

# Lamar State College-Port Arthur Vocational Nursing Program Packet



## Orientation Sessions

Friday,  
March 31, 2017,  
1-2 p.m.

OR  
Friday,  
April 7, 2017  
4-5 p.m.

**Vocational Nursing Program  
Application Deadline  
May 15, 2017**



## LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR

A Member of The Texas State University System

### Fall 2017

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Vocational Nursing Program. The purpose of the Vocational Nursing Program is to prepare graduates as beginning practitioners who are competent, safe and self-directed. At the completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN) to be a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). LVNs practice under the supervision of a registered nurse and/or licensed physician.

The Admissions Application is designed to answer common questions, outline the program requirements, and provide you with the following items:

1. Application process for Lamar State College-Port Arthur
2. Vocational Nursing admission application with mandatory program criteria
3. Information about required admissions exam and pre-entry orientation
4. Information about required health exam
5. Information about required shot record documentation
6. Information about required background check
7. Guidance to obtain financial aid
8. Program of study and nursing course descriptions

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, you may call 984-6356 or toll free at 1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356 to speak with the Allied Health Department Secretary. You may also reach me directly at 409 984-6364 or toll free at 1-800-477-5872 ext. 6364.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

*Eursula Davis*

Eursula Davis, BSN, RN  
Coordinator, Vocational Nursing Program

# LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR

## Vocational Nursing Program

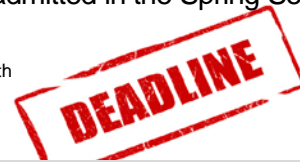
The Vocational Nursing Program is a competency based program designed to prepare its graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN) to become Licensed Vocational Nurses. LVN's function under the direction of licensed health care professionals including a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, physician, dentist or podiatrist to provide safe, compassionate, individualized, goal-directed nursing care to patients who have predictable health care needs. (Texas Board of Nursing, 2015) Graduates of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur Vocational Nursing Program are currently employed in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, physicians' offices, outpatient community clinics, long-term care facilities, and home health agencies.

The Vocational Nursing Program is an ideal entry-level learning opportunity into a career of professional nursing.

### APPLICATION DUE DATES

LSCPA admits two Vocational Nursing classes per year. A class is admitted in the Spring Semester (January) and in the Fall Semester (August). Applications for the:

1. Spring Semester (January '18) class are due on October 16<sup>th</sup>
2. Fall Semester (August '17) class are due on May 15<sup>th</sup>



### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

#### Phase I

Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program is a **two-phase** process. **During Phase I**, the student must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the application process for general admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
  - a. Apply on-line via "[Apply Texas](#)", or
  - b. Print and complete the official [Admission Application](#).



Students can deliver the completed application to the office of Admission and Records Office located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center building, or mail it to:

Office of Admission and Records  
Lamar State College-Port Arthur  
P.O. Box 310  
Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310.

#### Phase II

Complete the **three step** application process for the Vocational Nursing Program.

1. **Step One:** Successfully complete pre-requisite courses with a minimum grade of a "C". The pre-requisite courses are:

- a. BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- b. BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- c. HECO 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy
- d. NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I / NURA 1160 Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide <sup>1</sup>

Applicants must complete pre-requisite courses before making application to the Vocational Nursing Program. Transcripts verifying completion of coursework and a grade of “C” or better in each of the pre-requisite courses must be attached to your application.

A student must maintain a “C” or better in **ALL** pre-requisite, co-requisite, and nursing courses as well as maintain an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average to graduate and be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN/VN). **All vocational nursing courses (VNSG) require a minimum score of 75 for a grade of “C”.**

**A. Step Two.** Complete the Vocational Nursing Program Application. (Applicants must complete Step One before starting Step Two.) The following forms should be completed and submitted with the required documentation:

**By Mail:**

Vocational Nursing Program  
Standards Committee  
Lamar State College-Port Arthur  
P O Box 310  
Port Arthur TX 77641-0310

**OR HAND DELIVERED:**

Lamar State College-Port Arthur  
Allied Health Department  
1701 Procter Street  
Port Arthur TX 77640

1. **Application** to the Vocational Nursing Program.
2. **Official or unofficial transcripts.** Deliver **copies** of transcripts that include:
  - a) Transcript of high school completion or copy of High School Diploma with graduation date **or** GED.

**Exemption from Program Pre-enrollment Courses.**

Students who do not have four college credit hours in NURA 1301 and NURA 1160 or its equivalent, may complete a two-part exemption exam. To be eligible to take the exemption exam, the student must be a Certified Nurse’s Aide and have an **active status with the Texas Certified Nurse’s Aide Registry**. Students take the same comprehensive final as those students currently enrolled in NURA 1301 and NURA 1160. The exemption exam is a **two-part process**. The **first part** is a written exam. A student must score at least **80 percent** on the written exam. If the student is successful, then he/she must complete the second or skills portion of the exam. Upon successful completion of both parts of the exemption exam, a student is exempt from enrolling in NURA 1301 (Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I) and NURA 1160 (Clinical for Nursing Assistant/Aide) on the LSCPA campus.

The Allied Health Department administers the exemption exam twice a year. The exemption exam is scheduled in the fall semester (November) and in the spring semester (April).

Please contact the Allied Health Department at 984-6356 for exact exam dates and times.

<sup>1</sup> Exemptions for NURA 1301 and NURA 1160 may be requested.

- b) Transcript(s) of all college work completed.

Copies of transcripts must be attached to the Vocational Nursing Program Application **before** delivery. **No application will be reviewed unless all transcripts and transcript evaluations are submitted.**

3. **TSI Scores** (unless the student is exempt). TSI Scores are typically located on the student's college transcripts.
4. **Voluntary Survey.** Optional-last page of application packet.

**B. Step Three.** Pre-Admission HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A<sup>2</sup>) and Orientation

1. To be considered for admission, students are required to complete the HESI Admission Assessment (A<sup>2</sup>) Exam. The exam is a computer-based, timed, multiple choice exam that evaluates your comprehension in five subject areas: math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and reading knowledge, and anatomy and physiology. Students are allowed two attempts per semester to earn a passing score on the exam. Passing scores include 1) a cumulative score of 70% or better and 2) a reading comprehension score of 74.5% or higher. Students scoring less than the minimum requirements will be placed on an alternate list for admission necessitating further review of eligibility by the Standards Committee. **Students must submit the Admission Assessment (A<sup>2</sup>) exam score report with their application to the Vocational Nursing Program.**

Peer-reviewed research findings<sup>2</sup> indicate HESI Admission Assessment scores are valid predictors of student success and can therefore assist educators in the selection process, and assist students in identifying and remediating academic weaknesses prior to entering a program. The results of the exam will be calculated as part of the admission rating scale. The fee for the exam is approximately \$50.

The TSI Assessment Exam is a comprehensive computerized adaptive testing system that helps place students into appropriate college credit courses or developmental courses. The TSI rules were implemented by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on August 22, 2013.

- The TSI Assessment Exam must be taken before enrolling in any college credit bearing course unless you are exempt.
- WHO IS EXEMPT FROM TAKING THE EXAM? There are exemptions. It is important that you check on the website at [www.lamarpa.edu](http://www.lamarpa.edu) for the most current information on TSI Assessment, testing, placement, and exemptions.
- For further information about whether and when you must be tested, please contact the advising office at 984-6186.

## ORIENTATION SESSION

**Applicants** must attend an Orientation Session before the deadline for the submission of program applications.

Orientation Session dates are:

- a. Friday, March 31, 2017 at 1 p.m.

OR

- b. Friday, April 7, 2017 at 4 p.m.

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<sup>2</sup> Murray K.T., Merriman C.S. and Adamson C. (2008). Use of the HESI admission assessment to predict student success. *Computers Informatics Nursing*, 26:3 (167-172).

If an applicant fails to attend an Orientation Session, the application for the program will be destroyed; including all supporting documents (e.g. immunizations, transcripts, etc.). The student must then re-apply for the next enrollment period as a new applicant for the program and submit a new application and all supporting documents.

## RATING SCALE

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have submitted a completed admission packet are ranked according to their scores on the Admission Rating Scale (see below). The applicants with the highest scores will be admitted to the program. Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open access institution. All class positions will be filled with the most qualified applicants available in any given admission period.

**The Rating Scale Is For Your Information Only.  
Do Not Turn the Rating Scale In With Your Application.**

**Applicants who have never attended the LSCPA Vocational Nursing Program have priority over those who previously attended.**

Introductory Microbiology (BIOL 2420) is **NOT** required for the Vocational Nursing Program. However, students who complete Microbiology are more likely to succeed in the Vocational Nursing Program.

CRITERIA	Semester	Grade	Points
BIOL 2401 (BIO143) Human Anatomy & Physiology I A = 16 B = 12 C = 8			
BIOL 2402 (BIO 144) Human Anatomy & Physiology II A = 16 B = 12 C = 8			
VN 1410 Basic Nursing or NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I / NURA 1160 Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide A = 16 B = 12 C = 8			
HECO 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy A = 12 B = 9 C = 6			
*BIOL 2420 Introductory Microbiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8			
BCIS 1305 - Business Computer Information Systems or ITSC 1401 - Introduction to Computers			
Number of Courses completed applicable to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program (1 point each) ( <i>Note: Must have a grade of "C" or better in the course to receive a point</i> ) (ENGL 1301; SPCH 1315; PSYC 2301; PSYC 2314; Fine Arts/Humanities; RNSG 1300, RNSG 1311)			
Grade Point Average for previous 4 years (4 pts for 4.0 GPA, etc.)			
Second time considered for VN Program (2 pts)			
Third time considered for VN Program (2 pts)			
Repeated science course(s) – Subtract 5 points			
Repeated Nursing course(s) – Subtract 5 points			
Admission Assessment A <sup>2</sup> Exam Cumulative Score Greater than 85%: 5 points; 80% to 84.9%: 3 points; 74.5% to 79.9%: 1 point; Below 74.5%: 0 points			
<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>			

## NOTIFICATION

Applicants who have submitted a complete application will be notified by mail of **conditional** acceptance or rejection by **July 7, 2017**. If you do not receive a letter, please contact the Allied Health Secretary at 409-984-6356 or 1-800-477-5872 x 6356. **No results will be provided by telephone.**

## HEALTH EXAM

**(Health Data Forms are mailed to students receiving acceptance letters.)**

**After acceptance** into the Vocational Nursing Program, students are required to have a **physical examination at their own expense** by the physician or nurse practitioner of their choice. Immunizations are available at the Port Arthur Health Department for those who do not have health insurance. The Health Data form and copies of the student's immunization records are due at orientation which is the first day of class.

A new regulation of the Texas Department of Health requires that each student complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series prior to contact with patients or show serologic confirmation of immunity to the virus. It takes six months to complete the three-shot series so students who have not had the vaccinations should get them as soon as possible.

## IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

After acceptance into the Vocational Nursing Program, students are required to provide COPIES of their shot records:

1. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
2. Tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) or Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) booster (within last 10 years).
3. Hepatitis B (3 shot series – All three injections must be taken within a 6-month period).
4. Varicella/Chickenpox (documentation of having the disease or vaccination).
5. Tb Skin Test (within last 6 months).
6. Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (documentation from physician if unable to have the Influenza vaccination).
7. Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination.

## BACTERIAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION

Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is required for all new students under age 22. This includes ALL transfer students and students that have taken either a fall or spring semester off from college. All first-time freshman, transfer students, and students who have taken a leave of absence from school in either a fall or spring semester must have received this vaccination during the five-year period immediately preceding and at least 10 days prior to the first day of the semester enrolled or re-enrolled.

## HIV STATUS

Effective September 1, 1991, the State of Texas Bill, HB 7, imposed on all Texas health care professionals various requirements designed to prevent the transmission of HIV from health care workers to their clients. Under this law, health care workers include "individuals in the course of training or educational program in the health professions." Thus, the law applies to all the nursing students at Lamar State College-Port Arthur during the time they are involved in client care.

It is each Lamar State College-Port Arthur's student's responsibility to understand the legal and

professional/ethical ramifications of the law and to comply with the law's requirements. In general, the law requires that all health care workers adhere to Standard Precautions and that individuals with exudative lesions (draining sores) or weeping dermatitis (reddened areas that leak clear fluid) refrain from direct client care and the handling of client equipment and devices used in invasive procedures until the condition resolves. To insure that all students are familiar with Standard Precautions, a review of Standard Precautions is included for all students in the nursing program.

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

**(IdentoGO Texas Fingerprint Service Code Forms and instructions are mailed to students receiving acceptance or alternate list letters.)**

Effective September 1, 2013, Texas Senate Bill 1058 amended Section 2, Subsection (c), Section 301.2511 of the Texas Occupations Code which contains the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) to state, "The board by rule shall develop a system for obtaining criminal history record information for a person accepted for enrollment in a nursing educational program that prepares the person for initial licensure as a registered or vocational nurse by requiring the person to submit to the board a set of fingerprints that meets the requirements of Subsection (a). The board may develop a similar system for an applicant for enrollment in a nursing educational program. The board may require payment of a fee by a person who is required to submit a set of fingerprints under this subsection."



The background check process is also required by the clinical facilities which provide direct patient care experience to LSCPA students. This ensures uniform compliance with Joint Commission standards pertaining to human resource management. Successful completion of the background check process does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation.

**In order to be fully accepted into the Vocational Nursing Program at Lamar State College-Port Arthur, the student must submit documentation from the Texas Board of Nursing stating the student has either a clear background or will be eligible to sit state boards. The approximate cost of the background check is \$49. Additional information and instructions are sent to students receiving acceptance or alternate list letters in a given enrollment period. Please refer to page 7 of this application for more information regarding Declaratory Order Process.**

Please note that this is a separate background check from that required for the NURA 1301/1160 courses.

## MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Students are required to maintain malpractice insurance during the nursing program. At the time of acceptance a student must submit a receipt from the LSC-PA Business Office verifying the payment of the required fee (currently \$13.00) along with the confirmation of acceptance reply form.

## CPR CERTIFICATION

Students accepted into the Vocational Nursing program will be required to obtain current CPR certification through the American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC). Only AHA or ARC Healthcare Provider of Adult, Child and Infant CPR that include a hands-on checkoff will be accepted. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for CPR certification with LSCPA Instructors at the beginning of each Fall, Spring, or Summer I semesters.

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid consists of donations and several programs funded by federal and state governments to help college students defray expenses while attending college. The types of financial aid



available at Lamar State College-Port Arthur are:

1. **Scholarships.** Money awarded to cover a portion of a student's expenses through funds donated to the college.
2. **Grants.** Money awarded that is not repayable.
3. **Work Study.** Money the student earns through employment at the college.
4. **Stafford Student Loans.** Student loans that must be repaid and are available to undergraduate students.



To apply for financial aid you must complete and mail the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** provided by the College Scholarship Service to determine if you are eligible for aid. The form is available in the Office of Student Financial Aid or you may complete the application online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. For more information on scholarships or to apply; contact the Admissions Advisors office in the Student Center.

Anyone who will need financial aid should obtain application forms from the Financial Aid Office at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and **APPLY NOW**. It takes approximately eight weeks to process the financial aid application so you should **APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Do not wait until you are accepted into the program or your money will not arrive in time for registration.

Students are expected to meet established standards for academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid. Complete information about those standards is available from the Financial Aid Office.

## LICENSURE INFORMATION

Completion of the Vocational Nursing Program does NOT guarantee that a graduate may take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN). The Texas Board of Nursing may disqualify an applicant from obtaining Licensure. The Texas Board of Nursing, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, TX 78701-394, (512) 305-7400, has identified certain circumstances that



may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas. The Board provides individuals the opportunity to petition the Board for a Declaratory Order as to their eligibility in accordance with the Nursing Practice Act.

- If you are required to answer "**YES**" to any of the following questions, you must complete the Petition for Declaratory Order process. **Processing your Petition for Declaratory Order may take 4 to 12 months, or longer, after you provide all required documentation and depending on your circumstance.** Once all requested documents have been received, you will be notified that the Petition has been transferred to the Enforcement Department for review.

For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:

- 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 or 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 judgment/punishment/action?

**(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial licensure or renewal application.)**

**Expunged and Sealed Offenses:** While expunged or sealed offenses, 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. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

**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 on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of the 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 that applicants provide information about any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

- Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- Has **any** licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- \*Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or a psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder which impaired or does impair your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school or work? <sup>3</sup>
- Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> 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 Occupations Code §301.466.

<sup>4</sup> To obtain a copy of the Petition for Declaratory Order, go to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) website at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/>. On the TBON home page, click on "Forms" then under "Initial Licensure & Recognition Forms" click on "Declaratory Order". Read the information carefully, download the "Petition for Declaratory Order" form and follow the directions provided.

## TEXAS NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAM

Graduation candidates must pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam to qualify to take the NCLEX-PN.

Graduation candidates must pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam before the end of the final semester of the Vocational Nursing Program. Information is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/> under "Licensure".

## EVOLVE REACH ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM (A<sup>2</sup>)

### A<sup>2</sup> General Information

- The exam is also known as the HESI Admission Assessment (A<sup>2</sup>) Exam.
- The examination consists of eight sections. All sections have time limits. **Your composite score is generated by your scores on the reading, vocabulary, math, and anatomy and physiology sections.** A Learner Profile is also included in the testing. Individual results for Learning Style assessment includes study tips based on the individual's learning style and results from the personality profile assessment identifies the individual's dominant personality type, student's weaknesses and suggested learning techniques.
- **Reading Comprehension.** Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 60 minutes.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge.** Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the health care fields. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 50 minutes.
- **Basic Math skills.** Focuses on math skills needed for health care field, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 50 minutes. There will be a drop down calculator available if needed.
- **Anatomy and Physiology.** Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. Includes 30 items (25 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment 25 minutes.
- **Learning Styles.** 14-item assessment of preferred learning style. Time allotment: 15 minutes
- **Personality Styles.** 15 item-assessment of personality related to preferred learning styles. Time allotment: 15 minutes.

### A<sup>2</sup> Test Preparation

- Evolve Reach (HESI) Admission Assessment Exam Review Study Guide (ed. 4) with content review and approximately 400 sample test questions is recommended. This study guide helps you prepare for the Evolve Reach Testing and Remediation Admission Assessment Exam. It includes detailed coverage of each of the subject areas on the exam: Math, English, and basic sciences, if needed. Topics are simplified with step-by-step explanations, vocabulary, and practice problems with rationales. Study Guides are available online at <https://evolve.elsevier.com/> or by clicking this [link](#).

### Registering for the A<sup>2</sup>

- Contact the Student Success Center at 409-984-6244 to schedule date and time for your A<sup>2</sup> to be administered.

- Go to the Student Success Center, to obtain document so you can pay your \$50 Testing fee at the Business Office.
- You must pay the \$50 Testing fee at the Business Office and present your receipt to the Student Success Center prior to being allowed to take the exam.

### **A<sup>2</sup> Check-in Requirements**

- Picture ID is mandatory. The test administrator is required to verify identification by visually inspecting your identification and picture. Test security measures mandate the positive identification of examinees prior to beginning the exam. The test administrator will deny admission to any person who cannot be positively identified.
- Arrive at the Student Success Center located at 1500B Procter Street approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

### **A<sup>2</sup> Score Reports**

- Your test scores are available immediately after completing the exam. The test administrator will print two (2) copies of the scores, one for your records and one for you to turn into the Allied Health Department.
- When your testing session has closed and you have received your results you will be able to access remediation materials for the missed English and Math test items answered incorrectly.
- You must achieve a 70% Cumulative Score with a Reading Comprehension Score of 74.5% to be eligible for consideration in the Vocational Nursing Program.
- The Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam (A<sup>2</sup>) may be repeated after 14 days with a limit of two attempts per Vocational Nursing Program admission period.
- Exam must be taken no longer than one year prior to the application deadline date.

### **Rescheduling**

- If you need to reschedule a testing appointment at the Student Success Center, please cancel at least 24 hours prior to your scheduled testing period. There is no extra charge for rescheduled exams.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

- 1) Program is 12 months in length. (3 consecutive semesters <sup>5</sup> )
- 2) Classes meet Monday through Friday each week.
  - a) Two days per week class is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the LSCPA campus.
  - b) Three days per week clinical experiences (patient care experiences) are scheduled from: 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It may be necessary to schedule clinical experiences from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The additional clinical experiences are scheduled based upon the availability of faculty, spots, and times.
- 3) Sites for clinical experiences are assigned according to availability.
- 4) In addition, rotations at non-hospital facilities (e.g. nursing homes, community health clinics, Physician offices, Prisons, etc.) may be required during the 12 month program.
- 5) Students are required to maintain class grades of "C" (75%) and satisfactorily meet performance criteria in clinical practice to graduate and be eligible to take the computerized National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN/VN).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**May 15, 2017**

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<sup>5</sup> The Summer I and Summer II semesters are combined to form one full semester for those students in the Vocational Nursing Program (11 weeks)

## RECOMMENDED PROGRAM OF STUDY

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
<b>PRE-REQUISITES</b>		
NURA 1301	Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I	3
NURA 1160	Clinical - Nursing Assistant/Aide	1
HECO 1322	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>FIRST SEMESTER (Level 1)</b>		
VNSG 1400	Nursing In Health and Illness I	4
VNSG 1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1231	Pharmacology	2
VNSG 1204	Foundations of Nursing	2
VNSG 1261	Clinical - Practice Nurse (LPN)	2
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (Level 2)</b>		
VNSG 1409	Nursing in Health and Illness II	4
BCIS 1305 or ITSC 1401	Business Computer Information Systems or Introduction to Computers	3-4
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics	2
VNSG 1462	Clinical - Practice Nurse (LPN)	4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>13-14</b>
<b>THIRD SEMESTER (Level 3)</b>		
VNSG 2410	Nursing in Health and Illness III	4
VNSG 1230	Maternal - Neonatal Nursing	2
VNSG 1463	Clinical - Practice Nurse (LPN)	4
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>10</b>

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **NURA 1160 Clinical Nursing Assistant/Aide**

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.

Co-requisite: NURA 1301

### **NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I**

Preparation for entry level nursing assistants to achieve a level of knowledge, skills and abilities

essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term care facilities. Topics include resident's rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis on effective interaction with members of the health care team. Co-requisite: NURA 1160

**VNSG 1227 Essentials of Medication Administration**

General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration and documentation of multiple forms of drugs. Instruction includes various systems of measurement.

**VNSG1261 Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)**

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. Prerequisite: Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program.

Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1400

**VNSG 1204 Foundations of Nursing**

Introduction to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues and role of the vocational nurse. Topics include mental health, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process and holistic awareness.

Prerequisites: NURA 1160, NURA 1301, Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program

**VNSG 1230 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing**

Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the child-bearing family. Emphasis on the bio-psycho- socio-cultural needs of the family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth and the neonatal period including abnormal conditions.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1234, VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462

Co-requisites: VNSG 2410 and VNSG 1463

**VNSG 1231 Pharmacology**

Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process.

**VNSG 1234 Pediatrics**

Study of childhood diseases and childcare from infancy through adolescence. Focus on the care of the well and ill child utilizing the nursing process.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400

Co-requisite: VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462

**1462 Clinical Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)**

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.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400

Co-requisites: VNSG 1234 and VNSG 1409

**1463 Clinical Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse**

A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables students to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1234, VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462

Co-requisites: VNSG 1230 and VNSG 2410

**1400 Nursing in Health and Illness I**

Introduction to general principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the client across the life span and therapeutic nursing interventions.

Prerequisite: Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program.

Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1261

**1409 Nursing in Health and Illness II**

Introduction to common health problems requiring medical and surgical interventions.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400

Co-requisite: VNSG 1462

**2410 Nursing in Health and Illness III**

Continuation of Nursing in Health and Illness II. Further study of common medical-surgical health problems of the client. Includes concepts of mental illness. Incorporates knowledge necessary to make the transition from student to graduate vocational nurse.

Prerequisites: VNSG 1234, VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462

Co-requisite: VNSG 1463

## ESTIMATED COST

Expenses are subject to change due to action by the State Legislature or Board of Regents.

ITEM	APPROXIMATE COST
<b>PRE-REQUISITES</b>	
Registration fees	\$3,471.04
Books	822.81
Supplies	60.00
Uniform	100.00
APPROXIMATE COST FOR PRE-REQUISITES	<b>\$4,453.85</b>
<b>FIRST SEMESTER (Level 1)</b>	
Registration fees	\$2,575.20
Books	886.40
Physical (Estimated)	200.00
Liability insurance (1 year)	18.13
Uniform	125.00
Supplies and workshops	30.00
Assessment Exams (Required)	60.00
Background Check	50.00
APPROXIMATE FIRST SEMESTER COST	<b>\$3,944.73</b>
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (Level 2)</b>	
Registration fees	\$2,127.36
Books	331.57
Supplies and Workshops	100.00
Assessment Exams (Required)	60.00
APPROXIMATE SECOND SEMESTER COST	<b>\$2,618.93</b>
<b>THIRD SEMESTER (Level 3)</b>	
Registration fees	\$2,127.36
Books	100.00
State Board Licensure and Exam Fees	350.00
Capstone Exams (Required)	100.00
Graduation Filing Fee	75.00
Supplies and Workshops	50.00
APPROXIMATE THIRD SEMESTER COST	<b>\$2,802.36</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COST \$13,819.87</b>	

\*Tuition estimates are based upon published Spring 2017 tuition and fees for Texas residents.

\*\*The majority of the required textbooks will be purchased at the beginning of the program. Textbook costs may be lowered by purchasing eBooks.



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Attach copies of  
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## LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM FALL 2017 APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    First                                    Middle                                    Last

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    Street

\_\_\_\_\_

                    City                                    State                                    Zip

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

LSCPA SID# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
  Name

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State

Telephone

I am a High School Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of High School Transcript or High School Diploma)  
  (Year)

**If not** a High School Graduate, year completed GED: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of GED)  
  (Year)

Have you ever attended a Nursing Program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, Where Attended \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not complete the program, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken classes at Lamar State College-Port Arthur? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**List all other institutions of higher education that you have attended.** (You must attach a copy of a transcript from each institution.)

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Do you have a Certificate/Degree in another field? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What field? \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that the above statements are true.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## RECORD OF COURSE COMPLETION

Please name the college, the semester you took the course, and the grade you made in each of the following courses.

For each course you have completed, the applicant must attach a transcript that documents your course completion and grade. This includes copies of your Lamar State College-Port Arthur transcripts.

**Complete this Page, Turn In  
With Transcripts Attached.**

NAME: SSN:			
COURSE	COLLEGE	SEMESTER	GRADE
BIOL 2401 (BIO 143) Human Anatomy & Physiology I			
BIOL 2402 (BIO 144) Human Anatomy & Physiology II			
BIOL 2420 (BIO 245) Introductory Microbiology <sup>6</sup>			
NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Healthcare Organizations I/NURA 1160 Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide (VN 1410 Basic Nursing)			
HECO 1322 (HEC 138) Nutrition and Diet Therapy			
BCIS 1305 - Business Computer Information Systems or ITSC 1401 - Introduction to Computers			
<b>Number of Courses completed applicable to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program – <b>One point for each course (Note: Grade must be “C” or better)</b></b>			
➤ ENGL 1301 Composition I			
➤ PSYC 2301 General Psychology			
➤ PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development			
➤ SPCH 1315 Public Speaking			
➤ Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities)			
➤ RNSG 1300 Health Assessment			
➤ RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology			

<sup>6</sup> BIOL 2420 Introduction to Microbiology is **NOT** required for the VN Program. However, students who have completed Microbiology have a better chance of success in the VN Program.

# VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

## VOLUNTARY SURVEY

Government agencies **require** periodic reports on the sex, ethnicity, handicap, veteran and other protected status of applicants. This data is for analysis and possible affirmative action only.

### Check one:

Turn in the Voluntary Survey.

Male\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check one of the following:

Race/Ethnicity Group:

American Indian/Alaska Native\_\_\_\_\_

Asian\_\_\_\_\_

Black/African American\_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic\_\_\_\_\_

Indian\_\_\_\_\_

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander\_\_\_\_\_

White/Caucasian\_\_\_\_\_

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### Check if any one of the following is applicable:

Vietnam Era Veteran\_\_\_\_Disabled Veteran\_\_\_\_ Physically Challenged\_\_\_\_\_