spring 2019 Application Period

TBD

Texas Board of Nursing

We highly recommend students interested in a nursing career visit the Texas Board of Nursing website. It is an excellent source of information for students looking to obtain a current license in the state of Texas. You may find this information at: http://www.bon.texas.gov/

Student Achievement Data

- First Time Pass Rate on National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN ®): **88.33%**
- Students completing the program within 150% of program length: **97.62%**
Nursing, LVN/Paramedic to RN Transition Nursing, Associate of Applied Science

- Graduates job placement: 94%
- (Data are for students that completed the program during the 2016 – 2017 academic year.)

Plan of Study

South Campus
3NUR-LNTRN and 3NUR-PMTRN

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Total Credits: 60

1 Students may take MATH 1342 or MATH 1314 or higher. Students who plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree should take MATH 1342.

Capstone Experience: RNSG 2130 Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation