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Nursing Pathway
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) - great start to your nursing career

- CNAs provide intimate, hands-on healthcare to patients in medical settings
- helping with bathing, dressing and the basic activities of daily living

Are Nurse Aide’s in Demand? Yes! Very high demand - especially in nursing homes.
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)

Commonly seen working in nursing homes; However after certification can also work in:

- Hospitals
- Hospices
- Home health
- And other healthcare related agencies
Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)

- Median Annual Wage: $27,030
- Job growth next ten years: Increase of 9%
- Tuition & Textbook cost: $635 (Certification exam separate)

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs)

For more offerings and registration info, view:

http://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/ProgramsCourses/HealthCareers/AlliedHealthCE

or Call (361) 582 – 2412

***Allied Health CE Courses Information Sessions Coming Soon***
Nursing as a Career

Many employers offer flexible work schedules and part-time opportunities, so you can balance your work and home life.
Nursing as a Career

A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

- works closely with patients to maintain their basic medical care.
- supervised by registered nurses or doctors as they provide basic bedside care and promote preventative health measures.
- may give patients medication or injections, run tests, check routine vital signs, insert/monitor catheters, and aid in other simple medical procedures.
Nursing as a Career

A Registered Nurse (RN)

- works closely with the patient to care for and educate patients about self-care and healthy habits
- supervised by a nurse manager and work closely with doctors to assist during exams and/or surgeries
- is responsible for overseeing care of their patient by collaborating with a multidisciplinary team (doctors, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, etc.)
Nursing — career possibilities for LVNs

- Employment opportunities in areas such as:
  - hospitals, outpatient care centers, clinics, nursing homes, hospice, home health
  - private doctors’ offices and clinics (may take on clerical duties such as making appointments / keeping records, also)
  - private homes
  - the military
Nursing – career possibilities for RNs

• Employment opportunities in areas such as:
  ▪ In private doctors’ offices, hospitals, nursing homes, home health care services, hospice, travel nursing, flight nursing, the military
  ▪ May take on leadership roles, such as: Nurse Managers and Directors of Nursing in facilities.
Nursing as a Career

Nursing salaries vary depending on

• where you live,
• where you work,
• and your experience.

The average annual earnings for LVNs in Texas is $46,990 ($22.59 per hour)

LVNs are there for patients during good times and bad. You will be the nurse that the patients rely on to support them.

Nursing salaries vary depending on

- where you live,
- where you work,
- and your experience.

The average annual earnings for RNs in Texas is $72,890 ($35.04 per hour).

RNs have a major responsibility to care for their patients of all ages, but the reward is priceless.

Nursing as a Career

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Nursing as a Career

Employment of RNs is projected to grow 12% from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations.

The overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase because of the aging population, given that older people typically have more medical problems than younger people.

Nursing as a Career

• As the baby-boom population ages and with growing rates of chronic conditions (such as diabetes and obesity), the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase.

• There is an increased demand for LVNs in residential care facilities, home health environments, rehabilitation hospitals, hospice care and outpatient clinics.

Victoria College Application

An online application must be completed for admission to Victoria College.

You may find the application at http://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/AdmissionSteps

It is the applicant’s responsibility to validate processing of their application with the Admissions & Records Office by calling (361) 573-3291 or (877) 843-4369.
TSI (Texas Success Initiative)

Must be TSI (Texas Success Initiative) complete to qualify for admission to the nursing program.

- Please contact Advising & Counseling Services for more information at (361) 582-2400.
- It is the applicant’s responsibility to validate their TSI status with the Advising & Counseling and the Admissions & Records Offices.
If you are in need of becoming TSI complete, please contact the Victoria College Testing Center:

Phone (361) 582-2589
testingcenter@victoriacollege.edu
http://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/TestingCenter
Prerequisites
Vocational Nursing

Spring 2021

No pre-requisites

The following courses, although incorporated into the VN program semesters, may be completed prior to admission to the program.

**NOTE:** If planning to receive Financial Aid, courses you completed prior to program may change the amount of Financial Aid you receive due to a lower course load.

[For substitution for VN Program courses – all courses must be completed with a “C” or better.]
Support Courses for VN Program

- **BIOL 2404** or **BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402** (completed within the past 5 years) – will assist in ATI TEAS testing
- **BIOL 1322**-Nutrition & Diet Therapy (completed within the past 5 years)
- **EDUC 1300** or **SDEV 0301**-Learning Frameworks - for students who have earned less than 13 hours of college credit
- **PSYC 2301**-General Psychology
- **PSYC 2314**-Lifespan Growth and Development
- **HPRS 2300**-Pharmacology (completed within the past 3 years)

*Taking these courses will lighten the load in Semester I & II*
ADN/RN Prerequisites

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology
- PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
- SDEV 0301 or EDUC 1300 Learning Frameworks
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II, if interested in VN → ADN Bridge Program

Recommendation - Complete prerequisites & all support courses before seeking admission

Generic ADN Program: Fall (June 1 deadline) or Spring (September 1 deadline) Semester
LVN → ADN Bridge Program: Summer (March 1 deadline)
Official Transcripts

All *official* transcripts (including High School transcript or GED)

- must be sent by the applicant to the Victoria College Admissions and Records Office
- Please follow up with Admissions Office to ensure your transcripts have been received.
Grade Point Average

• A VN applicant must have a GPA of 2.0 or above.

• To maintain good standing in the program and be allowed to continue, a student must pass all required courses with a C or better.

• ADN (RN) Program of Study 2.25
NURSING PROGRAM
Application Process
VN Program Application

Submit completed **Vocational Nursing Program Application for VN Admission** to the nursing program office at your preferred campus.

- A VN advising appointment is required within two weeks of submitting your VN application. Contact your first choice campus to schedule.

- Vocational Nursing Program Applications are **not** retained from year to year so in order to be eligible for admission, a new application must be submitted each year.
Submit completed **ADN Program Application** to the nursing program office (application current for one year)

Important to start the application process early in your college career

Must have an advising appointment with one of our faculty members yearly
Criminal Background Check

Complete the Licensure Eligibility Questions (LEQ) form and submit it to the nursing program office at your preferred campus.

✔ After submitting your LEQ form to the nursing program office, you will receive an email* from IdentoGO with further instructions to schedule fingerprinting for the Criminal Background Check. Allow 120+ days.

*Email address is subject to release to the public pursuant to Texas Public Information Act.

✔ It is important to provide a valid email address on your LEQ form and to monitor your email for further instruction.
Criminal Background Check

- After completing your fingerprint scan, it can take 4 months or longer for the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) to complete the CBC process.

- Once you have a completed and received a **clear CBC result** from the BON, it is your responsibility to **submit the original document to the program office at your preferred campus by the application deadline** and upload a copy (front and back of card/letter) to *CastleBranch*. 
ATI TEAS Test

• A qualifying ATI TEAS Test composite score of 56% or higher is required for admission to the Vocational Nursing Program.

• A qualifying ATI TEAS score of 64% or higher must be obtained for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) or Transition Program.
ATI TEAS Test

Testing

- allowed three attempts in a twelve month period
- good for two years from the testing date
- If taking the ATI TEAS more than one time in a twelve month period, the most recent score will be used to meet the admission criteria
- Exam cost is $87
ATI TEAS Test

Contact the Victoria College Testing Center at (361) 572-6480 or visit http://www.victoriacollege.edu/testingcenter for further information regarding the ATI TEAS exam.

For more ATI TEAS information: https://atitesting.com/teas-exam.aspx

NOTE: If you are taking the ATI TEAS at any location, other than Victoria College sites, you must log on to your ATI account to request a transcript thru the Online Store. It will be sent to Victoria College VN-PN program. A $27 fee applies.
Several documents will be required to be uploaded into the *CastleBranch* system. Please check the VC website for the *CastleBranch* Student Instructions and package code:

[www.victoriacollege.edu/vocationalnursing](http://www.victoriacollege.edu/vocationalnursing) for Vocational Nursing Information Packet

A $35 fee is required to set up your account.
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- **Required Immunizations**
  - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
  - Hepatitis B series (3 immunizations completed over a 6-month period)
  - Varicella (History of disease is not sufficient.)
  - Tetanus (Tdap)

Or proof of serologic immunity

- **Criminal Background Check results**
- **Financial Aid Information Form**
Additionally, qualified applicants who are accepted must submit the following prior to enrollment:

- VC physical examination
- CPR Healthcare or BLS Provider Certification
- Ten panel drug screen test with negative results
- Two-Step Tuberculosis screening results (2 administrations of test within a 3-week period)
- Influenza vaccine for current flu season
CPR Certification

Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider Certification

- This CPR certification is the only certification accepted by the Vocational Nursing Program.

CPR courses are offered through Victoria College - please visit: http://www.victoriacollege.edu/Explore/ProgramsCourses/HealthCareers/AlliedHealthCE
Record of Immunization

- All immunizations or proof of serologic immunity must be completed by application deadline.

- Hepatitis B series (for VN Program must be started before **March 1, 2020** to be completed prior to September 1 deadline).

- The two-step PPD skin test for tuberculosis screening is required.
Financial Aid Information Form

It is important to consult with a Victoria College Financial Aid counselor prior to enrollment to discuss financial aid options.

VN Applicants must complete the Financial Aid Information Form with appropriate signature(s) and upload onto CastleBranch.
VN Program Expenses

These are approximate values which are subject to change.

 Semester I

Total Expenses In County
$4,267

Total Expenses Out of County
$5,134
VN Program Expenses

These are approximate values which are subject to change.

Semester II

Total Expenses In County $2,508

Total Expenses Out of County $3,069
VN Program Expenses
These are approximate values which are subject to change.

 Semester III

Total Expenses In County $3,980

Total Expenses Out of County $4,796
Additional VN Costs
(Included in Semester III above.)

- Application Fee for Licensure $100
- Application Fee for NCLEX Exam $200

These costs are subject to change.
VN Program Expenses

• These costs are estimates only and could vary depending on the number of courses the student has taken, changes in fees, and book cost increases.
• All tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.
• Apply early for financial aid – even before selection. The process takes time.

Apply for 2020-21 & 2021-22 aid years for Spring VN Program admission
VN Program Important Notes

• For quality clinical learning experiences, some evening clinical experiences and alternate clinical learning experiences may be required.
• VN students may be required to travel to other learning sites during the program.
• VNSG classes completed while enrolled in VN program do not replace academic or workforce courses in the Associate Degree Nursing program.
Deadline for VN Application Process

Deadline for submission of all documents is September 1, 2020 for Spring 2021 start.

Don't miss the deadline!
Deadline for ADN/RN Application Process

Deadline for submission of all documents

Generic ADN Program:

Fall Semester -- June 1 deadline
Spring Semester -- September 1 deadline

LVN → ADN Bridge Program:
Summer Semester -- March 1 deadline

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!
Financial Aid
Financial Aid Resources

- www.fafsa.gov
- Scholarships
- Grants and Loans
- Veterans Benefits
- Workforce Solutions WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)
- TRC (Texas Rehabilitation Commission)
Workforce Solutions
Golden Crescent

- www.gcworkforce.org
- Norma Dale – CRT Specialist
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