ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

This Selective Program has a competitive entry selection process based on a competitive point system. Application requirements are included in the description below.

Associate Degree Nursing
Associate of Applied Science

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). Upon completion of the two-year, five-semester program, the graduate will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) administered by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Registered Nurse.

The program prepares the graduate to provide patient-centered care, to be a patient safety advocate, to be a member of the nursing profession and the health care team for a limited number of patients in various health care settings. Such patients may have complex multiple needs with predictable or unpredictable outcomes. With additional experience and continuing education the graduate can increase the number of assigned patients, provide independent patient-centered care, supervise health care of patients and their families, and receive certification in various specialty areas. Students seeking entry in the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) must attend a general advisement session, meet HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam requirements before being allowed to register for the Introductory to Nursing course. The applicant must complete the Introduction to Nursing course with a grade of B or better (traditional track only) and complete an application for consideration to the program.

Application Requirements
All applicants must:

A. Participate in the required Prospective Student Information Session. For the session schedule, access the information online at https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/ or contact the Associate Degree Nursing Program at 872-3132
B. Be admitted to the college as a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
C. Meet TSI College Readiness Standards, or meet TSI exemption standards.
D. Complete all prerequisite courses with a minimum of "B" as listed in the Associate Degree Nursing Program Degree plan.
E. Achieve a HESI A2 Admission Assessment exam test score of 75% or higher in English Language Composite, Science (Anatomy & Physiology only) and Math. HESI exam test scores must be current within two years.
F. Earn a minimum grade of "B" in "Introduction to Nursing" course within the last two years. Required HESI A2 exam test scores are needed to register for this course.
G. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses, including transfer courses, and those completed at STC.
H. Pass a criminal background check through Texas Board of Nursing, 10-panel drug and alcohol screen through approved providers, and complete all required immunizations including Hepatitis B series and any additional clinical requirements before beginning any of nursing clinical courses. For more information contact the NAH Clinical Affairs Specialist at 872-3022.
I. Meet Technical Standards as stated by the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
J. Submit a completed Program application by stated deadline. For more information contact Associate Degree Nursing Program at 872-3132 or access the information online at https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/.

NOTE: A new applicant pool is established for each admission period. All students interested in the program who are not granted admission (qualified and/or nonqualified) must reapply each semester if they wish to be considered for enrollment. Applications will be submitted after meeting with Student Advisor.

Competitive Entry Selection Process
The ADN Program selection process is Competitive Entry and is based on a competitive Point System. Points are given for the following selection criteria: ADN Program pre-requisite courses, HESI A2 exam scores, STC Cumulative GPA, and other additional points as listed in the Application Form. A Cutoff Score is calculated for each application period based on the qualified applicant pool, the number of slots available, and may vary for each application period. Qualified applicants are ranked from highest to lowest and admission is based on this ranking. Applicants with total points above the cutoff score will be admitted and applicants with total points below the cutoff score will be denied. Applicants with total points equal to the cutoff score will be designated as alternates. Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admission to the program. A random draw of alternate applicants will be used as needed. A full description of the competitive entry point system is published in the Prospective Student Guide on the Associate Degree Nursing Program website.

Graduation Requirements
To graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, a student must meet college graduation requirements and complete all course work as listed in the degree plan with a minimum grade of "C".

Licensures of Persons with Criminal Convictions
The Nurse Practice Act (NPA) for the State of Texas (Senate Bill 1058) made criminal background checks mandatory for students accepted for enrollment in a nursing education program. It permits the Board of Nursing (BON or Board) to initiate declaratory orders for eligibility proceedings based on positive criminal background checks; made permanent the Board’s authority to impose deferred disciplinary action; and clarified that action may be taken against a nurse's license based on action taken by a division of the United States Military. The NPA authorized the BON, in conjunction with a disciplinary action, to require a
nurse to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs and submit to random drug testing; provided for limited non-disclosure of disciplinary proceedings that result in a Board order requiring the nurse to participate in a Board-approved peer assistance program to address a problem that the nurse is experiencing with mental illness or chemical dependency; as well as making other changes relating to disciplinary action taken by the Board.

The STC Board of Trustees approved Board Policy #3337 on July 15, 2004 for all students participating in any Nursing and Allied Health clinical program to meet established program standards for professional practice established by the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. This policy is implemented to ensure compliance with health care agency standards and state licensing regulations.

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2 Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hour General Education requirement
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RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family 4
RNSG 2260 Clinical - Pediatrics/ Maternal/Infant (8 weeks) 2
RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 3
RNSG 2361 Clinical - Complex Medical Surgical (8 weeks) 3

Credit Hours 12

Fourth Semester

Humanities Elective 2 3
RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of Adult Health 3
RNSG 2163 Clinical IV (12 weeks) 1
RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management 2
RNSG 2363 Clinical V (4 weeks) 3

Credit Hours 12
Total Credit Hours 60

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Associate Degree Nursing LVN/RN Transition Option Associate of Applied Science - Summer Admission

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Designed for the individual who is a licensed vocational nurse and who is interested in pursuing the Registered Nurse degree. Students who complete the LVN program must apply for acceptance to the Associate Degree Nursing program in order to be admitted as a student. Prospective Associate Degree Nursing students must meet all application requirements before being eligible to apply to the program. Meeting the specific application requirements is not a guarantee of program acceptance. This Selective Program has a competitive entry selection process based on a competitive point system. A full description of the competitive entry point system is published in the Prospective Student Guide on the Associate Degree Nursing Program website.

Course Title Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Semester
Biol 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
Biol 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
ENGL 1301 Composition I 3
Vocational Nursing Hours (Electives) 3 10

Credit Hours 21

First Semester

RNSG 1417 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students 4
RNSG 1140 Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students 1
RNSG 1162 Transition Clinical (8 weeks) 1
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing 2
RNSG 2162 Clinical - Mental Health (8 weeks) 1

Credit Hours 60

Second Semester

RNSG 2361 Clinical - Complex Medical Surgical 3
RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family 4
RNSG 2260 Clinical - Pediatrics/ Maternal/Infant 2
RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 3

Credit Hours 12

Third Semester

Humanities Elective 1
RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of Adult Health 3
RNSG 2163 Clinical IV (12 weeks) 1
RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management 2
RNSG 2363 Clinical V (4 weeks) 3

Credit Hours 12
Total Credit Hours 60

1 Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hour General Education requirement.
2 May substitute ENGL 1302 Composition II - Rhetoric.

3 Vocational Nursing Hours (Electives)

Upon successful completion of RNSG 1417 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students, RNSG 1140 Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students and RNSG 1162 Transition Clinical, an escrow of 10 credit hours will be given for the following courses:

RNSG 1513 Foundations for Nursing Practice 5
RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I 2
RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II 1
RNSG 1262 Clinical I 2

Total Credit Hours 10

Associate Degree Nursing LVN/RN Transition Option Associate of Applied Science - Spring Admission

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Course Title Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Semester
Biol 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I 4

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EMT Paramedic to RN Track

Associate of Applied Science - Fall Admission

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Course Title Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Semester
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology II 1 4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II 1 4

Paramedic Nursing Hours (Electives) 3 10

Credit Hours

First Semester

Course Title Credit Hours
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology II 1 4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II 1 4

Paramedic Nursing Hours (Electives) 3 10

Credit Hours

First Semester

RNSG 1417 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students 4
RNSG 1140 Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students 1
RNSG 1162 Transition Clinical (8 weeks) 1
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing 2
RNSG 2162 Clinical - Mental Health (8 weeks) 1
RNSG 1301 Pharmacology 3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology 1 3

Credit Hours 15

Second Semester

RNSG 2361 Clinical - Complex Medical Surgical (8 weeks) 3
RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family 4
RNSG 2250 Clinical - Pediatrics/ Maternal/Infant (8 weeks) 2
RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 3

Credit Hours 12

Third Semester

Humanities Elective 1 3
RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of Adult Health 3
RNSG 2163 Clinical IV (12 weeks) 1
RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management 2
RNSG 2363 Clinical V (4 weeks) 3

Credit Hours 12

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3 Vocational Nursing Hours (Electives)

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Pre-requisite Semester
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology II 1 4
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Paramedic Nursing Hours (Electives) 3 10

Credit Hours 21

First Semester

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PSYC 2301 General Psychology 1 3

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RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 3

Credit Hours 12

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