

# SELECTIVE ADMISSION GUIDELINES

**Vocational Nursing &  
Associate Degree Nursing**



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# HELLO

**Thank you for choosing  
TJC Nursing to begin or  
advance your nursing career!**

## **HELLO, FUTURE APACHE NURSE!**

We're excited that you have chosen TJC Nursing to begin your career as a nurse or advance your credentials and transition into professional nursing practice.

TJC has been training area nurses since 1951, when it opened the Texas Eastern School of Nursing in cooperation with Mother Frances and Medical Center hospitals. Since then, thousands of area nurses have received their start at TJC.

Located in the heart of the Tyler medical district, TJC's nursing programs are uniquely positioned to provide broad clinical experiences along with hands-on skills training that prepares our graduates to confidently enter the fast-growing healthcare field as a nurse.

There is no right or wrong way to begin or advance your career as a nurse. There are multiple options and levels within the nursing profession, and our programs have been specifically tailored to accommodate each student's individual needs and overall goals.

Whether you're looking for fewer prerequisites and a quick entry into the workforce or you're up for the challenge to earn both your Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees at the same time, TJC Nursing offers a variety of options for all students who are interested in a career in nursing.

Now that we've concluded the introductions, let's get to the important stuff: Admission Guidelines! These Admission Guidelines are your one-stop shop for all things TJC Nursing. It doesn't matter if you want to be an LVN or you're currently a certified Paramedic seeking to transition, these guidelines have you covered!

We've spent a lot of time gathering the important information you need to know about applying for the TJC Nursing program. These are comprehensive guidelines that cover the admission requirements for all of the selective admission programs/pathways that TJC Nursing offer. Read through the information carefully, as some requirements may not apply to you.

We wish you the best of luck with your nursing application!

**TJC Nursing**  
Admissions Team

# TJC Nursing



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## AFFORDABLE

The average cost for two years at TJC is less than a third of the cost of taking the same two years at a public, state university.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY

The Robert M. Rogers Nursing & Health Sciences Center opened in 2015 and contains 3 floors of high-tech training equipment that will prepare our nurses for today's current nursing environment.

## HIGH NCLEX PASS RATES

TJC Nursing has maintained high NCLEX pass rates for both our VN and ADN programs.

The **Associate Degree Nursing 2021** NCLEX-RN pass rate is **94.12%**.

The **Vocational Nursing 2021** NCLEX-PN pass rate is **90.36%**.

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

We have facilities in Tyler, Lindale, Jacksonville and Rusk that provide a convenient option for much of the East Texas area.

## FLEXIBLE CHOICES

TJC Nursing offers multiple options within our programs to meet students' individual needs. Whether you need face-to-face or hybrid learning, or you're looking for a fast-track to earn your BSN through our strategic partnership with The University of Texas at Tyler, we have you covered!

## EXCELLENT JOB PLACEMENT

Located in the heart of the medical district in Tyler, TJC maintains strong relationships with our clinical affiliates and provides an excellent gateway for hospital, home health, and other health care professions for our graduates.



# WHY CHOOSE TJC NURSING?

TJC Nursing offers an **excellent program** of study for future nurses. With a variety of different options to choose from, TJC is a great place **to begin or advance** your journey in nursing.

## TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING APPROVAL

The Vocational Nursing program and the Associate Degree Nursing program at Tyler Junior College are approved by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Texas Board of Nursing  
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## NLN CNEA ACCREDITATION

The Tyler Junior College Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at:

2600 Virginia Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC 20032

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The TJC Nursing department offers two nursing programs; Vocational Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing. Though they sound similar, Licensed Vocational Nurses and Registered Nurses have less in common than you may think.

The tables below provide a quick reference to the programs/tracks we offer; however, it is highly recommended to read the full summary of each program outlined in this section.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM		
Traditional ADN, Standard AM <i>24 months</i>	LVN-ADN Transition, Tyler AM <i>18 months</i>	Paramedic-ADN Transition <i>12 months</i>
Traditional ADN, FastTrack PM <i>16 months</i>	LVN-ADN Transition, Tyler PM <i>18 months</i>	
	LVN-ADN Transition, Jacksonville <i>18 months</i>	

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM		
Vocational Nursing, Tyler AM <i>12 months</i>	Vocational Nursing, Lindale AM <i>12 months</i>	Vocational Nursing, Rusk AM <i>12 months</i>
Vocational Nursing, Tyler PM <i>12 months</i>		



# VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Our Vocational Nursing (VN) program is designed to prepare you to provide nursing care within a directed scope of practice under appropriate supervision. Once graduated, you will be able to use a systematic problem-solving process in the care of multiple patients with predictable health care needs to provide individualized, goal-directed nursing care.

Our VN program represents the beginning level of the nursing practice continuum in the roles of member of the profession, provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, and member of the health care team. Successful completion of the TJC Vocational Nursing curriculum leads to a Level II Certificate of Proficiency.

After successful completion of the VN program curriculum you will be qualified to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Only students who have completed a program approved by the State Board and who have successfully passed the state licensing examination are authorized to practice as licensed vocational nurses.

We have one pathway to complete the Vocational Nursing program. This pathway is a 12-month curriculum that requires completing coursework through the summer semesters. We offer the choice of four different cohorts.

## Vocational Nursing *Tyler AM Cohort*

The Vocational Nursing Tyler AM cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Tyler location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. A new cohort begins each fall and spring semester.

Lectures are held approximately 3-4 days per week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

## Vocational Nursing *Tyler PM Track*

The Vocational Nursing Tyler PM cohort is a hybrid curriculum that operates from our Tyler campus with online lectures, and face-to-face skills and clinicals. A new cohort begins each fall semester.

Lectures are held primarily online while skills and clinical shifts are still face-to-face experiences. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

## Vocational Nursing *Lindale AM Cohort*

The Vocational Nursing Lindale AM cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Lindale location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. A new cohort begins each fall semester.

Lectures are held approximately 3-4 days per week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

## Vocational Nursing *Rusk AM Cohort*

The Vocational Nursing Rusk AM cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Rusk location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. A new cohort begins each spring semester.

Lectures are held approximately 3-4 days per week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Our Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is designed to prepare you to provide holistic care of the patient through health promotion and the diagnosis and treatment of human response to actual or potential health problems.

Registered Nurses have an expanded set of duties such as providing and coordinating care, educating the public about various health conditions, providing advice and emotional support to individuals and their family members, and management and delegation within the health care environment.

TJC's Associate Degree Nursing program provides students an opportunity to enter the nursing profession as a Registered Nurse, or advance to a Registered Nurse credential from their current role as a Vocational Nurse or Paramedic. Successful completion of the TJC Associate Degree Nursing curriculum leads to an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree.

After successful completion of the Associate Degree Nursing program curriculum, you will be qualified to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Only students who have completed a program approved by the State Board and who have successfully passed the state licensing examination are authorized to practice as registered nurses.

The TJC Nursing department offers three pathways to complete the Associate Degree Nursing program; Traditional ADN, LVN-ADN Transition, and Paramedic-ADN Transition.

The Traditional ADN pathway has two different tracks; the LVN-ADN Transition pathway has three different tracks, and the Paramedic-ADN Transition pathway has one track.

## Traditional ADN Pathway

The Traditional ADN pathway is a full curriculum designed for unlicensed individuals and prepares students to enter the workforce as a Registered Nurse.

Students also have the choice to enroll in the ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment option that operates in partnership with The University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler). We have two different tracks in the Traditional ADN pathway.

### Traditional ADN *Standard AM Track (24-month)*

The Traditional ADN Standard AM cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Tyler location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. Coursework is not completed through summer semesters. A new cohort begins each fall and spring semester.

Lectures are held approximately 3-4 days per week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

### Traditional ADN *PM FastTrack (16-month)*

The Traditional ADN FastTrack PM cohort is an expedited curriculum that operates from our Tyler campus with online lectures, and face-to-face skills and clinicals. Requires completion of coursework through summer semesters. A new cohort begins once every 16 months.

Lectures are held primarily online while skills and clinical shifts are still face-to-face experiences. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

### TJC & UT Tyler ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment

The Tyler Junior College Nursing program and The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing have formed a partnership that allows students to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from TJC and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UT Tyler at the same time.

*See page 26 for further details.*



## **LVN-ADN Transition Pathway**

The LVN-ADN Transition pathway is an accelerated curriculum designed for current Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) seeking to advance their credentials to become a Registered Nurse.

The LVN-ADN pathway is an 18-month curriculum (exclusive prerequisite courses) with the summer semester off. We currently offer a choice of three cohorts within the LVN-ADN pathway.

### **LVN-ADN Transition**

#### ***Tyler AM Cohort***

The LVN-ADN Tyler AM cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Tyler location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. A new cohort begins once every 18 months.

Lectures are held approximately 2-3 days per week between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with 1-2 shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

### **LVN-ADN Transition**

#### ***Tyler PM Cohort***

The LVN-ADN Tyler PM cohort operates on an evening schedule from our Tyler location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. A new cohort begins once every 18 months.

Lectures are held three days per week (Monday to Wednesday) beginning after 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts with one or two shifts a week (Saturday and/or Sunday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.

### **LVN-ADN Transition**

#### ***Jacksonville AM Cohort***

The LVN-ADN Jacksonville cohort operates on a daytime schedule from our Jacksonville location with face-to-face lectures and clinicals. Clinical shifts can be at clinical sites in both in Jacksonville and Tyler. A new cohort begins once every 18 months.

Lectures are held approximately two to three days per week (Monday to Thursday) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts and with one or two shifts a week (Monday to Thursday). Clinical shifts will not be scheduled every week of the semester.



## Paramedic-ADN Transition Pathway

The Paramedic-ADN Transition pathway is an accelerated curriculum designed for current state-certified/licensed Paramedics seeking to transition into the nursing profession as a Registered Nurse.

The Paramedic-ADN pathway is a 12-month curriculum (excluding prerequisite courses) specifically designed to accommodate the work schedule of EMS professionals. We have one cohort within the Paramedic-ADN pathway.

## Paramedic-ADN Transition *Hybrid 12-Month Cohort*

The Paramedic-ADN pathway operates from our Tyler location and includes a combination of online lectures and face-to-face clinical. A new cohort begins each fall semester and requires completing coursework through summer semester.

All lectures are held online and students spend a limited amount of time on campus. Clinicals are 6-12 hour shifts, they are available in multiple locations, and are scheduled in accordance with students' work schedule needs. Clinical shifts are not scheduled every week of the semester.





## WHAT IS SELECTIVE ADMISSION?

The TJC Nursing program is a selective admissions program. This means each nursing program has a limited number of seats for students.

As part of the selective admission process, students must complete specific requirements (prerequisites) and then apply to be considered for admission.

Applicants are ranked based on the number of points earned through the admission process, with the top-ranking applicants being offered conditional placement.

The TJC Nursing department holds an admission period twice each academic year to begin cohorts in each fall and spring semester.

## Admission Guidelines

The Admission Guidelines outline the requirements/prerequisites each student must complete prior to applying to a program. The guidelines are designed to help navigate students through each stage of the admission process from start to finish, so they are fully prepared when they apply.

Students are responsible for reading the guidelines and working alongside their Nursing advisor to ensure that all requirements are complete before applying. If an incomplete application is submitted, it may not move forward in the admission process.

Each application is carefully reviewed by our admission team to ensure accurate information is presented to the Nursing Admission Committee, in order to make a final decision on program placement.

## Admission Schedule

Not all programs/cohorts are open for admission each admission period. The tables on the next page provide a summary of when each program/cohort will be open for admission and when classes begin.

ADMISSION PERIOD	STARTING SEMESTER
January 15 - 31	Fall Semester
June 15 - 30	Spring Semester

# ADMISSION





# SCHEDULE

## VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS

Start Semester:	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Admission Period:	Jan. 15-31, 2024	June 15-30, 2024	Jan. 15-31, 2025	June 15-30, 2025
Program/Cohort:	Tyler AM	Tyler AM	Tyler AM	Tyler AM
	Tyler PM		Tyler PM	
	Lindale AM		Lindale AM	
		Rusk AM		Rusk AM

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS

Start Semester:	Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Admission Period:	Jan. 15-31, 2024	June 15-30, 2024	Jan. 15-31, 2025	June 15-30, 2025
Program/Cohort:	Traditional ADN - 24-month AM*	Traditional ADN - 24-month AM*	Traditional ADN - 24-month AM*	Traditional ADN - 24-month AM*
			Traditional ADN - 18-month PM	
	LVN-ADN Transition - Tyler AM			LVN-ADN Transition - Tyler AM
		LVN-ADN Transition - Tyler PM		
			LVN-ADN Transition - Jacksonville	
	Paramedic-ADN		Paramedic-ADN	

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\*ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment option is available each fall and spring as 'opt in' for students offered placement in the Traditional ADN - Standard AM track.



## NURSING DEGREE PLANS

A degree plan outlines the necessary courses that a student must complete in order to earn a specific certificate or degree. In some cases (like nursing), you must complete the degree-required courses in the order they are listed on the degree plan.

Although TJC Nursing has two programs, and multiple program pathways/cohorts, each program/pathway will follow one of four different degree plans.

Each of the degree plans are included in this section of the guidelines. You can use the degree plans to see which courses you may have already completed and which courses you still need to register for.

You can also use the degree plan to see the recommended sequence in which to take any prerequisite courses.

Degree plans are also outlined in the TJC Catalog and online from the TJC Nursing webpage at: [www.tjc.edu/nursing](http://www.tjc.edu/nursing).

### **Vocational Nursing**

Level II Certification

*Vocational Nursing License (LVN)*

### **Associate of Applied Science, Nursing**

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

*Registered Nursing License (RN)*

### **Associate of Applied Science, Nursing**

LVN-ADN Transition

*Registered Nursing License (RN)*

### **Associate of Applied Science, Nursing**

EMSP-ADN Transition

*Registered Nursing License (RN)*



# DEGREE WORKS

Another way you can easily keep track of your progress is to use Degree Works. Degree Works is a web-based planning tool that TJC uses to help students and advisors monitor students' progress toward degree completion.

It will show you in an easy to read format the courses that you must complete to achieve your degree. However, Degree Works is not a substitution for consultation with a professional academic advisor.

You can access Degree Works by logging into Apache Access. In the top menu on your student dashboard, click on the "Degree Works" icon. This pulls up your Degree Works screen.



You can view your progress toward your current degree plan, or you can select the "What If" option on the left and plug in any degree plan offered at TJC.



Did you know that the admission team uses Degree Works to review your prerequisite/degree required courses when processing your application?

Reviewing your Degree Works is a great way to make sure the admission team sees all of your completed coursework that's required for your application.



# NURSING, VOCATIONAL (VN) (CERTIFICATE)

Vocational nurses contribute to the plan of care by collaborating with the interdisciplinary team members and with the patient's family. Our graduates can readily integrate technical skills and use of computers and equipment into practice.

Our Vocational Nursing (VN) program is designed to prepare you to provide nursing care within a directed scope of practice under appropriate supervision. Once graduated, you will be able to use a systematic problem-solving process in the care of multiple patients with predictable health care needs to provide individualized, goal-directed nursing care.

Our program represents the beginning level of the nursing practice continuum in the roles of member of the profession, provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, and member of the health care team. Successful completion of TJC's VN curriculum leads to a Certificate of Proficiency.

After graduating, you will be qualified to apply for the National Council Licensure Exam for Licensed Vocational Nurses. Only students who have completed a program approved by the State Board and who have successfully passed the state licensing examination are authorized to practice as licensed vocational nurses.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2023-2024
<b>Degree Type</b>	Certificate
<b>Available Online</b>	No
<b>Available Hybrid</b>	Yes
<b>TSI</b>	Reading and Writing

## DEGREE PLAN

### Major Courses

**40 Credit Hours**

VNSG 1231	Pharmacology
VNSG 1260	Clinical I
VNSG 1204	Foundations of Nursing
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills
VNSG 1400	Nursing in Health & Illness I
VNSG 1329	Medical-Surgical Nursing I
VNSG 1201	Mental Health and Mental Illness
VNSG 1409	Nursing in Health & Illness II
VNSG 2331	Advanced Nursing Skills
VNSG 1360	Clinical II
VNSG 1119	Leadership & Professional Development
VNSG 2410	Nursing in Health and Illness III
VNSG 1361	Clinical III
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics
VNSG 1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing

**Total Semester Hours**

**40 Hours**

## RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Prerequisites	Credit Hours
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BIOL 2404	Anatomy and Physiology*	4
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First Semester	Credit Hours
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VNSG 1231	Pharmacology	2
VNSG 1260	Clinical I	2
VNSG 1204	Foundations of Nursing	2
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1400	Nursing in Health and Illness I	4
VNSG 1329	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	3

Second Semester	Credit Hours
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VNSG 1201	Mental Health and Mental Illness	2
VNSG 1409	Nursing in Health and Illness II	4
VNSG 2331	Advanced Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1360	Clinical II	3

Third Semester	Credit Hours
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VNSG 1119	Leadership and Professional Development	1
VNSG 2410	Nursing in Health and Illness III	4
VNSG 1361	Clinical III	3
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics	2
VNSG 1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	2

<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>44</b>
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\*Prerequisite for all VNSG courses. BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 may be substituted BIOL 2404.

Courses title in **bold type** represent general education requirements.

Department-specific course must be taken in sequence.

All courses must be completed with a "C" or better.

Selective admissions and retention rules apply. Contact the department chair for details.

# NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE (ADN) AAS

Nursing is a unique dynamic profession committed to holistic care of the client through health promotion and the diagnosis and treatment of human response to actual or potential health problems.

Nurses use critical-thinking skills in order to provide nursing care across the life span, with emphasis on meeting the needs of clients who require assistance to maintain or restore optimum health or to die with dignity.

Our small class sizes, state-of-the-art facilities and expert, hands-on faculty will teach you the skills you need to pursue and succeed in this lucrative, in-demand career field.

We offer a traditional, integrated program that is two years long and approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. Graduates are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) as defined by the Texas Board of Nursing.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2023-2024
<b>Degree Type</b>	AAS
<b>Available Online</b>	No
<b>Available Hybrid</b>	Yes
<b>TSI</b>	Reading and Writing

## DEGREE PLAN

### Major Courses

**36 Credits**

RNSG 1216	Professional Nursing Competencies
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1430	Health Care Concepts I
RNSG 1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I
RNSG 1161	Clinical – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing
RNSG 1533	Health Care Concepts II
RNSG 1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II
RNSG 2362	Clinical II – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 2363	Clinical III – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV
RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV
RNSG 2360	Clinical IV – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing

### General Education Courses

**24 Credits**

Every Associate of Applied Science degree plan must contain at least 15 semester hours of general education courses. At least one course must be taken from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts (language, philosophy & culture/creative arts), social/behavioral science (social and behavioral sciences/American history/government/political science), and natural science/mathematics (life and physical sciences/mathematics).

Major Courses	36 Hours
General Education Courses	24 Hours
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>60 Hours</b>



## RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Prerequisites		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2401</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BIOL 2402</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
Summer I		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2420</b>	<b>Microbiology for Non-Science Majors</b>	<b>4</b>
First Semester		Credit Hours
<b>ENGL 1301</b>	<b>Composition I</b>	<b>3</b>
RNSG 1216	Professional Nursing Competencies	2
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	1
RNSG 1430	Health Care Concepts I	4
RNSG 1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I	1
RNSG 1161	Clinical – Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	1
Second Semester		Credit Hours
<b>PSYC 2301</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
RNSG 1533	Health Care Concepts II	5
RNSG 1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II	1
RNSG 2362	Clinical II – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing	3
Third Semester		Credit Hours
<b>PSYC 2314</b>	<b>Lifespan, Growth and Development</b>	<b>3</b>
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG 2363	Clinical III – Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	3
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG 2360	Clinical IV – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing	3
<b>XXXX x3xx</b>	<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture OR Creative Arts Core</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

*Courses title in bold type represent general education requirements.*

*Non-nursing courses may be taken prior to placement in the ADN program.*

*Non-nursing courses must be taken in the order listed in the degree plan unless previously taken with a grade of “C” or better.*

*All courses must be completed with a “C” or better.*

*Selective admissions and retention rules apply. Contact the department chair for details.*

# NURSING, LVN-ADN TRANSITION (AAS)

Our LVN to ADN transition program is an accelerated program of study for licensed LVNs. Graduates will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

With state-of-the-art facilities, small class sizes and expert, hands-on faculty, you will soon have the knowledge and skills needed to advance your career.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2023-2024
<b>Degree Type</b>	AAS
<b>Available Online</b>	No
<b>Available Hybrid</b>	No
<b>TSI</b>	Reading & Writing Complete

## DEGREE PLAN

<b>Major Courses</b>	<b>36 Credits*</b>
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RNSG 1118	Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies
RNSG 1163	Transitional Clinical I
RNSG 1324	Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 2363	Clinical III – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV
RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV
RNSG 2360	Clinical IV – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing

<b>General Education Courses</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>
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Every Associate of Applied Science degree plan must contain at least 15 semester hours of general education courses. At least one course must be taken from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts (language, philosophy & culture/creative arts), social/behavioral science (social and behavioral sciences/American history/government/political science), and natural science/mathematics (life and physical sciences/mathematics).

Major Courses	36 Hours
General Education Courses	24 Hours
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>60 Hours</b>

## RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Prerequisites		Credit Hours
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan, Growth and Development	3
XXXX x3xx	Language, Philosophy and Culture OR Creative Arts Core	3
Summer I		Credit Hours
BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4
First Semester		Credit Hours
RNSG 1118	Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies	1
RNSG 1163	Transitional Clinical I	1
RNSG 1324	Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	3
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	1
Second Semester		Credit Hours
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG 2363	Clinical III – Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	3
Third Semester		Credit Hours
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG 2360	Clinical IV – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

*Courses title in bold type represent general education requirements.*

*All courses must be completed with a "C" or better.*

*Non-nursing courses must be taken in the order listed in the degree plan unless previously taken with a grade of "C" or better.*

*Selective admission and retention rules apply. Contact the department chair for details.*

*\*Upon successful completion of RNSG 1118, RNSG 1163, RNSG 1324 and RNSG 1128, the transition student will earn an additional twelve (12) credit hours of equivalency credit. The transition option graduate will have earned a minimum total of 60 credit hours and the associate of applied science degree in nursing.*

# NURSING, PARAMEDIC-ADN TRANSITION (AAS)

Our paramedic to ADN transition degree program is an accelerated program of study for national registry certified or state certified paramedics. Graduates will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

With state-of-the-art facilities, small class sizes and expert, hands-on faculty, you will soon have the knowledge and skills needed to advance your career.

<b>Catalog Year</b>	2023-2024
<b>Degree Type</b>	AAS
<b>Available Online</b>	No
<b>Available Hybrid</b>	Yes
<b>TSI</b>	Reading & Writing Complete

## DEGREE PLAN

Major Courses	36 Credits*
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RNSG 1118	Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies
RNSG 1162	Transitional Clinical Paramedic I
RNSG 1324	Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 2363	Clinical III – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV
RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV
RNSG 2360	Clinical IV – Registered Nurse/Registered Nursing

General Education Courses	24 Credits
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Every Associate of Applied Science degree plan must contain at least 15 semester hours of general education courses. At least one course must be taken from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts (language, philosophy & culture/creative arts), social/behavioral science (social and behavioral sciences/American history/government/political science), and natural science/mathematics (life and physical sciences/mathematics).

Major Courses	36 Hours
General Education Courses	24 Hours
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>60 Hours</b>



## RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

Prerequisites		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2401</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BIOL 2402</b>	<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ENGL 1301</b>	<b>Composition I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSYC 2301</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PSYC 2314</b>	<b>Lifespan, Growth and Development</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>XXXX x3xx</b>	<b>Language, Philosophy and Culture OR Creative Arts Core</b>	<b>3</b>
Summer I		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2420</b>	<b>Microbiology for Non-Science Majors</b>	<b>4</b>
First Semester		Credit Hours
<b>RNSG 1118</b>	<b>Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RNSG 1162</b>	<b>Transitional Clinical Paramedic I</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>RNSG 1324</b>	<b>Concept-based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice</b>	<b>3</b>
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Second Semester		Credit Hours
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<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

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# TJC AND UT TYLER ADN/BSN CONCURRENT

The Tyler Junior College Nursing program and The University of Texas at Tyler School of Nursing have formed a partnership that allows students to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from TJC and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UT Tyler at the same time.

The ADN/BSN concurrent enrollment option is for students who are motivated to complete 30 hours of BSN-level coursework while simultaneously completing the TJC Traditional RN curriculum.

To be considered for the ADN/BSN concurrent enrollment option, applicants must:

- be offered conditional placement into the TJC Traditional RN pathway.
- meet requirements and be accepted for general admission at UT Tyler.
- have completed all Core Curriculum and BSN prerequisite courses.

The concurrent enrollment option has unlimited placement and is open to all qualified students who are offered conditional placement into the 24-month Traditional ADN - Standard AM cohort. The concurrent enrollment option is not available for the Traditional ADN FastTrack PM or LVN/Paramedic-ADN Transition cohorts at this time.

If you're interested in the concurrent enrollment option, complete the following pre-admission steps:

1. Visit with a TJC Healthcare Professions advisor to ensure completion of the concurrent enrollment prerequisite courses.
2. Apply for the Traditional RN standard AM pathway during a TJC Nursing admission period.
3. Apply for general admission to UT Tyler.
4. Submit all of your official transcripts to UT Tyler for evaluation.
5. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You need to list both Tyler Junior College and The University of Texas at Tyler on the FAFSA application.

The following page outlines a recommended course sequence for the courses required for your BSN at UT Tyler. It's recommended to visit with an advisor prior to enrolling in these courses.



YEAR ONE		
First Semester		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2401</b>	<b>Anatomy and Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>ENGL 1301</b>	<b>Composition I* (<i>Communications Core</i>)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>ARTS 1301</b>	<b>Art Appreciation (<i>Creative Arts Course</i>)</b>	<b>3</b>
HIST 1301	United States History I	3
GOVT 2305	United States Government	3
Second Semester		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2402</b>	<b>Anatomy and Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PSYC 2301</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
HIST 1302	United States History II	3
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
ENGL 1302	Composition II* ( <i>Communication Core</i> )	3
YEAR TWO		
First Semester		Credit Hours
CHEM 1405	Introduction to Chemistry	4
PSYC 2314	Lifespan, Growth and Development	3
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech Communication* ( <i>Human Expression Core</i> )	3
PHIL 1301	Introduction to Philosophy* ( <i>Language, Philosophy, Culture Core</i> )	3
Second Semester		Credit Hours
<b>BIOL 2420</b>	<b>Microbiology</b>	<b>4</b>
EDUC 1300	Learning Frameworks* ( <i>Elective</i> )	3
BIOL 1322	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
NURS 3303	Pathophysiology**	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>61</b>

Courses titled in **bold type** represent general education courses that are also prerequisite/degree required courses for the TJC Nursing, Traditional ADN pathway.

\*These courses are recommendations; multiple options exist within the noted core component area. Consult the UT Tyler ADN/BSN concurrent advisor for a list of additional courses acceptable for that core component.

\*\*This course must be completed at the University of Texas at Tyler and is not available at TJC.

All courses must be completed with a "C" or better.



When preparing to apply to a nursing program, it's important to plan for your financial commitments throughout the duration of your enrollment in the program. Planning ahead can help relieve some of additional stressors you will face while completing nursing school.

In this section, we have compiled some useful information regarding financial aid, scholarships, and grants that are available for TJC students. This also includes cost breakdowns for each nursing program.

Having access to this information and being fully informed about your financial options can help you better determine how you plan to cover the costs of tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies that are required to successfully complete the nursing program.

## **Estimate of Costs**

We have developed a table for each program that outlines the estimate of costs from taking prerequisite courses, to program tuition, and also some of the post-graduation expenses such as licensure and examination fees.

This information is intended to be used as a guide only and is subject to change. Additional information regarding tuition and fees can be found on the TJC website at [www.tjc.edu/cost](http://www.tjc.edu/cost).



## VOCATIONAL NURSING PATHWAY ESTIMATE COSTS

### Pre-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
General Education/Prerequisite Courses (4 credit hours)	\$707	\$947	\$1,043
ATI Entrance Exams ATI TEAS & ATI Critical Thinking	\$160	\$160	\$160
Complio Admission Package Health Requirement Documents	\$15	\$15	\$15
Surface Antibody Titers / Immunizations	Varies	Varies	Varies

### Post-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
Texas Board of Nursing Background Check	\$40	\$40	\$40
Complio Post-Acceptance Package Drug Test, HIPAA and OSHA Training/compliance	\$95	\$95	\$95
Nursing Uniforms	\$250	\$250	\$250
Stethoscope and Nursing Supplies	\$250	\$250	\$250
Electronic Device (Laptop) must meet requirements Cost depends on type and specifications of device.	Varies	Varies	Varies
Textbook Package	\$460	\$460	\$460
VNSG Degree Courses Total (40 credit hours)	\$7,137	\$9,417	\$10,329
First Semester Total (16 credit hours)	\$2,786	\$3,746	\$4,130
Second Semester Total (12 credit hours)	\$2,258	\$2,978	\$3,266
Third Semester Total (12 credit hours)	\$2,093	\$2,693	\$2,933

### Post-Graduation / Licensure Requirements

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
NCLEX Examination Fee	\$200	\$200	\$200
Texas Board of Nursing License Fee	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>Total Program Estimate Cost</b>	<b>\$9,389</b>	<b>\$11,909</b>	<b>\$12,917</b>

## TRADITIONAL ADN PATHWAY ESTIMATE COSTS

### Pre-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
General Education/Prerequisite Courses (24 credit hours)	\$3,667	\$5,107	\$5,683
ATI Entrance Exams ATI TEAS & ATI Critical Thinking	\$160	\$160	\$160
Complio Admission Package Health Requirement Documents	\$15	\$15	\$15
Surface Antibody Titers / Immunizations	Varies	Varies	Varies

### Post-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
Texas Board of Nursing Background Check	\$40	\$40	\$40
Complio Post-Acceptance Package Drug Test, HIPAA and OSHA Training/compliance tracking	\$65	\$65	\$65
Nursing Uniforms	\$250	\$250	\$250
Stethoscope and Nursing Supplies	\$250	\$250	\$250
Electronic Device (Laptop) must meet requirements Cost depends on type and specifications of device.	Varies	Varies	Varies
Textbook Package	\$1,130	\$1,130	\$1,130
RNSG Degree Courses Total (36 credit hours)	\$7,004	\$9,164	\$10,028
First Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,804	\$2,344	\$2,560
Second Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,721	\$2,261	\$2,477
Third Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,732	\$2,272	\$2,488
Fourth Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,747	\$2,287	\$2,503

### Post-Graduation / Licensure Requirements

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
NCLEX Examination Fee	\$200	\$200	\$200
Texas Board of Nursing License Fee	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>Total Program Estimate Cost</b>	<b>\$12,856</b>	<b>\$16,456</b>	<b>\$17,8969</b>

## LVN-ADN TRANSITION PATHWAY ESTIMATE COSTS

### Pre-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
General Education/Prerequisite Courses (24 credit hours)	\$3,667	\$5,107	\$5,683
ATI Entrance Exams ATI TEAS & ATI Critical Thinking	\$130	\$130	\$130
Complio Admission Package Health Requirement Documents	\$15	\$15	\$15
Surface Antibody Titers / Immunizations	Varies	Varies	Varies

### Post-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
Texas Board of Nursing Background Check	\$40	\$40	\$40
Complio Post-Acceptance Package Drug Test, HIPAA and OSHA Training/compliance tracking	\$65	\$65	\$65
Nursing Uniforms	\$250	\$250	\$250
Stethoscope and Nursing Supplies	\$250	\$250	\$250
Electronic Device (Laptop) must meet requirements Cost depends on type and specifications of device.	Varies	Varies	Varies
Textbook Package	\$1,130	\$1,130	\$1,130
RNSG Degree Courses Total (24 credit hours)	\$5,176	\$5,710	\$6,142
First Semester Total (6 credit hours)	\$1,469	\$1,829	\$1,973
Second Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,846	\$1,933	\$2,077
Third Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,861	\$1,948	\$2,092

### Post-Graduation / Licensure Requirements

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
NCLEX Examination Fee	\$200	\$200	\$200
Texas Board of Nursing License Fee	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>Total Program Estimate Cost</b>	<b>\$10,998</b>	<b>\$12,972</b>	<b>\$13,980</b>

## PARAMEDIC-ADN TRANSITION PATHWAY ESTIMATE COSTS

### Pre-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
General Education/Prerequisite Courses (24 credit hours)	\$3,667	\$5,107	\$5,683
ATI Entrance Exams ATI TEAS & ATI Critical Thinking	\$130	\$130	\$130
Complio Admission Package Health Requirement Documents	\$15	\$15	\$15
Surface Antibody Titers / Immunizations	Varies	Varies	Varies

### Post-Admission Costs

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
Texas Board of Nursing Background Check	\$40	\$40	\$40
Complio Post-Acceptance Package Drug Test, HIPAA and OSHA Training	\$95	\$95	\$95
Nursing Uniforms	\$250	\$250	\$250
Stethoscope and Nursing Supplies	\$250	\$250	\$250
Electronic Device (Laptop) Cost depends on type and specifications of device.	Varies	Varies	Varies
Textbook Package	\$1,130	\$1,130	\$1,130
RNSG Degree Courses Total (24 credit hours)	\$5,346	\$5,880	\$6,312
First Semester Total (6 credit hours)	\$1,519	\$1,879	\$2,023
Second Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,906	\$1,993	\$2,137
Third Semester Total (9 credit hours)	\$1,921	\$2,008	\$2,152

### Post-Graduation / Licensure Requirements

	In District	Out-of-District	Out-of-State
NCLEX Examination Fee	\$200	\$200	\$200
Texas Board of Nursing License Fee	\$75	\$75	\$75
<b>Total Program Estimate Cost</b>	<b>\$11,168</b>	<b>\$13,142</b>	<b>\$14,150</b>



## Financial Aid

There are several methods in which you can pay for nursing school, and one of the most common is through financial aid.

Many financial aid opportunities require that you first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA is used to determine federal, state, and sometimes college-specific financial aid.

Your FAFSA form applies to a single academic year. That means you need to submit a new FAFSA form each year.

At TJC, our academic years start in fall and end in the summer. You can access your financial aid status and eligibility at any time online by logging into Apache Access and reviewing your financial aid Traffic Lights.

FAFSA applications are accepted throughout the school year, however the Financial Aid office recommends that you complete them by the deadlines so you don't miss out on available aid.

Financial Aid deadlines and additional information/steps on how to complete your FAFSA application can be found on the Financial Aid page on the TJC website. Go to [www.tjc.edu](http://www.tjc.edu) and select "Admission" from the top menu, then under "Next Steps" click on the "Financial Aid" link.

You can also call the Financial Aid office at 903-510-2385 or email them at [fais@tjc.edu](mailto:fais@tjc.edu).

## Scholarships

Another method available to assist with your nursing tuition is to apply for a scholarship. There are several different scholarships available through TJC, and there are also external scholarships available through private vendors as well.

To receive consideration for scholarships at TJC, you must be planning to enroll in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours each semester (fall and spring) or be accepted into a Nursing and Health Sciences program. Please note, scholarships are not available during the summer sessions.

Submitting a scholarship application allows you to be considered for most scholarships awarded by TJC unless otherwise noted. The priority deadline to apply for scholarships is April 1 each year, and the application covers the upcoming academic year.

Once your application is complete, you will be considered for all scholarships for which you are



eligible. No additional action is required for most scholarships.

You can log in at any time to check the status of your scholarship application. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by TJC email only and will be required to accept the scholarship online.

We recommend all students complete the scholarship application, even if you do not plan to apply to the Nursing program until later in the academic year. This allows the scholarship office to collect your information and be prepared should you be offered placement in a Nursing program.

Additional information regarding scholarships and how to complete the application are available online on the Scholarships page on the TJC website at: [www.tjc.edu/scholarships](http://www.tjc.edu/scholarships).

## Carl D. Perkins Grant Program

The Carl D. Perkins Grant Program at TJC is a federally funded program that provides community colleges with resources to develop and maintain programs that serve faculty, staff and students in Career and Technical Education.

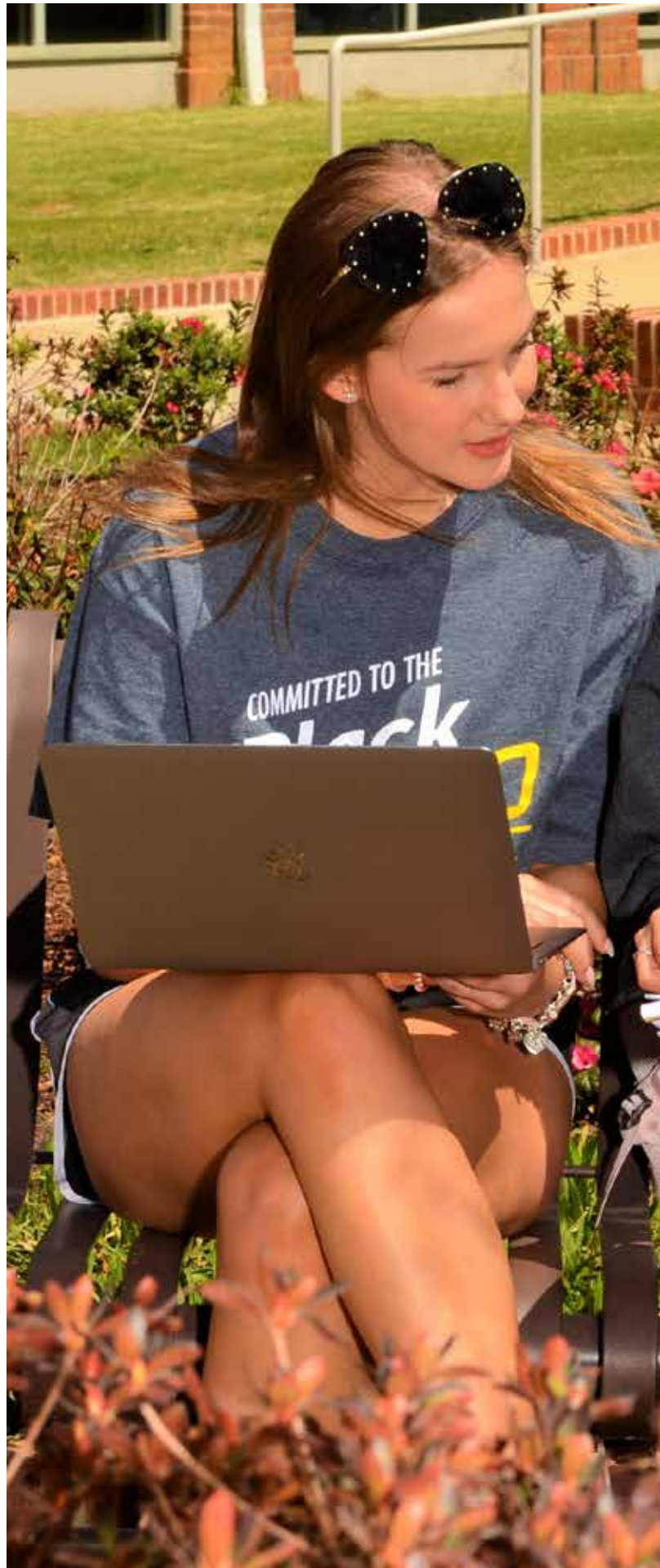
TJC receives funding from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board from the Carl D. Perkins Act.

Perkins Basic Grant funds are used to fund positions, materials, faculty professional development, and student services which seek to accomplish the following objectives:

- To build and sustain high-quality Applied Sciences program offerings.
- To promote an effective retention and completion program for CTE students who are enrolled in an Associate of Applied Science program.
- To supply financial assistance and reduce performance gaps for students with special circumstances.

The Carl D. Perkins Grant is designed to help two-year Associate of Applied Science majors successfully complete their programs of study in a timely manner by easing some of the financial burden of attending school. They do this by providing services to the awarded students. The Perkins Grant typically has funding for 75-85 students per semester, depending on the services that are required.

The services that the Carl D. Perkins Grant can help





awarded students with are:

- **Dependent Care**  
*Ages 0-11 for up to 3 children.*
- **Transportation Reimbursement**  
*Must live 20+ miles away from campus and we pay 20 cents per mile.*
- **Book Loans**  
*We purchase the textbooks for the students for the awarded semester.*
- **Tools**  
*\$500/semester for students in programs with required tool lists.*
- *\$300 uniforms/one-time award*

If you want to apply to the Perkins Grant, you can review the Perkins Grant Guidelines and Perkins Grant Application online on the Perkins Grant page on the TJC website at [www.tjc.edu/perkins](http://www.tjc.edu/perkins).

If you have additional questions regarding the Perkins Grant, you can contact the Perkins CTE Success Center at 903-510-2391.





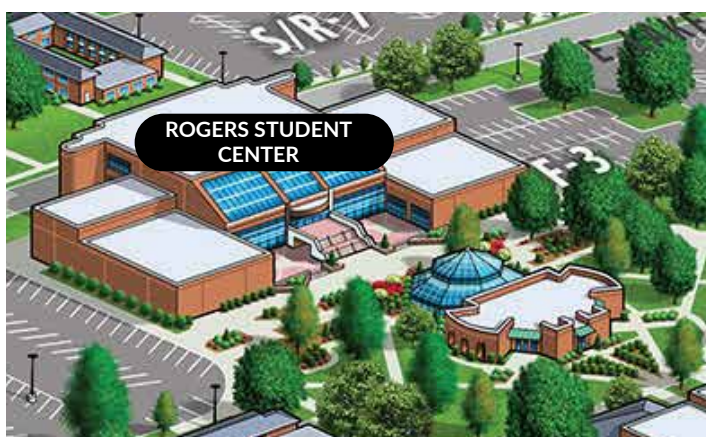
Now that you have a general idea of what programs TJC Nursing offers, it's a good time to meet with a nursing academic advisor. We highly recommend you do this before you begin your admission process. A nursing academic advisor can assist you with:

- Reviewing the different programs, pathways, and cohorts the nursing program offers and help you determine which one best fits your overall needs and goals.
- Developing a plan for completing your prerequisite and degree required courses.
- Helping you understand the admission requirements and selective admission process.
- Helping you determine which admission requirements you still need to complete.
- Review your transfer course credit from other colleges/universities.
- Helping set a goal for when you can apply to the nursing program.

To make the most out of your advising session, bring any important or relevant documents such as transcripts and test scores with you, and read through these admission guidelines to help narrow the focus of your meeting to the areas where you need the most help.

Academic Advising accepts students on a walk-in basis for face-to-face sessions. If you're unable to visit in person, you can log into Apache Access and schedule a virtual appointment.

For more information about the Academic Advising, go to [www.tjc.edu/advising](http://www.tjc.edu/advising) or call 903-510-3287.



## ADVISING CONTACT

Rogers Student Center  
Second Floor

Phone:  
903-510-3287

[www.tjc.edu/advising](http://www.tjc.edu/advising)

All of the requirements  
you need to complete  
so you can **apply** to the  
TJC Nursing program



**ADMISSION  
REQUIREMENTS**



# TJC GENERAL ADMISSION

To apply to the TJC nursing program, you must complete an application for general admission to TJC and be accepted as a TJC student. When your TJC general admission application has been processed, you will be assigned your student ID number. At TJC your student ID is referred to as your “A Number.”

Your “A Number” is your unique identifier, and you should include this on all official correspondence with the college. You also need your “A Number” to log into Apache Access (TJC’s online student portal) and your online nursing application.

You can apply for admission to TJC online at: [www.tjc.edu/applynow](http://www.tjc.edu/applynow).

If you have previously been enrolled as a student at TJC and have not been enrolled in courses longer than two consecutive semesters (fall or spring), you must re-apply for admission as a returning student.

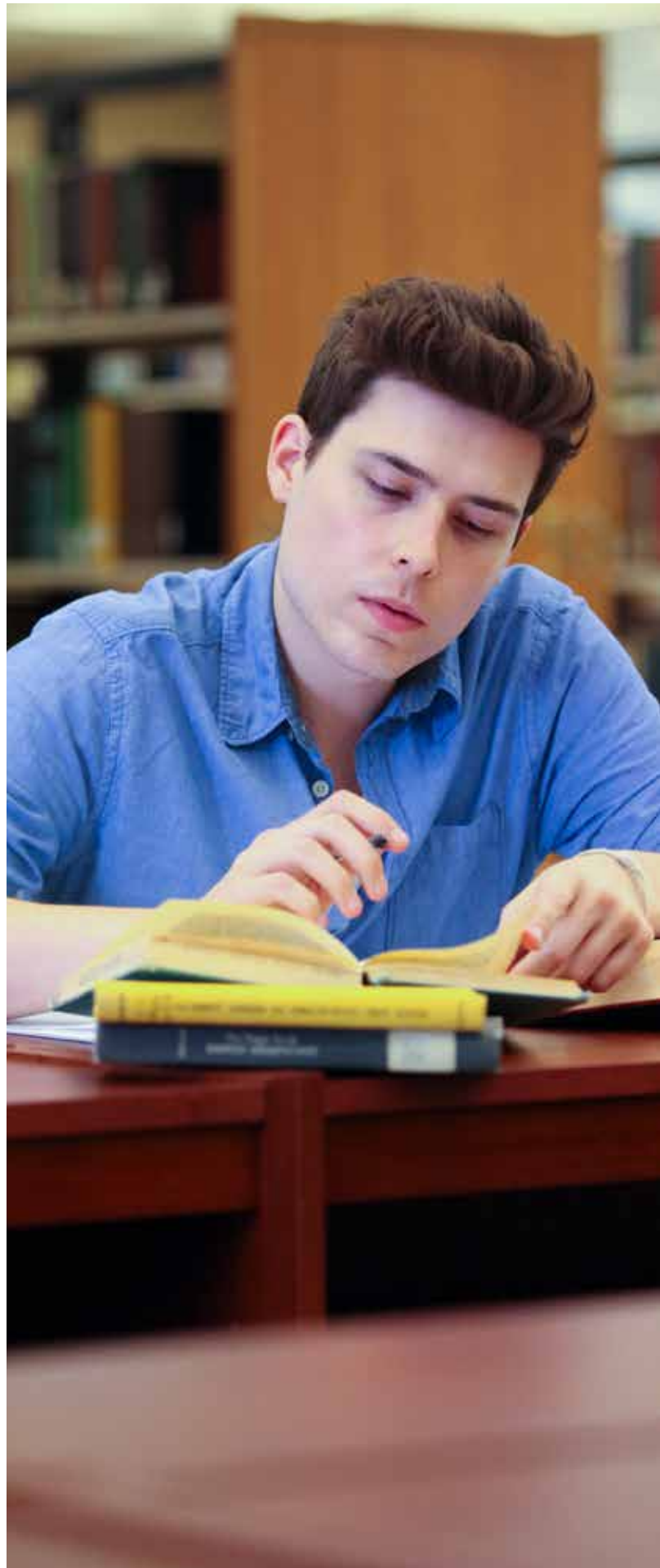
General admission to TJC does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.

The nursing program is selective admissions, which means the number of students admitted to the program is limited.

In order to be considered for placement into the nursing program, you must submit a separate application during the advertised admission period.

## MINIMUM AGE

Although some of the nursing prerequisite courses are offered as dual credit courses during high school, any applicant to the TJC Nursing program must be the **minimum age of 18 years** at the time they submit their application to the nursing program.





# PREVIOUS ENROLLMENT IN A NURSING AND/OR HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM

If you have previously been enrolled in a nursing/health science program, this could affect your eligibility to apply to the TJC nursing program.

If you enrolled in a nursing/health science program and did not successfully finish the program, you must complete the Admission Eligibility Review process to determine your admission eligibility and prove you are in good standing with your previous program. To be in good standing means you do not have any academic, clinical and/or professional disciplinary actions while enrolled in any nursing/health science program.

If you withdrew from a nursing/health science course and you were failing the course at the time you withdrew, this is considered an unsuccessful attempt at the course.

If you enrolled in a nursing/health science program and successfully completed the program, you do not need to complete the Admission Eligibility Review process.

Use the table below to help you determined your required actions regarding prior enrollment before you apply to the program. If you have been enrolled in more than one nursing/health science program, you must complete the required action for each program as it applies.

PROGRAM STATUS	REQUIRED ACTIONS/DOCUMENTS
Currently enrolled in a program, have successfully completed all program courses to date, and currently passing any in-progress courses. OR Successfully completed all attempted program courses, but <b>did not</b> complete the program. OR Unsuccessful in one or more program courses and <b>did not</b> complete the program.	Complete the Admission Eligibility Review process and receive an eligibility letter outlining if and when you are eligible to apply to each program/pathway.  This must be complete <b>prior</b> to applying, and you must submit the eligibility letter with your application.  Access the Admission Eligibility Review form online at <a href="http://www.tjc.edu/nursing">www.tjc.edu/nursing</a> in the 'How to Apply' section.
Successfully completed all program courses and graduated from the program.	Submit proof of graduation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma/certificate</li><li>• Official transcript</li><li>• Professional license obtained</li></ul>

The full re-admission, re-enrollment and prior nursing and health science program enrollment policies are outlined in the TJC Nursing Student Handbook, which can be accessed online from the 'Downloads' section at [www.tjc.edu/nursing](http://www.tjc.edu/nursing).

If you have additional questions regarding your eligibility or the Admission Eligibility Review process, contact the Nursing Office at 903-510-2869.

# OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Completed course grades and in-progress courses are an important part of your application. Any coursework completed at TJC or approved transfer coursework will display in the college degree tracking system called Degree Works.

The nursing admission team uses Degree Works to view the prerequisite and degree-required coursework you have completed toward your application and determine if this meets admission criteria.

In order for your application to be processed accurately, all required coursework must be displaying in the Degree Works system.

As a TJC student, you can also view your Degree Works summary at any time online through the Apache Access portal. You should review your Degree Works summary before applying to the nursing program, to ensure all coursework is displaying.

If you see any incorrect information on your Degree Works summary, you need to contact the Registrar's office at 903-510-2400.

## TJC Coursework

If you have only completed coursework at TJC, all of your completed course grades are already documented in the TJC system and should be visible in your Degree Works summary.

If you have courses currently in-progress at TJC during the admission period, these courses are also reflected on your Degree works summary.

You do not need to submit an official TJC transcript to the nursing office or the registrar's office.

## Transfer Coursework

If you have completed coursework outside of TJC, you must submit an **official** transcript from each college or university you have attended that includes the final grades of all coursework completed.

When you request official transcripts, you need to send them directly to the TJC Admissions Office. This can be done through mail; or more commonly now, it can be sent electronically (if available).

In order for your transfer coursework to be shown in your Degree Works summary, official transcripts need to be evaluated by the registrar's office and posted to your TJC account.





If you are currently taking courses during the admission period, you still need to submit your official transcript showing your completed courses and in-progress courses.

Once you complete the courses, send an updated official transcript to the TJC Admissions office that includes your final grades.

Send paper copy transcripts to:

**Tyler Junior College**  
**Attention: Admissions**

P.O. Box 9020  
Tyler, TX 75711-9020

When submitting an official transcript, it must be **received** (not requested) no later than 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the admission period in which you are applying. It is **your** responsibility to ensure your transcript has been received at TJC.

If you have previously submitted all of your official transcripts, the coursework has been evaluated, and there have been no changes in your coursework, you do not need to resubmit an official transcript.

For more information go to [www.tjc.edu/transcripts](http://www.tjc.edu/transcripts).

# IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTATION

During clinical rotations, you will perform activities that involve direct patient contact, with the potential to be exposed to blood or bodily fluids.

## Vaccination/Surface Antibody Titers

Nursing applicants must submit documentation providing proof of sufficient vaccination against certain diseases in compliance with *Texas Administrative Code 25.1.97.B Immunization Requirements in Texas Elementary and Secondary Schools and Institutions of Higher Education*.

You must submit proof of vaccination or seriological immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B by 11:59 p.m., on the last day of the admission period in which you are applying.

TJC Nursing uses a health document tracking service called Complio. All health documents required for admission must be submitted electronically through your Complio account.



VACCINATION	OR	SURFACE ANTIBODY TITER
<i>Applicants must show acceptable evidence of vaccination (TAC25 §97.64, 97.68).</i>		<i>Applicants must submit a valid laboratory report that indicates confirmation of their immunity or infection (TAC25 §97.65).</i>
Two doses of Measles vaccine (administered since Jan. 1, 1968)	OR	Positive Measles IgG titer
Two doses of Mumps vaccine	OR	Positive Mumps IgG titer
One dose of Rubella vaccine	OR	Positive Rubella IgG titer
Two doses of Varicella vaccine	OR	Positive Varicella IgG titer
Three doses of Hepatitis B series vaccine*	OR	Positive Hepatitis B Anti-HBs (antibody) titer

A surface antibody titer is a lab test conducted on a sample of your blood to determine if you have immunity to a specific disease. Surface antibody titers are typically drawn when proof of vaccination cannot be provided. If you have any additional questions regarding the TJC Nursing health requirements, contact the TJC Nursing office at 903-510-2869.

\*Students have the option to take two doses of Hepatitis B 2 shot Heplisar-B





## Complio Account

You need to create your Complio account, purchase the “TJC Nursing Clinical Requirements Applicant Tracker” package and upload your documents before you apply.

You don't need to wait for the admission period to purchase your health requirement tracker and start submitting your documents. You can do this at any point while you work toward completing your admission requirements and prerequisite courses. In fact, the sooner you complete this, the better!

If you have a Complio account with another college or university, TJC Nursing can't view this account and you can't transfer your tracker from one college/university to another. You must purchase the TJC Nursing package in order to be compliant with our admission criteria.

Submitting documents to Complio does not guarantee compliance with our health requirements. All documents must be approved by Complio in accordance with TJC Nursing guidelines. Rejected documents are not accepted.

## Create Your Complio Account and Purchase Your Admission Tracker

While it is not required, we recommend you use your TJC student email to create your Complio account. Complio is used to track all health requirements throughout the duration of enrollment in the nursing program and sends reminder notices to the email address on file when items are coming up for renewal.

If you do not use your TJC email address, make sure it is an email account that you check on a regular basis so you don't miss these important reminders.

Follow the steps below to create your account:

1. Go to: <https://tylerjuniorcollege.complio.com/ssoprehandler.aspx>
2. Complete the required fields and purchase your tracker.

You will still use CastleBranch as your pre-acceptance tracker until December 2023.

Complio will be required for post-acceptance tracker.

Starting January 2024, we will only use Complio for your pre- and post-acceptance tracker.



## Obtaining Health Records and Health Care Providers

Now that you know which vaccinations are required and where you need to upload them, it's time to gather your documentation.

The majority of our students have already received the vaccinations that are required for admission to the nursing program.

We frequently receive questions regarding where to obtain proof of vaccination or where vaccinations and titers can be administered. There is no 'single answer' to these questions because each student's situation is unique to them.

To help make the process a little easier, we have compiled a few common suggestions on where you can track down some of your previous health records and how to locate a health care provider if you need additional vaccinations or titers.

Please note the information provided in the following table is intended only as a suggestion and may not be applicable to each student's individual needs.



OBTAINING HEALTH CARE RECORDS	HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
Below are some suggestions on where you might obtain your prior medical records.	Below are some suggestions on where you might receive vaccinations or surface antibody titers.
<b>Parent/Guardian</b> <i>For most students, the required vaccinations are administered when you are a young child. Your parents/guardian may still have copies of these records.</i>	<b>Current Health Care Provider</b> <i>All vaccinations/antibody titers should be available through your own health care provider.</i>
<b>State Health Department</b> <i>If vaccinations were administered through the state health department, they should be able to provide you with a copy of these records.</i>	<b>TJC UT Health Campus Clinic</b> <i>If you do not have your own health care provider and you are a current TJC student, you can use the UT Health campus clinic. The clinic can't administer vaccinations, but they can write an order for surface anti-body titers.</i>
<b>Previous High School</b> <i>Most schools require proof of certain vaccinations in order for you to attend classes. You can check with your high school to see if they can provide you with a copy of these records.</i>	<b>Retail Pharmacy</b> <i>Most of the required vaccinations are available in retail pharmacies. Some retail grocery stores also have in-house clinics that offer surface anti-body titers.</i>
<b>Previous/Current Health Care Provider</b> <i>You can contact your current or childhood health care provider. If they have documentation of your vaccinations, they can provide you with a copy.</i>	<b>State Health Department</b> <i>If you do not have health insurance, you can also visit the State Health Department. They offer our required vaccinations at reduced or no cost.</i>



## PREREQUISITE AND DEGREE-REQUIRED COURSES

In addition to your nursing-specific courses, you'll notice there are additional general education courses listed on your degree plan. These courses are prerequisite courses and non-nursing degree required courses. Some of our nursing programs/pathways only have prerequisite courses, and some of them have prerequisite courses and additional degree-required courses in order to qualify for graduation.

A prerequisite course is a course that has to be completed before you can apply to the program. The prerequisite course(s) you need to take depend on which program/pathway you apply to.

A degree-required course is a course that is required in order to complete the degree, but it does not have to be completed before you apply to the program. These courses can be completed before you apply, or you can complete them alongside the nursing courses in the sequence outlined in the degree plan. It's important to review these carefully as some courses have to be completed before you can begin nursing courses.

All prerequisite and degree-required courses must be completed with a grade that meets the minimum requirement outlined in the degree plan and admission guidelines in order to qualify for graduation.

While the degree plans list the course and course sequence for each program/pathway, this section of the guidelines highlights the different prerequisite and degree-required course requirements and options you must meet when you apply.





## Vocational Nursing Program

The Vocational Nursing pathway has one prerequisite course and no additional degree-required courses that must be complete.

### Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Courses

There is one prerequisite course for the Vocational Nursing program: BIOL 2404 Anatomy and Physiology.

Completion of both BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II can be used as a substitute for BIOL 2404 Anatomy and Physiology.

**Applicants must comply with one of the four prerequisite options.**

Vocational Nursing prerequisite courses that are in-progress during the admission period must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

See the "Prerequisite Course in Progress Requirements" section for directions on what documentation you need to submit with your application.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION ONE

BIOL 2404 completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION TWO

BIOL 2404 currently in-progress during the admission period.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION THREE

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I and BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION FOUR

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I completed with a grade of 'C' or better **and** BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II currently in-progress during the admission period.





## Traditional ADN Pathway

The Traditional RN pathway has two prerequisite courses and five general education degree-required courses that must be complete.

### Traditional ADN Prerequisite Courses

There are two prerequisite courses for the Traditional ADN pathway, BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II.

**Applicants must comply with one of the two prerequisite options.**

If the Traditional ADN prerequisite course BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II is in-progress during the admission period, it must be completed with a grade of 'B' or better.

See the "Prerequisite Course in Progress Requirements" section for directions on what documentation you need to submit with your application.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION ONE

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I **and** BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

#### PREREQUISITE OPTION TWO

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I completed with a grade of 'C' or better **and** BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II currently in-progress during the admission period.

## Traditional ADN Degree Required Courses

There are five non-nursing, degree-required courses for the Traditional ADN pathway. All must be complete with a grade of 'C' or better.

Any course that is not complete at the time of application must be completed concurrently with nursing courses in the order outlined on the degree plan:

- BIOL 2420 Microbiology  
*This course is a prerequisite to entry level RNSG courses. The course must be complete with a grade of 'C' or better before enrollment in any entry level RNSG courses.*
- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan, Growth and Development
- Language, Philosophy and Culture or Creative Arts Core Elective (3 credit hours)

The elective course must be from the Language, Philosophy and Culture Core or the Creative Arts Core. A list of approved courses from these core curriculum categories is available online at [www.tjc.edu/core](http://www.tjc.edu/core).

## LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Transition Pathway

The LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Transition pathways have six prerequisite courses and one general education degree-required course that must be completed.

### LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Prerequisite Courses

There are six prerequisite courses for the LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Transition pathways. These courses are outlined below:

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan, Growth and Development
- Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts Core Elective (3 credit hours)

The elective course must be from the Language, Philosophy and Culture Core or the Creative Arts Core. A list of approved courses from these core curriculum categories is available online at [www.tjc.edu/core](http://www.tjc.edu/core).

**Applicants must comply with one of the three prerequisite options.**

LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Transition pathway prerequisite courses that are in-progress during the admission period must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

See the "Prerequisite Course in Progress Requirements" section for directions on what documentation you need to submit with your application.





## LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Degree Required Courses

There is one non-nursing, degree-required course for the LVN-ADN and the Paramedic-ADN pathway, BIOL 2420 Microbiology.

BIOL 2420 Microbiology is a prerequisite course to entry level RNSG courses and must be complete with a grade of 'C' or better before enrollment in any entry-level RNSG courses.

### PREREQUISITE OPTION ONE

All prerequisite courses completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

### PREREQUISITE OPTION TWO

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I and four other listed prerequisite courses completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

**AND**

One of the listed prerequisite courses currently in-progress during the admission period.

### PREREQUISITE OPTION THREE

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I and three other listed prerequisite courses completed with a grade of 'C' or better.

**AND**

Two of the listed prerequisite courses currently in-progress during the admission period.



# IN-PROGRESS PREREQUISITE AND FINAL GRADE

If you apply with a prerequisite course in-progress, you must provide proof of enrollment with your application and proof that earned the minimum grade requirement once the course is complete.

In-progress is defined as being enrolled and actively participating in the course during the semester in which the admission period is open.

For example, if you plan to apply between July 15-31, you must be enrolled in a course in the summer semester to be considered in-progress. If you register to complete the course in the fall semester after the admission period closes, this is not considered in-progress and doesn't meet the admission requirement.

## Prerequisite Course In-Progress at TJC

If you are completing the in-progress course at TJC, you do not need to submit any documentation with your application. Courses that are in-progress at TJC are automatically reflected on your Degree Works summary and are visible to the nursing admission team when processing your application.

When you complete the course, you must notify the nursing office that the course is complete and provide proof of your final grade.

## Prerequisite Course In-Progress at an External College

If you are completing the in-progress course at an external college (not at TJC), you must submit one of the following with your application:

- An unofficial transcript showing the course(s) in-progress during the semester the admission period is open.
- An official document from the registrar at the college where you are enrolled, verifying the course is in-progress during the semester the admission period is open.

When you complete the course, you must notify the nursing office that the course is complete and provide proof of your final grade.

You also need to submit an official transcript (that includes the most recent grades) to the TJC Admissions office so the course can be evaluated and posted to your TJC account. Courses will not display on your Degree Works summary until the official transcript has been evaluated by the registrar's office.





# ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY COURSE EXPIRATION

## (Associate Degree Nursing Programs)

The TJC Associate Degree Nursing program has a five-year expiration on completed Anatomy and Physiology courses. This means if BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I and/or BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II were completed over five years ago, they are considered expired.

If one or both of your Anatomy and Physiology courses are expired, you must retake the courses and submit proof of completion with your application or make an 80 or higher on the Hesi A2 Exam. Approved renewal options are outlined in the table below:

These courses must be completed prior to the end of the application period.

	<b>TJC Continuing Education Course SCIT 6004 – Anatomy and Physiology Review for Nursing Students</b>	<b>HESI A2 Exam Anatomy and Physiology Section ONLY</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	The TJC Anatomy & Physiology review course for nursing students is a self-paced (8-week) course that has been specifically designed to provide nursing applicants a comprehensive review of anatomy and physiology as it relates to nursing. The course must be completed through TJC's School of Continuing Studies. No other review courses are accepted.	The HESI A2 exam is a standardized exam available through the TJC Testing Center. The exam is comprised of multiple sections; however, students seeking to renew any expired Anatomy and Physiology courses are only required to complete the anatomy and Physiology section on the exam.
<b>Cost:</b>	\$150	\$79
<b>Number of Attempts:</b>	Unlimited	Once every 12 months
<b>Minimum Completion Requirement:</b>	Must complete the entire course and receive certificate of completion from instructional professor.	Must score a minimum of 80% on the anatomy and physiology section.
<b>Expiration:</b>	The review course is valid for five years from the date of completion listed on the certificate.	The test scores are valid for one year from the date the exam was completed.
<b>How to Register:</b>	<p><b>In Person:</b> TJC West Campus 1530 S SW Loop 323, Tyler, TX 75701</p> <p><b>Registration phone line:</b> 903-510-2900</p> <p><b>Online:</b> <a href="http://www.tjc.edu/continuingeducation">www.tjc.edu/continuingeducation</a> Search for 'SCIT 6003'.</p>	<p><b>Online:</b> Open a web browser and type: <a href="http://TJCTesting.Setmore.com">TJCTesting.Setmore.com</a></p> <p>Select the 'Associate Degree Nursing – HESI RN (A2) Anatomy &amp; Physiology ONLY' option.</p> <p>Complete information and confirm your appointment.</p>



## **REQUIRED-COURSE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (Associate Degree Nursing Program)**

Any pathway within the Associate Degree Nursing program requires applicants to meet the minimum Required-Course Grade Point Average. A Required-Course Grade Point Average (RGPA) is calculated using the most recent grade of each prerequisite and degree-required general education courses.

The RGPA calculation does not include all completed college course credit and might be different from any GPA listed on a transcript or in Degree Works. You must meet the minimum RGPA requirement of 2.500 at the time you submit your application.

Your RGPA does not contribute toward your selection points; you only need to reach the minimum requirement to comply with admission criteria.

### **Required-Course Grade Point Average Criteria**

The following criteria is used to calculate your RGPA:

- The highest grade earned for each completed prerequisite and degree-required course is used.
- All completed grades of A, B, C, D, and F are used.
- If a course is in-progress and has been completed before, the current standing grade is used.
- An RGPA will not be recalculated to include the final grade earned of any course in-progress during the admission period.
- If you receive credit for a course (no grade is assigned) it cannot be used for RGPA calculation.
- RGPAs are calculated to 3 decimal places (0.123)

If you need assistance calculating your RGPA, schedule an appointment with a nursing academic advisor by calling 903-510-2869.



## How to Calculate your Required-Course Grade Point Average

If you're not sure what your Required-Course Grade Point Average (RGPA) is, you can calculate it yourself using the following steps and the table below. If you're unsure on how to calculate it yourself, visit with your nursing advisor to make sure you meet the minimum requirement.

1. In the 'Grade' column, write down the highest grade for each course you have completed. Grades of 'D' and 'F' should be included if this is the only standing grade. Grades of 'W' are not included. If you have not yet completed a course, leave the box empty.
2. In the 'Grade Value' column, next to each grade you need to assign a grade value for each course based on this scale: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0
3. For each course, multiply the 'Grade Value' number (0-4) by the 'Credit Hours' number. This number is the 'Grade Points' earned for each course, so write it down in the 'Grade Points' column.
4. Add together the 'Grade Points' for each course and then write the total in the 'Total Grade Points' box in the second table.
5. Add together the 'Credit Hours' for each course and then write the total in the 'Total Credit Hours' box in the second table.
6. Divide the 'Total Grade Points' by the 'Total Credit Hours.' The total is your estimate RGPA.

Course	Final Grade	Grade Value	Credit Hours	Grade Points
BIOL 2401			4	
BIOL 2402			4	
BIOL 2420			4	
ENGL 1301			3	
PSYC 2301			3	
PSYC 2314			3	
Elective			3	

Total Grade Points:	
Total Credit Hours:	

Estimate RGPA:	
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# ENTRANCE EXAMS

All students applying to a nursing program at TJC must complete the required entrance exams as part of the admission criteria.

TJC Nursing has three different entrance exams which are all administered by ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute):

- ATI TEAS Exam
- ATI Critical Thinking Exam
- ATI RN Fundamentals Exam

Which entrance exams you take depend on which program/pathway you apply to. If you are applying to more than one program/pathway, you may be required to take multiple entrance exams in order to meet admission criteria.

This section provides a summary of the entrance exam requirements for each program, recommended study guides for the exams, how to schedule your exam appointment at TJC, and how to submit scores to TJC for exams that are available at external testing sites.

Use the table below to determine which entrance exams you need to complete for each program/pathway you want to apply to.



Program/ Pathway	ATI TEAS Exam Version 6/7	ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 Exam	ATI Critical Thinking Exam
Vocational Nursing	Required	Not required	Required
Traditional ADN	Required	Not required	Required
LVN-ADN Transition	Not required	Required	Required
Paramedic-ADN Transition	Not required	Required	Required



## ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam - Version 7

The ATI TEAS Version 7, or Test for Essential Academic Skills, is a standardized test designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields.

Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform successfully in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.

The ATI TEAS exam is comprised of 170 questions that are formatted as both multiple choice items with four answer options and alternate-type items. This includes 150 scored questions and 20 un-scored pretest questions. Students have 209 minutes to complete the exam.

### ATI TEAS Exam Requirements

You must meet the following minimum requirements for the ATI TEAS exam:

<b>Minimum Score:</b>	You must score a minimum comprehensive score of 50% or better.
<b>Number of Attempts:</b>	You must have a minimum of 90 days between each attempt.
<b>Expiration:</b>	Exam scores expire one year from the date the exam was completed.
<b>Deadline:</b>	Exam scores must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the admission period.

### ATI TEAS Exam Study Guide Recommendations

ATI offers an official study guide that aligns to the current version of the ATI TEAS exam. You can purchase the ATI TEAS study guide and additional study packages directly from the ATI store.

Visit [www.atitesting.com/TEAS](http://www.atitesting.com/TEAS) for access to all of the ATI TEAS study resources offered through ATI. Additional publishers also offer ATI TEAS study guides, and it is recommended to carefully review the content of the study guide to ensure it covers content of the most recent version of the ATI TEAS exam.

### Submitting ATI TEAS Scores from an External College

If you completed your ATI TEAS exam through the TJC Testing center, we have access to your scores through our administrative portal. If you completed your ATI TEAS exam outside TJC, you need to submit your scores to the TJC nursing department using the ATI Transcript service (this requires payment for the service).

The ATI TEAS exam is the only entrance exam that can be completed at an external college and submitted to the TJC nursing department.

ATI has developed a very detailed document that walks you through the process of purchasing your ATI transcript through their online store or directly from your ATI account.

Use the following web address to access the directions:

<https://atitesting.com/docs/default-source/teas-resources/howtopurchaseteastranscript.pdf>

When submitting your ATI TEAS transcript, select the following institution: **Tyler JC Nursing TEAS**

If you're experiencing difficulty submitting your scores, contact ATI Customer Service at 1(800) 667-7531.



## ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 Exam

The ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 exam offers an assessment of basic comprehension and mastery of fundamental principles for nursing practice. The test covers the areas of: Foundations of Practice, Basic Nursing Care, Support of Psychosocial Needs, Support of Physiologic Needs, and Health Assessment.

The ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 exam is comprised of 70 questions. Students have 70 minutes to complete the exam. The ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 entrance exam is only available at the TJC Testing Center.

## ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 Exam Requirements

You must meet the following minimum requirements for the ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 exam:

<b>Minimum Score:</b>	You must score a minimum competency of Level One or better.
<b>Number of Attempts:</b>	You must have a minimum of 90 days between each attempt.
<b>Expiration:</b>	Exam scores expire one year from the date the exam was completed.
<b>Deadline:</b>	Exam scores must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the admission period.

## ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 Study Guide Recommendations

ATI offers a Nursing Fundamentals textbook that is available through the ATI online store. Additional publishers also offer nursing fundamentals textbooks that can be used to prepare for the exam.

Students can also prepare for the exam by reviewing the fundamentals section of a Vocational Nursing or Associate Degree Nursing NCLEX study guide.



## ATI Critical Thinking Exam

The ATI Critical Thinking exam measures six cognitive skills commonly associated with critical thinking. Each cognitive skill has specific characteristics that demonstrate the use of the skill in critical thinking. The cognitive skills are: interpretation, analysis, evaluation, inference, explanation, and self-regulation.

The ATI Critical Thinking exam is comprised of 40 questions. Students have 40 minutes to complete the exam.

## ATI Critical Thinking Exam Requirements

You must meet the following minimum requirements for the ATI Critical Thinking Exam:

<b>Minimum Score:</b>	You must score a minimum of 50% or better.
<b>Number of Attempts:</b>	You must have a minimum of 90 days between each attempt.
<b>Expiration:</b>	Exam scores expire one year from the date the exam was completed.
<b>Deadline:</b>	Exam scores must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the admission period.

## ATI Critical Thinking Exam Study Guide Recommendations

We don't have any specific study guide recommendations for the Critical Thinking exam, however there are multiple resources available online to help you practice and improve on your critical thinking skills.



## Scheduling a TJC Testing Appointment

When you schedule an entrance exam appointment with the TJC Testing Center, you will complete all required entrance exams within your appointment. Follow the directions below on how to schedule your testing appointment:

1. Got to: <https://tjctesting.setmore.com>
2. Select the correct appointment type from the entrance exam menu:  
 Vocational Nursing and Traditional ADN applicants should select the "All Pre-Nursing – ATI TEAS & Critical Thinking" option.  
 LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN applicants should select the "LVN to RN or Paramedic to RN – ATI RN Fundamentals & Critical Thinking" option.
3. Select your preferred testing site location (central campus or TJC West).
4. Select your preferred date and time for your exam appointment.
5. Input the requested information, including your full name and A-Number.
6. Click on the "Book" button to confirm your appointment.

Please note – if there are no more available appointments, you can arrive at the Testing Center as a walk-in and wait to see if they have additional space to fit you in.

If you have any questions regarding your testing appointment, what items to bring, forms of payment etc. please contact the Testing Center directly at 903-510-2617

## TJC Testing Center Locations

TJC offers two testing locations. All of the nursing entrance exams are available at both testing sites. You can choose which testing location when you register for your testing appointment.

### TJC Testing - Central Campus

Rogers Student Center,  
Room 279  
1400 East 5th Street  
Tyler, TX 75798  
903-510-2617

### TJC Testing - TJC West

Regional Training & Development Complex,  
Room 151  
1530 South Southwest Loop 323  
Tyler, TX 75701  
903-510-2993



# EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

It's very common that applicants to our program are already employed in the healthcare field. In certain circumstances, you can use your work experience to earn additional selection points on your application if it meets the admission criteria.

## Vocational Nursing and Traditional ADN Employment Experience

Students who apply to the vocational nursing program and/or the Traditional ADN pathway can earn additional selection points based on current work experience. Selection points are awarded using a tiered system that awards higher points to more advanced roles within the health care profession.

### Health Care Related Employment Criteria

Students who are seeking to earn additional selection points through employment experience must meet certain criteria and provide requested documentation in order for the employment experience to be considered.

Employment experience must be in a medical setting and involve direct patient care. Additionally, employment experience must meet the following criteria:

- Must work a **minimum of 48 hours** per month.
- Must have a **minimum total of six months** of work experience **within the last 12 months** from the start of the admission period.

In order for employment experience to be considered, the TJC Nursing Employment Verification form must be completed by the employer and **an official job description must be attached to the form.**

Completed Employment Verification Forms and job description should be submitted with your application. If your Employment Verification Form is incomplete, it will be automatically denied.

The Employment Verification Form is available to download from the TJC Nursing website using the following link:

[https://www.tjc.edu/downloads/file/1844/employment\\_verification\\_form](https://www.tjc.edu/downloads/file/1844/employment_verification_form)

### Health Care Employment Point Scale

The table below provides a summary of the tiered system that is used to determine how many selection points are awarded for different types of health care related employment.

Employment Experience Tier	Selection Points
<b>Tier One</b> <i>Licensed Vocational Nurse, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist.</i>	5 points
<b>Tier Two</b> <i>Certified Nurse Aid, Drug Counselor, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Assistant, Patient Care Assistant/Tech.</i>	3 points
<b>Tier Three</b> <i>Dental Assistant/Hygienist, Medical Lab Technician, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technologist, Sonographer, Surgical Technologist.</i>	2 points
<b>Tier Four</b> <i>Ophthalmic Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomist, Transporter, or any other role in a medical setting that involves direct patient care.</i>	1 point

## LVN-ADN and Paramedic-ADN Transition Employment Experience

Additional selection points for work experience are not available for students who apply to the LVN-ADN or Paramedic-ADN transition pathways.



## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSE/ CERTIFICATION (LVN/Paramedic-ADN Transition Pathways)**

When you apply to the LVN-ADN or Paramedic-ADN Transition pathways, you must hold and maintain an active license/certification throughout the duration of your enrollment in the program.

### **Vocational Nursing License (LVN-ADN Transition Pathway)**

When you apply to the LVN-ADN Transition pathway, you must have an active Texas Vocational Nursing License or privileges to practice in Texas. You must maintain this license throughout the duration of your enrollment in the program.

You must submit a copy of your license with your application that includes the following:

- First and last name
- License number
- License expiration date

You can download a PDF version of your Texas Vocational Nursing License using the license verification feature on the Texas Board of Nursing website. You can access the License Verification portal using the following link:

<https://txbn.boardsfnursing.org/licenselookup>

### **Paramedic Certification (Paramedic-ADN Transition Pathway)**

When you apply to the Paramedic-ADN Transition pathway, you must have an active Texas Paramedic Certification or privileges to practice in Texas. You must maintain this certification throughout the duration of your enrollment in the program.

You must submit a copy of your certification with your application that includes the following:

- First and last name
- Certification/personnel number
- Certification expiration date

You can download a PDF version of your Texas Paramedic certification using the license search feature on the Texas Department of State Health Services website. You can access the License Search portal using the following link:

<https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/datamart/login.do>

Click on “License Search” under the “Check License Status or Search for a License” section.

*National Registry certification alone is not proof of authorization to practice as a Paramedic.*

### **Enrolled in the Last Semester of a Vocational Nursing or Paramedic Program (LVN/Paramedic-ADN Transition Pathways)**

You can apply to the LVN-ADN Transition or Paramedic-ADN Transition if you are enrolled in your last semester of your Vocational Nursing or Paramedic program during the admission period.

You must be actively participating in your program courses and be scheduled to graduate once the in-progress courses are complete.

You must submit the following with your application:

- Unofficial transcript showing enrollment in the last semester of your Vocational Nursing or Paramedic program.
- A degree plan/outline that reflects the complete curriculum for your Vocational Nursing or Paramedic program.

You must submit proof you have obtained your license/certification once you successfully complete your Vocational Nursing or Paramedic program.

Proof of licensure/certification must be submitted in order to begin the program.

# ADMISSION SELECTION POINTS

TJC Nursing is a selective admissions program, which means there are limited seats and you must apply to be considered for placement.

Consideration for placement is determined by selection points that you earn for completion of certain admission criteria. **Only completed applications will be considered for admission. No late documentation or applications will be accepted.**

As your application is processed, your selection points are totaled and entered on the roster for the program to which you apply. Applications are then ranked by total selection points, from highest to lowest, within each program/pathway. Applicants with the highest points within each roster are offered conditional placement into the program/pathway.

## Selection Point Allocation

How selection points are earned for each program/pathway vary. The tables in the following section outline how selection points are earned for each program/pathway.







# VOCATIONAL NURSING SELECTION POINTS

Category	Explanation	Possible Points
ATI TEAS Exam	[Total Score] X 0.12 = [Your Points]	12 points
ATI Critical Thinking Exam	[Total Score] X 0.40 = [Your Points]	40 points
Anatomy & Physiology: Course Grades	<p>BIOL 2404: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points OR</p> <p>BIOL 2401: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points BIOL 2402: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points</p> <p><i>If BIOL 2404/BIOL 2402 is considered 'in progress' on the date you submit your application, points will not be awarded once the course is finished.</i></p> <p><i>If more than one attempt is made at BIOL 2404 OR BIOL 2401/2402, one selection point will be deducted for each additional attempt within the last five years. This includes 'in progress' or completed with a grade of A, B, C, D, F or W.</i></p>	20 points maximum
Anatomy & Physiology: Completed at TJC	<p>BIOL 2404 completed at TJC = 10 point OR</p> <p>BIOL 2401 completed at TJC = 10 point BIOL 2402 completed at TJC = 10 point</p> <p><i>To receive points, the most recent attempt at the course(s) must be completed at TJC with a grade of A, B, or C.</i></p>	20 points maximum
Medical Terminology	HITT 1305: [Grade: A] = 2 points [Grade: B] = 1 point	2 points
District Status	<p>In District = 1 point Service Area = 0.5 points</p> <p><i>District status is determined by the TJC Admissions office and is calculated using the current residency information on file at the time of the admission period.</i></p>	1 point
Health Care Related Work Experience	Tier One = 5 points	5 points
	Tier Two = 3 points	
	Tier Three = 2 points	
	Tier Four = 1 point	

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# TRADITIONAL ADN SELECTION POINTS

Category	Explanation	Possible Points
ATI TEAS Exam	[Total Score] X 0.12 = [Your Points]	12 points
ATI Critical Thinking Exam	[Total Score] X 0.40 = [Your Points]	40 points
Anatomy & Physiology: Course Grades	<p>BIOL 2401: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points  BIOL 2402: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points</p> <p><i>If BIOL 2402 is considered 'in progress' on the date you submit your application, points will not be awarded once the course is finished.</i></p> <p><i>If more than one attempt is made at BIOL 2401/2402, one selection point will be deducted for each additional attempt within the last five years. This includes 'in progress' or completed with a grade of A, B, C, D, F or W.</i></p>	20 points
Anatomy & Physiology: Completed at TJC	<p>BIOL 2401 completed at TJC = 10 point  BIOL 2402 completed at TJC = 10 point</p> <p><i>To receive points, the most recent attempt at the course(s) must be completed at TJC with a grade of A, B, or C.</i></p>	20 points
Medical Terminology	HITT 1305: [Grade: A] = 2 points [Grade: B] = 1 point	2 points
District Status	<p>In District = 1 point Service Area = 0.5 points</p> <p><i>District status is determined by the TJC Admissions office and is calculated using the current residency information on file at the time of the admission period.</i></p>	1 point
Health Care Related Work Experience	Tier One = 5 points	5 points
	Tier Two = 3 points	
	Tier Three = 2 points	
	Tier Four = 1 point	


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# LVN-ADN AND PARAMEDIC-ADN SELECTION POINTS

Category	Explanation	Possible Points
ATI RN Fundamentals 2019 Exam	[Total Score] X 0.45 = [Your Points]	45 points
ATI Critical Thinking Exam	[Total Score] X 0.12 = [Your Points]	12 points
Anatomy & Physiology: Course Grades	<p>BIOL 2401: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points  BIOL 2402: [Grade: A] = 10 points [Grade: B] = 5 points</p> <p><i>If BIOL 2402 is considered 'in progress' on the date you submit your application, points will not be awarded once the course is finished.</i></p> <p><i>If more than one attempt is made at BIOL 2401/2402, one selection point will be deducted for each additional attempt within the last five years. This includes 'in progress' or completed with a grade of A, B, C, D, F or W.</i></p>	20 points
Anatomy & Physiology: Completed at TJC	<p>BIOL 2401 completed at TJC = 10 point  BIOL 2402 completed at TJC = 10 point</p> <p><i>To receive points, the most recent attempt at the course(s) must be completed at TJC with a grade of A, B, or C.</i></p>	20 points
VN/Paramedic Program Completed at TJC	<i>Additional points are awarded for successful completion of the Vocational Nursing/Paramedic program at TJC. The program must be complete at the time of application in order to receive points.</i>	2 points
District Status	<p>In District = 1 point Service Area = 0.5 points</p> <p><i>District status is determined by the TJC Admissions office and is calculated using the current residency information on file at the time of the admission period.</i></p>	1 point

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A healthcare student with dark curly hair, wearing a black scrub top with a circular logo on the sleeve that reads "ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING" and "JULIE SENIOR COLLEGE", is assisting an elderly male patient. The student is wearing white gloves and is adjusting a green oxygen mask on the patient's face. The patient is lying down, wearing a grey t-shirt with a graphic of a map of the United States and blue jeans. In the background, there is a yellow wall with a shelf holding various medical supplies, including a box labeled "HSD" and a container labeled "FULL".

How to apply online  
and what to expect  
after you have submitted  
your application.

**APPLYING  
ONLINE**

## Online Application

Applications to the Nursing program must be submitted using the online application during the admission period.

The online application opens at 8 a.m. on the first day of the admission period and closes at 11:59 p.m. on the last day of the admission period.

Students who have accepted conditional placement in a TJC Nursing program or students who are currently enrolled in a TJC Nursing program (with the exception of those enrolled in the last semester of the Vocational Nursing program) will not be considered for selection in the current admission period.

## Technology Requirements

TJC Nursing uses an online application. It is recommended you become familiar with the following technology requirements before beginning your application:

- Using a scanner or scanning app
- Opening, saving, and uploading PDF files
- Download Adobe Reader
- Access Microsoft 365  
(with your TJC student email account)
- Internet access with reliable upload capabilities
- Recommended browser – Firefox or Google Chrome





## How to Access the Online Application

- Log in with your student email address. Do not apply using another student's email account.
- You cannot save your progress and exit the form to complete later. You must complete the form and submit it in once session.
- You can move backward and forward between questions before submitting your application.
- Supporting documents must be uploaded as PDF files. Other formats are not accepted.
- Check the box at the end of the application form to receive an automatic confirmation email once the submission is sent.

## TJC Student Email

Each student at TJC has a student email account. Your email address will be formatted similar to this: FLastname@email.tjc.edu.

This is your email that should be used for all communication regarding your enrollment at TJC. We will only use your TJC email for all communication regarding your nursing application and subsequent placement in the program.

If you need assistance on how to access your TJC email account, you can review the steps by clicking on the link below:

[https://www.tjc.edu/info/20013/current\\_students/379/accessing\\_your\\_tjc\\_student\\_email\\_account](https://www.tjc.edu/info/20013/current_students/379/accessing_your_tjc_student_email_account)



# ADMISSION TIMELINE

The admission timeline has been created to give nursing applicants a snapshot of how their application moves through the admission process. The timeline includes all of the important dates that require action from the student or action that will be taken by the TJC Nursing Admission Team.

The table below provides dates for the next five upcoming admission cycles. It's recommended that you add these dates to your calendar so you can stay on top of your application as it moves through the admission process. **Dates are subject to change.**

ACTION	SPRING 2024	FALL 2024	SPRING 2025	FALL 2025	SPRING 2026
Admission Period Opens <i>This is the first day you can submit your application.</i>	06/15/23	01/15/24	06/15/24	1/15/25	6/15/26
Admission Period Closes <i>This is the last day you can submit your application. All admission requirements must be complete by 11:59 p.m.</i>	06/30/23	01/31/24	06/30/24	1/31/25	6/30/26
TJC Nursing emails Placement Notifications <i>TJC Nursing will email placement notifications to all applicants. You will receive a notification of conditional acceptance, alternate wait-list, or not selected. You will also receive an email for each program/pathway you apply to.</i>	09/22/23	03/29/24	09/23/24	3/26/25	8/7/26
Deadline for Applicant to Accept Conditional Placement Offer <i>If you are offered conditional acceptance or placement on the alternate wait-list, you must accept your placement.</i>	09/29/23	04/05/24	09/30/24	4/2/25	8/14/26
New Student On-boarding Day <i>All students offered conditional acceptance or placement on the alternate wait-list must attend and on-boarding day. Attendance is mandatory, and there are no exceptions.</i>	10/06/23	04/12/24	10/06/24	4/16/25	9/4/26
First Day of Class	01/16/24	08/26/24	01/21/25	8/25/25	01/20/26



Requirements you  
**must** complete if  
you are offered  
**conditional**  
**placement** into  
the program.



# POST-ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who are offered conditional acceptance into the Nursing program must complete additional requirements in order to be granted full admission status into the program.

These are called post-acceptance requirements because they must be complete after you are offered conditional acceptance into the program. A brief description of each of these requirements is outlined in this section.

The requirements are outlined in the admission guidelines so applicants are aware of the post admission expectations prior to applying. These requirements **do not** need to be completed by a student at the time of application.

## New Student Onboarding Session

All students offered conditional acceptance or placed on the alternate wait-list must attend the New Student Onboarding Day.

Attendance in this meeting is mandatory in order to maintain good standing with your placement. There are no exceptions.

During onboarding day, new students are briefed on the post-acceptance requirements. This day is designed to provide students with useful information and access to the tools that will help them succeed in nursing school.

## HIPAA/OSHA Training

All students offered conditional acceptance must complete HIPAA and OSHA training in order to comply with the agreements with our clinical site partners.

## Negative Drug Test

All students offered conditional acceptance must complete a drug test with a negative result.

## Texas Board of Nursing Criminal Background Check

All students offered conditional acceptance must comply with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) rules and procedures regarding Criminal Background Checks (CBC). All students must complete the BON's CBC process and be granted eligibility to sit for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing exams (NCLEX-PN and/or NCLEX-RN). If a student is not granted clearance through the Texas Board of Nursing, they **cannot** begin a nursing program.







Criminal background checks are performed on all applicants for Licensure in Texas. A criminal background check must be completed through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) based on the set of fingerprints students provide to IdentoGo.

The BON cannot accept fingerprint cards or criminal background check results mailed by the applicant, or results that were completed for another facility, even if the previous check was completed through the DPS and the FBI. Since 2002, criminal history background checks have been required for all initial licensures with the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

In the past, students were able to complete this process once they had submitted an NCLEX examination application to the BON. The Board also had the Declaratory Order Petition process for those individuals who had something to disclose but needed a format in which to do so. Individuals who were at least six (6) months away from a potential graduation could use this process to determine their eligibility for licensure.

The BON experienced many individuals who would wait until the last month to disclose concerns, only to find out that they were not eligible for licensure, that their file had to be transferred to Enforcement for further investigation, or at the very least, that their process was delayed. This caused great concern for both the applicant and the nursing program since the student could not be deemed eligible to test, receive the authorization to test (ATT), or practice as a GN/ GVN until such time that the review was completed and/or approved. This created anxiety and additional stress for all involved.

The BON recognized that having new students complete the background check process before entering school would be extremely beneficial, and thus instituted the New and Accepted Student Roster process. This process allows both the potential applicant and school to be provided some guidance regarding the student's eligibility for licensure prior to investing the time, energy and funds into a nursing program.

The Board of Nursing looks at responses to questions relating to criminal conduct to determine eligibility for licensure. To check your eligibility, please review the following:

1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
3. Have you, in the last 5 years\*, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
4. For any criminal offense\*, including those pending appeal, have you:  
(*You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial or renewal application.*)
  - a. been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
  - b. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - c. been convicted of a felony?
  - d. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - e. received deferred adjudication?
  - f. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - g. been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
  - h. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - 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
  - k. judgment/punishment/action?

**NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses:** While expunged or sealed offense, 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. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

**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. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to 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 any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multi state privilege to practice that you held?
6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?
7. \*Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
8. \*Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program?  
(This includes all confidential programs)

**NOTE:** Any positive response will remain confidential and not subject to public disclosure unless required by law.

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?

**NOTE:** This does not apply to any nursing license(s) issued by another U.S. state or territory, excluding Puerto Rico. If you were licensed in Puerto Rico, you should be answering yes.

\*Pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code §301.207, information, including diagnosis and treatment, regarding an individual's physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individual's criminal history is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Texas Occupations Code §301.466.





## **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification**

All students offered conditional acceptance must complete an in-person AHA or American Red Cross BLS for healthcare providers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course.

## **Negative TB Test**

All students offered conditional acceptance must provide a negative TB skin PPD or Quantiferon TB test within the last 12 months or negative chest X-ray.

## **Tetanus Vaccination**

All students offered conditional acceptance must provide proof of a Tetanus (TDaP) vaccination administered within the last 10 years.

## **Influenza Vaccination**

All students offered conditional acceptance must provide proof of the current season of the Influenza vaccination or complete a medical/religious exemption request, for each clinical facility.

## **COVID-19 Vaccination**

All students offered conditional acceptance must provide proof of a complete series of the COVID-19 vaccination or complete a medical/religious exemption request.

## **Essential Competencies**

All students offered conditional acceptance must comply with the Nursing program essential competencies requirements. The TJC Nursing Physical Examination form and Student Health History form must be completed by a healthcare provider to verify that you comply with the essential competency requirements.

Students must be physically capable of successfully performing activities in both the practice laboratory and clinical practice areas. Sufficient physical health and stamina are needed to carry out all required procedures. It is also necessary for each student to determine their physical capabilities and report to the nursing department any physical limitations that would restrict or interfere with satisfactory performance.

The competencies outline reasonable expectations of students for the performance of common nursing functions. If an applicant or current student is unable to meet the outlined standards, he/she may be ineligible for admission or withdrawn from the program.

Nursing students must demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Extended walking and standing daily, ability to grasp, push and/or pull, ability to bend and stoop, moving quickly in response to an emergency, using upper body movements, ability to reach, reaching and/or lifting, carrying, and moving equipment:
  - a. Students must be physically capable of successfully performing activities in both the practice laboratory and clinical practice area. Sufficient physical health and stamina is needed to carry out all required procedures. It is also necessary for each student to determine their physical capabilities and report to the nursing department any physical limitations that would restrict or interfere with satisfactory performance.
  - b. Each student must demonstrate fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
2. Other essential competencies identified for nursing care include vision that allows detecting physical changes, hearing that allows responding to physical and verbal cues, a sense of touch that allows for assessment and palpation.
  - a. It is necessary, in order to observe, assess and evaluate clients effectively, for each student to have sufficient use of the following senses: vision, hearing, touch, and smell. Sensitivity must be demonstrated in the classroom, laboratory, and the clinical area.
3. Communication, critical thinking, and interpersonal skills are essential competencies for the nursing student.
  - a. Students must demonstrate the ability to communicate in English, both verbally and in written messages, clearly and in a timely manner.
  - b. Each student must demonstrate the ability to interact with individuals, families, groups, and communities from a variety of emotional, religious, sociocultural/ethnic, and intellectual backgrounds.
  - c. It is mandatory that each student demonstrates sufficient judgment, critical thinking, and the power to assimilate, integrate, apply, synthesize, and evaluate information to solve problems.

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Admission to TJC does not guarantee admission to certain selective programs. Student enrollment in these programs is limited by the following factors, including but not limited to; program capacity, clinical space, prior work experience, academic preparation, prior academic achievement, negative drug screening, and a clear criminal background check. Specific application information and admission policies for the TJC Nursing program are outlined in each pathway/program Admission Guidelines. Admission policies/criteria are reviewed each semester and are subject to change between admission periods. Some changes could affect eligibility for admission to the program.