

Spring 2026 Admission Packet

APPLICATION DEADLINE
August 27, 2025

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Associate of Applied Science Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. This application packet is for **Spring 2026** admission into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.

This nursing program was developed to meet the unique learning needs of the LVN/LPN. It is designed to provide sound educational experience, ensure competence in nursing, and achieve the LVN/LPN goal of career advancement to the Registered Nurse level with minimal duplication of educational preparation.

This advisement packet is designed to answer common questions, outline program requirements, and provide you with the following items:

1. Application and procedure for admission to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.
2. Information about the required health exam.
3. Guidance to obtain financial aid.
4. Program of study and nursing course descriptions.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. The application must be **typed or written legibly**. If the application is not legible, it will not be considered for application period.

If you have any questions, please call the Allied Health Administrative Assistant at 409-984-6356. The faculty and I look forward to receiving your application.

Thank you,

Shirley MacNeill, MSN, RN, CNE

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Allied Health Department Chair
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Director

Lamar State College - Port Arthur Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program

The Associate of Applied Science Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program at Lamar State College - Port Arthur (LSCPA) provides opportunities for personal growth and the attainment of academic goals which is designed to prepare its graduates to take the state board examination (NCLEX-RN) to become Registered Nurses.

NOTE: STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO WORK WHILE IN THE UPWARD MOBILITY NURSING PROGRAM ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE ALL NON-NURSING COURSES THAT APPLY TO THE UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM PRIOR TO TAKING THE CORE NURSING COURSES!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program at LSCPA is a two-phase process. During **Phase I**, the student must complete the following steps:

- I. Complete the application process for general admission to LSCPA
 - A. Apply on-line via "[Apply Texas](#)"

During **Phase II**, the student must complete the following steps:

- II. Review the application process for the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.
 - A. **Step One:** Successfully complete pre-requisite courses with a minimum grade of C:
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101) SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
Human Anatomy & Physiology I
PSYC 2301 General Psychology HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & RNSG 1300 Health Assessment
Development
ENGL 1301 Composition
It is Recommended students also complete the required general education corequisites: BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102) Human Anatomy & Physiology II; BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120) Microbiology; and Humanities/Fine Arts – 3 credit hour course

A student must earn a "C" or better in ALL pre-requisite, co-requisite, and nursing courses as well as maintain an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average and be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) in order to graduate. Please note that all nursing courses (RNSG) require a minimum score of 75% for a grade of "C."

- B. **Step Two:** Complete the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program application packet. The following forms should be completed and submitted with the required documentation:

By Mail To: Lamar State College - Port Arthur Upward Mobility Nursing Program P.O. Box 310 Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310	<u>OR</u> Hand Delivered To: Lamar State College - Port Arthur Allied Health Department Upward Mobility Nursing Program 1701 Procter Street Port Arthur TX 77640
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1. **Application** to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.
2. **Record of Course Completion - Copies of official transcripts or Degree Audit from Degree Works showing transcript evaluation and course equivalency** attached to your nursing application to include
 - a. **Copies** of Nursing Program Transcript from State Board approved Vocational/Practical Nursing Program. Those graduates from a State Board approved proprietary school VN/PN program must submit an official transcript from the proprietary school.
 - b. **Copies** of official transcript(s) or Degree Audit from Degree Works showing transcript evaluation and course equivalency of all college work completed.
No application will be reviewed unless all official transcript copies and transcript evaluations or Degree Audits are attached when application is submitted.
 - c. Pre-requisites in progress at the time of the application deadline will not be considered or included in the initial admission rating scale. Once completed and final grade is available, the student is responsible for updating application. Once the student submits a final grade report the admission rating scale will be updated.
3. Report verifying that the student has satisfied the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) rules (unless the student is exempt prior to admission) – **This information normally appears on a student’s official transcript or Degree Audit from Degree Works.**

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 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 409-984-6186.**

4. **HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam** with Critical Thinking profile report indicating a **cumulative score of 75% or higher, an anatomy & physiology score of 70% or higher, and a reading comprehension score of 80% or higher.** Exam must be taken no earlier than one year prior to the application deadline date. Students are allowed two attempts each application period to meet the required minimum scores. 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. Submit your HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam Score Report(s) with your Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Application. In the event of a tie on the Admission Rating Scale score, the HESI A² Cumulative Score will be the tie breaker.

5. **Submit copy of your NURSYS report**
 - a) **Go to** the Texas BON website - www.bon.texas.gov
 - b) **Click on** the NURSYS box located on the lower, right-hand side of the Texas BON homepage
 - c) **Click on** the “Look up License” button in the “QuickConfirm License Verification” box located on the NURSYS homepage
 - d) **Click on** the “I agree” button toward the bottom of the page
 - e) **Select** the “Search by License Number” tab
 - f) **Fill in** the appropriate information
 - g) **Click on** the “search” button
 - h) **Click on** the “View Report” button
 - i) **Click on** the “Download Report” button
 - j) **Choose** “Download Full Report”; **Click on** “Download” button
 - k) **Print out** report and attach to program application
6. **Employment/Work History.**
7. **Voluntary Survey.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 27, 2025

All applicants who have complete files will receive an email with notice of acceptance, placement on alternate list, or denial of application by **November 14, 2025**. If you do not receive an email, please contact Donna Wolfe, Allied Health Administrative Assistant, by email at wolfeds@lamarpa.edu. Please, **DO NOT EMAIL BEFORE November 17, 2025**.

Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas Beaumont Location

Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) and Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas Beaumont location have partnered together to provide an additional location for class and clinical to be provided for students who are accepted into the LSCPA Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. Students who are placed at the Baptist location will meet for class and clinical at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas Beaumont location. Labs and Clinical Simulations will be held on the LSCPA campus. In addition, there will be some class sessions that all students will meet together on the LSCPA campus. The LSCPA students who are placed in the Baptist group will attend clinical in the late afternoon/evening. If you are interested in being placed in this group please indicate Yes on the application.

Lamar State College Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Admission Rating Scale

NOTE: Do Not Turn in this page. The page to calculate your Admission Rating Score is located at the end of the application. The document will be verified by LSCPA Upward Mobility application reviewers.

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have submitted a complete 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. LSCPA is an open access institution. All class positions will be filled with the most qualified applicants available in any given admission period. In the event of a tie on the Admission Rating Scale score, the HESI A² Cumulative Score will be the tie breaker.

NOTE: If a course was repeated, then the points for that course will be based on the highest grade made (must be a “C” or better). **This page has been completed as an example.** A blank will be provided later in the application for you to complete.

COURSE	GRADES	POINTS
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101) Human Anatomy & Physiology BIOL 2401: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2101: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5	A/B	3/0.75
BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102) Human Anatomy & Physiology BIOL 2402: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2302: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2102: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5	A	4
BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120) Introductory Microbiology BIOL 2420: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2320: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2120: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5	B/C	2/ 0.5
ENGL 1301 Composition ENGL 1301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking SPCH 1315: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	B	2
HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition HECO 1322: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology PSYC 2301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development PSYC 2314: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities) Indicate Course Number: ARTS 1301-71 A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment RNSG 1300: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1	A	3
Number of courses completed with a “C” or better applicable to LU’s RN to BSN Program Circle the courses taken and total 1 pt per course (Math 1314 or MATH 1332; Math 1342 or Psyc 2317; ENGL 1302; Literature or Philosophy; Hist 1301, Hist 1302; Govt 2301, Govt 2302; CHEM 1406, NURS 2373) Maximum Points = 10	Number of Courses:	3
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Reading 80% or higher. Below 80 = 0 pts Points Reading Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 89.9-85 = 3 pts; 84.9-80 = 1 pts;	Score: 97	5
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: A&P 70% or higher. Below 70 = 0 pts Points A&P Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 80-89.9 = 3 pts; 79.9-75 = 2 pts; 74.9-70 = 1 pt.	Score: 88	3
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Cumulative 75% or higher. Below 75 = 0 pts Points Cumulative Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 89.9-85 = 3 pts; 84.9-80 = 2 pts; 75-79.9 = 1 pt;	Score: 92	4
LVN/LPN Work Experience (1 point for each year – Maximum 5 points; New Graduates: Completion of Nurse Internship Program will equate to up to 3 experience point(s))	Years:	3
Active Status in LSCPA Allied Health Society within past 2 years (Active Member 2 pts; Additional 1 point for Officer; provide documentation of officer status and active participation)	Year Active: 2024	2

Residency Points: 1 point for every 6 credit hours taken at LSCPA. Up to 4 points (24 credit hours)	# Credit Hrs: 12	2
Repeated science course(s) due to grade lower than "C" within the past 5 years– Subtract 2 points once		
Repeated VNSG course(s) due to grade lower than "C" within the past 5 years – Subtract 2 points once		
Prior admission and unsuccessful attempt in an ADN Program within the past 3 years – Subtract 3 points		
Total Score (Max of 69 points before any possible deductions)		52.25

HEALTH EXAM

After acceptance into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program, students are required to have a physical examination, drug screen, and provide proof of immunizations **at their own expense** by the physician or nurse practitioner of their choice. Immunizations are available through most Health Departments and local pharmacies. The exam and any required immunizations must be completed before students begin the first semester. Students who are unable to provide proof of immunizations must provide positive lab titers.

A regulation of the Texas Department of Health requires that each student complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series prior to contact with patients. It takes six months to complete the series so students who have not had the vaccinations should get them as soon as possible.

DOCUMENTATION OF SHOT RECORDS

By the first class day, students accepted into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program are required to upload to **CastleBranch** COPIES of their shot records which include: **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella); **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (Booster within last 10 years); **Hep B (3 shot series)** following CDC guidelines, if not serology is needed; **Varicella/Chickenpox** (documentation of having the disease or vaccinations); **Tb** – T-Spot Blood Draw, TB Gold or Tb Skin Test (within last 6 months); **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination** and **COVID-19 vaccine** (if available). The fee for the CastleBranch tracking service and drug screening is approximately \$70 (price may change prior to admission period) which will provide the student life time access to their records. Those students accepted into the program will receive instructions on enrolling with CastleBranch in their program acceptance packet.

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.**

STUDENT POLICY REGARDING HIV STATUS

Please note that according to 2019 Texas Statutes, Health and Safety Code, Title 2 Health, Subtitle D Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases, Chapter 85, Sections 85.201-85.206, information is provided regarding legislative findings that impact health care workers in Texas.

It is each LSCPA 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 ensure that all students are familiar with Standard Precautions, a review of Standard Precautions is included in the nursing program.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

The Texas Nursing Practice Act, Sec. 301.2511 Criminal History Record Information for License Applicants provides information specific to the mandatory criminal history background check that will be obtained from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Potential students must have a **clear and unencumbered Vocational Nursing License** before full acceptance into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. Students with a criminal history, psychiatric treatment, or drug/alcohol treatment/addiction must receive approval from the Texas Board

of Nursing to take the licensing exam (NCLEX). According to the Texas Board of Nursing, all applicants with outstanding eligibility issues that could prevent them from taking the NCLEX examination upon completion of a nursing program are urged to contact the BON (www.bon.state.tx.us) and complete a Petition for Declaratory Order form. The Petition for Declaratory Order process permits the Board to make decisions regarding an applicant's eligibility for licensure prior to entering a nursing program. There are no exceptions to this rule. If a student has not received a clear CBC (blue card), outcome letter of eligibility, and/or Declaratory Order prior to the required date, they must forfeit their position in the program and reapply during the next application period. This should be completed prior to applying for admission into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program if possible.

Students who had to submit a Declaratory Order as part of their LVN/LPN nursing education program, must be prepared to resubmit a new Declaratory Order following application to a RN nursing education program. Students should have all documents gathered to submit upon notification from the Texas Board of Nursing the need to submit a Declaratory Order. Students must submit their letter from the Texas Board of Nursing indicating they are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN upon receiving an acceptance letter and accepting their seat in the program.

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 prior to beginning the nursing program does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Students are required to maintain malpractice insurance during the nursing program. At the time of acceptance into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program a student must submit a receipt from the LSCPA Business Office verifying the payment of the required fee (approximately \$5.00 per semester although subject to change) along with the confirmation of acceptance reply form. This is typically a payment that is required each semester while in the program.

CPR CERTIFICATION

Students accepted into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program will be required to obtain current CPR certification through **American Heart Association**. CPR certification must include: Adult, Child and Infant CPR **and** include a hands-on check-off. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for CPR certification with LSCPA Instructors at the beginning of each semester – Spring, Summer, and Fall, if needed.

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 LSCPA are:

Scholarships – Money awarded to cover a portion of a student's expenses through funds donated to the college.

Grants - Money awarded that is not repayable.

Work Study - Money the student earns through employment at the college.

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. For more information on scholarships or to

apply, contact the Admission Advisors Office in the Student Center.

Anyone who will need financial aid should obtain application forms from the Financial Aid Office at LSCPA and **APPLY for it 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.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LICENSURE

Completion of the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program does **NOT** guarantee that a graduate may take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Texas Board of Nursing (TBON), 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10-200 Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400, has identified certain circumstances that may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a registered 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 Article 301.257 of the Nursing Practice Act.

If you are required to answer “YES” to any of the following questions, you may be required to complete the Petition for Declaratory Order process. **Processing your Petition for Declaratory Order may take several weeks, or longer, after you provide all required documentation and depending on your circumstance.** Once all requested documents have been received by the TBON, you will be notified that the Petition has been transferred to the Enforcement Department for review. To check your eligibility for renewing your license, please review the following questions:

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.)
 - been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
 - been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - been convicted of a felony?
 - pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - received deferred adjudication?
 - been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
 - been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military 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, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multistate 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 US 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.

TEXAS NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAM

In order to be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN, potential graduates are required to pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam before the end of the final semester of the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. If you have previously taken and passed the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam as an LVN you may be required to retake the exam dependent upon when you initially took the exam. Information is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/> under "Licensure".

HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM (A2)

A² General Information

- The examination consists of eight sections. All sections have time limits. Your cumulative score is generated by your scores on the reading, vocabulary, grammar, math, and anatomy and physiology sections.
- 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.
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge – Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.
- Grammar – Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.
- 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. There will be a drop-down calculator available if needed.
- Anatomy and Physiology – Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.
- Learning Styles – 14-item assessment of preferred learning style.
- Personality Styles – 15 item-assessment of personality related to preferred learning styles.
- Critical Thinking.

A² Test Preparation

- HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam Review Study Guide with content review and approximately 400 sample test questions is recommended. This study guide helps you prepare for the HESI A2 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 www.elsevier.com or at other book retailers.

Registering for the HESI A2

- Contact the Student Success Center at 409-984-6244 to schedule date and time for your HESI A2 to be administered.
- Payment of the testing fee, approximately \$65, may be made at the Student Success Center with a credit/debit card.

HESI A2 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 Proctor St. approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

HESI A2 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 an overall Cumulative Score of 75% or higher, an Anatomy & Physiology score of 70% or higher, **and** a Reading Comprehension Score of at least 80% to be eligible for consideration in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. 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.
- The HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2) may be repeated after 14 days with a limit of two attempts per Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program admission period. You must complete all required sections each attempt.
- **Exam must be taken no earlier 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.

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Curriculum Outline**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS
PRE-REQUISITES		
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101)	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
HECO 1322	Principles of Nutrition	3
RNSG 1300	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
Total Hours		22
Semester I		
BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102)	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
RNSG 1118	Professional Nursing Competencies	1
RNSG 1228	Intro to Health Care Concepts	2
RNSG 1424	Concept-based Transition to Prof Nsg Prac	4
RNSG 1260	Transition Clinical I	2
Total Hours		13
Semester II		
BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120)	Microbiology	4
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG 1137	Prof Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG 2361	Clinical II	3
Total Hours		13
Semester III		
Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG 2138	Prof Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG 2362	Clinical III	3
Total Hours		12
Total Program Hours		60

In order to graduate a student must:

1. Earn a "C" or better in ALL pre-requisite, co-requisite, and *nursing courses.
2. Maintain an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average.
3. Submit an online application to complete the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and pay associated fees.
4. Pay NCLEX-RN fees to Pearson Vue.
5. Submit LSCPA graduation application and pay associated fees.

*Please note that all nursing courses (RNSG) require a minimum score of 75% for a grade of "C."

Lamar State College - Port Arthur is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, or national origin.

Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RNSG 1300 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan

Course Description: Development of skills and techniques required for a comprehensive nursing health assessment of patients across the lifespan. Includes assessment of patients' health promotion and maintenance, illness and injury prevention and restoration, and application of the nursing process within a legal/ethical framework. This course lends itself to either a blocked or integrated approach.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
Nursing Major

RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs

Course Description: 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.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nursing License
Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment

Co-requisite: RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice

RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts

Course Description: 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.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nursing License
Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment

Co-requisite: RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice

RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice

Course Description: 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, teamwork and collaboration. Introduces concepts of leadership and management. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nursing License
Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment

Co-requisite: RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts

RNSG 1260 Clinical - Transition Clinical I

Course Description: A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nursing License
Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment

Co-requisite: RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice

RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III

Course Description: 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. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts

Co-requisite: RNSG 2361 Clinical II – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III

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Course Description: Application of professional nursing concepts and exemplars within the professional nursing roles. Utilizes concepts of clinical judgment, ethical-legal, evidenced-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.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts

Co-requisite: RNSG 2361 Clinical II – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III

RNSG 2361 Clinical II - Nursing

Course Description: A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
RNSG 1260 Transition Clinical – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 1118 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1424 Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
RNSG 1228 Introduction to Health Care Concepts

Co-requisite: RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III

RNSG 2539 Health Care Concepts IV

Course Description: 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. This course lends itself to a concept-based approach.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2420 Microbiology
RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 2361 Clinical II – Nursing (RN)

Co-requisite: RNSG 2138 Professional Nursing Concepts IV
RNSG 2362 Clinical III – Nursing (RN)

RNSG 2138 Professional Nursing Concepts III

Course Description: 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.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2420 Microbiology
RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 2361 Clinical II – Nursing (RN)

Co-requisite: RNSG 2362 Clinical III – Nursing (RN)
RNSG 2539 Health Care Concepts IV

RNSG 2362 Clinical - Nursing

Course Description: A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills, and concepts. A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the assigned preceptor and college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2420 Microbiology
RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 1538 Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 2361 Clinical II – Nursing (RN)

Co-requisite: RNSG 2138 Professional Nursing Concepts IV
RNSG 2539 Health Care Concepts IV

Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program
Estimated Expenses

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

ITEM	APPROXIMATE COST
Tuition and fees for Pre-Requisites (22 credit hrs)	*\$2800.00
Tuition and fees for Co-Requisites (11 credit hrs)	*\$1600.00
Admission Assessment Exam (up to 2 attempts)	\$65.00/per attempt
Upward Mobility Nursing courses (27 credit hrs)	*\$3200.00
CPR course	\$60.00 - \$75.00
Nursing Fees*** to cover: Level 1 & 2 Nursing Skills Lab Kit, ATI SwiftRiver Learning System, HESI Testing/Case Study Package, Liability insurance, and NCLEX-RN Review course (\$475/semester)	\$1425.00
CastleBranch Medical Records Tracking Service plus drug screen	\$68.00
Physical Examination	\$100.00
Immunization Expenses (Estimated, if needed)	\$365.00
Uniforms/equipment	\$350.00
Textbooks for nursing courses	**\$1300.00
Laptop Computer (recommended)	\$750.00
Graduation Fees, including cap, gown, and diploma	\$100.00
Texas Board of Nursing NCLEX-RN Application and Exam Fees	\$350.00
TOTAL <u>APPROXIMATE</u> PROGRAM COST \$12,533.00	
All fees listed are approximate and subject to change	

*Tuition estimates are based upon published Fall 2024 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 or by using the Seahawk Book Bundle, which is a rental each semester. Some of the additional items such as CastleBranch, uniforms, and medical expenses are required in the first semester.

***Nursing fees will cover supplemental items needed while in the program to the extent possible. The actual programs and kits needed may be changed based upon faculty recommendations.

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**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Application
Spring 2026 Admission**

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____
 Street
 _____ City State Zip

Social Security # _____ LSCPA Student ID# _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal E-mail (NOT LSCPA): _____
(Note: If you do not have a personal email address, please create one.)

In case of an emergency contact: _____
 Name

 City, State, Zip Telephone

Have you previously enrolled in a professional (RN) nursing program? YES _____ NO _____

If Yes, Where Enrolled/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 with semester and year.

Do you have a Certificate/Degree in another field? YES _____ NO _____

What field? _____

LVN/PN License # _____ State _____ Expiration Date _____
(Attach a copy of your current license report from NURSYS.com. See instructions on page 4 of packet.)

Are you interested in being considered for the Baptist Hospitals of SETX location? YES _____ NO _____

<p>I certify that the information given on this application is correct and complete. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of information will make me ineligible for admission to or continuation in the Lamar State College – Port Arthur Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.</p> <p>_____ Signature of Applicant Date</p>
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**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY**

Include your **work experience since graduation from your VN program**. Include temporary, part-time, and full-time positions. Start with your **present** or most recent job and include military service assignments.

1. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

2. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

3. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

4. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

5. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

6. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

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Or Copy of Degree Audit from Degree Works**

**Lamar State College Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Admission Rating Scale**

Turn in this page with your grades and points completed. The document will be verified by LSCPA Upward Mobility application reviewers. Note: Please make a copy of this page for your record.

COURSE	SEMESTER COMPLETED	GRADES	POINTS
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101) Human Anatomy & Physiology BIOL 2401: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2101: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5			
BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102) Human Anatomy & Physiology BIOL 2402: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2302: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2102: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5			
BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120) Introductory Microbiology BIOL 2420: A = 4, B = 2.75, C = 1.5; or BIOL 2320: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1; BIOL 2120: A = 1; B = 0.75; C = 0.5			
ENGL 1301 Composition ENGL 1301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking SPCH 1315: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
HECO 1322 or BIOL 1322 Principles of Nutrition HECO 1322: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
PSYC 2301 General Psychology PSYC 2301: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development PSYC 2314: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities) Indicate Course Number: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment RNSG 1300: A = 3; B = 2; C = 1			
Number of courses completed with a "C" or better applicable to LU's RN to BSN Program Circle the courses taken and total 1 pt per course MATH 1314 or MATH 1332; Math 1342 or PSYC 2317; ENGL 1302; Literature or Philosophy; HIST 1301, HIST 1302; GOVT 2301, GOVT 2302; CHEM 1406, NURS 2373 Maximum Points = 10		Number of Courses:	
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Reading 80% or higher. Below 80 = 0 pts Points Reading Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 89.9-85 = 3 pts; 84.9-80 = 1 pts;		Score:	
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: A&P 70% or higher. Below 70 = 0 pts Points A&P Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 80-89.9 = 3 pts; 79.9-75 = 2 pts; 74.9-70 = 1 pt.		Score:	
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Cumulative 75% or higher. Below 75 = 0 pts Points Cumulative Score: 95-100 = 5 pts; 94.9-90 = 4 pts; 89.9-85 = 3 pts; 84.9-80 = 2 pts; 75-79.9 = 1 pt;		Score:	
LVN/LPN Work Experience (1 point for each year – Maximum 5 points; New Graduates: Completion of Nurse Internship Program will equate up to 3 experience pts		Years:	
Active Status in LSCPA Allied Health Society within past 2 years (Active Member 2 pts; Additional 1 point for Officer; provide documentation of officer status and active participation)		Year Active:	
Residency Points: 1 point for every 6 credit hours taken at LSCPA. Up to 4 points (24 credit hours)		# Credit Hrs:	
Repeated science course(s) due to grade below "C" within the past 5 years– Subtract 2 pts once			
Repeated VNSG course(s) due to grade lower than "C" within the past 5 years – Subtract 2 pts once			
Prior admission and unsuccessful attempt in an ADN Program within the past 3 years – Subtract 3 pts			
Total Score (Max of 69 points before any possible deductions)			

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Voluntary Survey**

Federal and state government agencies **require** periodic reports on the sex, ethnicity, handicap, veteran and other protected status of applicants. The data included in this application is submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing in an annual report for analysis and possible affirmative action only. This information is voluntary and is not used in the rating of applicants.

Check one:

Male _____ Female _____ Other _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Check one of the following:

Race/Ethnicity Group:

Caucasian/White (Not Hispanic) _____

African American/Black _____

Hispanic/Latino _____

American Indian/Alaskan _____

Asian _____

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____

Other (Specify) _____

Check if any one of the following is applicable:

Vietnam Era Veteran _____ Disabled Veteran _____ Handicapped _____