NURSING

Associate Degree Nursing Program Information

Registered nurses care for patients in clinics, hospitals, homes or other community settings. People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care provided by these workers. If approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, graduates of TVCC's ADN Program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination – RN to become licensed as a registered nurse (RN).

The TVCC ADN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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There is a selection process for this program. It is the student’s responsibility to read the current brochure at www.tvcc.edu/health-science-center or contact an advisor regarding the current process. Students may apply if they expect to complete the prerequisite courses or become TSI complete by the end of the fall semester. The brochure includes information about the selection process, immunization requirements, and estimated costs, etc.

The deadline for completing all pre-admission testing requirements and for submitting the online application is December 1. Applicants will have until January 31 to submit fall semester transcripts and TSI completion documentation.

Note: Criminal history may disqualify individuals from obtaining or maintaining nursing certifications.

All nursing ADN applicants will be given instructions for obtaining fingerprints for an FBI criminal background check for the Texas Board of Nursing. These should be completed at least 90 days prior to the start of nursing classes as the student must be cleared by the Board of Nursing before the semester starts. The Board of Nursing will contact the student if a petition for a declaratory order concerning their eligibility to take the licensing examination (NCLEX-RN) is required. The student must have a “blue” card, a positive outcome letter or an eligibility letter (declaratory order) before starting classes. Students who need to complete this requirement will be sent an email in January with instructions. If the case must be sent to the enforcement division, the processing may take 6-24 months, so applicants must apply early. If a student is not able to start nursing courses due to waiting for a declaratory order, a space will be reserved for the following year pending a positive outcome from the Texas Board of Nursing.

Any nursing applicant who has been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized in the past five years for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid
personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder, or addicted to or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug within the past five years, must petition the Texas Board of Nursing for a declaratory order concerning their eligibility to take the licensing examination, the NCLEX-RN.

The Texas Board of Nursing can be reached at 512-305-7400. The application for a declaratory order can be downloaded from the BON website at www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp

• Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) AAS Degree (coursecatalog.tvcc.edu/pathways/health-sciences/nursing/adn-aas/)
• LVN-to-ADN Nursing Transition AAS Degree (coursecatalog.tvcc.edu/pathways/health-sciences/nursing/lvn-to-adn-nursing-transition-aas/)
• Paramedic-to-ADN Nursing Transition AAS Degree (coursecatalog.tvcc.edu/pathways/health-sciences/nursing/paramedic-to-adn-nursing-transition-aas/)

RNSG-1118. Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Transition to professional nursing competencies in the care of patients throughout the lifespan. Validates proficiency in psychomotor skills and clinical reasoning in the performance of nursing procedures related to the concepts of: clinical judgment, comfort, elimination, fluid and electrolytes, nutrition, gas exchange, safety, functional ability, immunity, metabolism, mobility and tissue integrity. Includes health assessment and medication administration. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Requires computer/web access. Lab fee.

RNSG-1125. Professional Nursing Concepts I. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Introduction to professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles: member of profession, provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, and member of the health care team. Content includes clinical judgment, communication, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, health promotion, health information technology, patient-centered care, patient education, professionalism, safety and teamwork/collaboration. Emphasizes role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based concept. Lab Fee $45 includes dues to Student Nursing Association. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1126. Professional Nursing Concepts II. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Expanding professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Applying concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, patient-centered care, professionalism, safety, and team/collaboration to the exemplars presented in the Health Care Concepts II course. Introduces concepts of leadership and management. Emphasizes role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Requires computer/web access.
RNSG-1128. Introduction to Health Care Concepts. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. An introduction to concept-based learning with emphasis on selected pathophysiological concepts with nursing applications. Concepts include acid-base balance, fluid and electrolytes, immunity, gas exchange, perfusion, metabolism, coping and tissue integrity. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1137. Professional Nursing Concepts III. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Application of professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Utilizes concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, patient-centered care, professionalism, safety, teamwork and collaboration. Introduces the concepts of quality improvement, health information technology and health care organizations. Incorporates concepts into role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab Fee $80 includes SNA dues and registration fee for mock trial. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1161. Clinical I. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Lab Fee $87 includes drug screen and professional liability insurance. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1162. Transition Clinical, Paramedic. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. The student must pass both RNSG 1128, 1324, 1118 and 1162 concurrently in order to be able to progress to the Level III nursing courses. Lab fee $74 includes drug screening and lab fees. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1163. Transition Clinical, LVN. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Lab fee $74 includes drug screening and lab fee. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1216. Professional Nursing Competencies. (2 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Development of professional nursing competencies in the care of patients throughout the lifespan. Emphasizes psychomotor skills and clinical reasoning in the performance of nursing procedures related to the concepts of: clinical judgment, comfort, elimination, fluid and electrolytes, nutrition, gas exchange, safety, functional ability, immunity, metabolism, mobility and tissue integrity. Includes health assessment and medication administration. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Requires computer/web access. Lab fee.
RNSG-1311. Nursing Pathophysiology. (3 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Basic principles of pathophysiology emphasizing nursing applications. Includes epidemiologic factors that alter the normal physiological processes across the lifespan. This course lends itself to either a blocked or integrated approach. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1324. Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice. (3 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Integration of previous health care knowledge and skills into the role development of the professional nurse as a provider of patient-centered care, patient safety advocate, member of health care team, and member of the profession. Emphasis is on clinical decision-making for patients and their families. Review of selected health care and professional nursing concepts with application through exemplars. Health care concepts include comfort, diversity, elimination, functional ability, human development, mobility, nutrition, sensory perception, sleep, coping, thermoregulation, tissue integrity, acid-base balance, clotting, cognition, fluid and electrolyte balance, gas exchange, immunity, metabolism, nutrition, grief and perfusion. Professional nursing concepts include clinical judgment, communication, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, health promotion, health information technology, patient-centered care, patient education, professionalism, safety, and teamwork and collaboration. Introduces concepts of leadership and management. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab fee $253 includes HESI package fee and lab fees. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1430. Health Care Concepts I. (4 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. In-depth coverage of foundational health care concepts with application through selected exemplars. Concepts include comfort, diversity, elimination, functional ability, human development, mobility, nutrition, sensory perception, sleep, thermoregulation, grief and tissue integrity. Emphasizes development of clinical judgment skills in the beginning nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab Fee$182 includes HESI package and lab fee. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-1533. Health Care Concepts II. (5 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. In-depth coverage of health care concepts with application through selected exemplars. Concepts include acid-base balance, coping, clotting, cognition, fluid and electrolytes, gas exchange, immunity, metabolism, nutrition, comfort and perfusion. Provides continuing opportunities for development of clinical judgment skills. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab Fee$182 includes HESI testing package and lab fees; Requires computer/web access.
RNSG-1538. Health Care Concepts III. (5 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. In-depth coverage of health care concepts with nursing application through selected exemplars. Concepts include cellular regulation, end of life, immunity, interpersonal relationships, grief, human development, intracranial regulation, mood/affect, comfort, sexuality, mobility and reproduction. Provides continuing opportunities for development of clinical judgment skills. The course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab Fee $172 includes HESI testing package and lab fees. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-2138. Professional Nursing Concepts IV. (1 Credit)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. Integration of professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Synthesizes concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidence-based practice, leadership and management, patient-centered care, professionalism, teamwork and collaboration through exemplars presented in the Health Care Concepts courses. Emphasizes concept of quality improvement and introduces health policy. Incorporates concepts into role development of the professional nurse. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Requires computer/web access. Lab fee.

RNSG-2360. Clinical IV. (3 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Lab fee. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-2362. Clinical II. (3 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Requires computer/web access. Lab fee.

RNSG-2363. Clinical III. (3 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Lab fee $48 includes liability insurance and lab fees. Requires computer/web access.

RNSG-2539. Health Care Concepts IV. (5 Credits)
This course is taken for academic credit. Students will earn an A, B, C, D, F, or W. In-depth coverage of advanced health care concepts with nursing application through selected exemplars. Concepts include, cognition, immunity, clotting, fluid and electrolyte balance, gas exchange, metabolism, nutrition, perfusion, tissue integrity and interpersonal relationships. Continuing development of clinical judgment with integration of all health care concepts. The course lends itself to a concept-based approach. Lab fee $197 includes testing package, lab fees, class photos. Requires computer/web access.
To be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination-RN and qualify as a registered nurse, students must attain a grade of C or better in all courses, nursing and non-nursing. Support courses must be completed prior to or taken concurrently with nursing courses as outlined each semester in the curriculum plan. Students who have completed an ADN level I nursing transfer contract or ADN level II nursing contract should contact the provost of the health science center for information regarding course credit options.

SUMMARY (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm)
2018 Median Pay: $71,730 per year; $34.48 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education: Bachelor’s degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation: None
On-the-job Training: None
Number of Jobs, 2018: 3,059,800
Job Outlook, 2018-28: 12% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2018-28: 371,500

WHAT REGISTERED NURSES DO (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-2)
Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care and educate patients and the public about various health conditions.

WORK ENVIRONMENT (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-3)
Registered nurses work in hospitals, physicians’ offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. Others work in outpatient clinics and schools.

HOW TO BECOME A REGISTERED NURSE (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-4)
Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor’s degree in nursing, an associate’s degree in nursing, or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses must be licensed.

PAY (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-5)
The median annual wage for registered nurses was $71,730 in May 2018.

JOB OUTLOOK (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-6)
Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 12 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; increasing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as this group leads longer and more active lives.

STATE & AREA DATA (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-7)
Explore resources for employment and wages by state and area for registered nurses.
SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-8)
Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of registered nurses with similar occupations.

MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING LINKS TO O*NET (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-9)
Learn more about registered nurses by visiting additional resources, including O*NET, a source on key characteristics of workers and occupations.

SUGGESTED CITATION:

TVCC has partnered with Career Coach (https://tvcc.emsicc.com/?radius=&region=10%20Mile%20Radius%20from%20Athens%2C%20TX) for students to discover majors and in-demand careers and education based on your interests!

• Career Assessment Profiler
• Interactive Career Catalog
• Browse TVCC’s Pathways

Some careers in this field will require a bachelor’s degree or higher.

• TVCC’s AAS degree in nursing will lead to an online Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in nursing with participating universities. TVCC has entered into a ‘CABNET’ (Consortium for Advancing Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas’ agreement with several universities. These agreements list the general education requirements for the BSN degree at the participating universities. Upon completion of these general education courses and the ADN AAS degree as well passing the NCLEX-RN to become a RN, the graduate will need to complete the final 30 hours of upper division nursing courses at the selected university in the RN-to-BSN program (the majority of which can be done on-line). See an academic advisor for more information on this transfer opportunity.

• TVCC has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the University of Texas at Tyler for students to be accepted into and complete a concurrent BSN program. Students who are accepted into TVCC’s ADN program and who have completed all of the required general education courses for the BSN should contact the academic nursing advisor at the University of Texas at Tyler. Students will take BSN courses on-line with UT Tyler during the summers and concurrently with the ADN semesters. Students who successfully complete all program requirements will receive the Associate of Applied Science degree and the Bachelor’s of Science degree in nursing at the same time.