

Temple College
ADN Bridging Track
Fact Sheet for Summer 2021
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The ADN program prepares Licensed Vocational Nurses and Paramedics/Medics to make the transition into the professional nursing role. Upon completion, graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree which qualifies them to apply for the state licensing examinations for registered nursing.

The ADN program is fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing www.bon.texas.gov and fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 404-975-5000, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Classes Beginning Summer 2021
Applications available online and accepted October 26, 2020 through December 3, 2020 before 6:00 pm
HESI Testing May test two times in an academic year (September 1st through August 31st)
Notification of Admission Early Spring 2021
Alternates may be admitted through first week of April

*Due to COVID 19 all Nursing information sessions have been cancelled until further notice

Potential for Disruption

Due to circumstances beyond our control, for example COVID 19 pandemic, the information presented here may be revised including dates and requirements for application and admission. Please follow our social media and webpage for the most up to date information. Understand that class / labs / clinical could potentially be converted from face-to-face to remote learning or be disrupted, and result in an Incomplete for the course that was disrupted or possible delay in graduation. In that event, when courses can resume, the days and times to make up the content may be different from originally designated. All effort will be given to provide adequate notice of any possible day / time changes, and the learner understands that they are required to attend those adjusted days / times to complete the requirements of the curricula.

Admission Requirements

- 1) Official transcripts that confirm graduation from a VN or Paramedic/Medic program
- 2) A valid **Texas VN license** in good standing, without disciplinary action or stipulations. (Not just Compact License) Paramedics/Medics must have a **current Texas Paramedic license or Medic/Corpsman certificate**. The license must remain current throughout the program.
- 3) **If the applicant graduated one year or more prior to admission then**, the applicant must have worked as a LVN /Paramedic **a minimum of 6 months fulltime or 1 year part time within the year prior to application**. Proof of employment may be required.
- 4) Apply to Temple College (Must meet all TSI requirements and submit official transcripts from all colleges attended)
- 5) Complete Prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better. Must have a 2.8 or higher GPA in all prerequisite and any of the completed co-requisite courses in the ADN degree plan in order to apply
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I

BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
 (All Biology courses must be within 10 years of application)
 ENGL 1301 Composition I
 PSYC 2301 General Psychology

- 6) Take the HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2). A minimum score of 80 is required in each category (reading, math & general vocabulary) in order to apply. See back page for details.
- 7) Submit the completed ADN Application Packet which can be printed from the ADN website.

Application Packet includes the following items that must be submitted together by the above deadline:

- a. Completed Application
- b. HESI A2 results
- c. Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- d. Proof of a minimum of two (2) injections of Hepatitis B or a positive titer (Hep B Surface Antibody)
- e. Letter from employer verifying work experience if graduated 1 year or more prior to admission.

The application will only be available during the application time frames listed above.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted!

Conditional Admission Requirements

Applicants will be notified by email of whether or not they are conditionally accepted into the program. **If conditionally accepted into the program**, you will receive instructions on completing the following requirements, do not submit any of these items with your application.

- 1) An acknowledgment that you are able to meet the Core Performance Standards for Nursing will be required.
- 2) Required immunizations: 2 injections Measles, 1 injection Mumps, 1 injection Rubella, 2 injections Varicella, 3 injections Hepatitis B, OR positive titers for any of the preceding immunizations. Also required are Tetanus (valid for 10 years) and **specific instructions will be given for TB skin test** or chest x-ray (valid for 1 year), flu vaccine is required annually when it becomes available.
- 3) A **drug screen** also will be required. (Specific instructions will be given).
- 4) A satisfactory **background check** (specific instructions will be given). The Texas Board of Nursing will conduct the background check. **The student must be cleared by the Board of Nursing before being allowed to register for nursing courses.** Failure to be cleared by the Board of Nursing by the designated date will prevent admission. Any healthcare facility associated with Temple College may also require background checks. Permission to perform the background check must be given by the student. Failure to give permission will result in dismissal from the program. **It may be necessary to deny admission or dismiss students from a program if they are barred from practicing at any healthcare facility.**
- 5) Written documentation of successful completion of an **American Heart Association CPR course** designed for health care providers (e.g., **Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers.**) Online only CPR courses are not acceptable; all courses must include a hands-on skill portion.

Students seeking admission to the Bridging Advanced Placement Track are admitted on the basis of the following criteria, with maximum point totals awarded as indicated:

Points*	GPA	HESI A2 Composite Score	# of Co-Reqs Completed	TC VN or Paramedic Graduate or Service Area Resident
0	< 2.8**	80-84	0	No
1	2.8-3.0	85-88	1	Yes
2	3.01-3.26	89-92	2	
3	3.27-3.52	93-96		
4	3.53-3.78	97-100		
5	3.79-4.0			

- *Any one nursing/paramedic course failure within the last 10 years in an RN/VN/Paramedic program will result in a deduction of an admission point.
- If there is a nursing/paramedic course failure in any program during the three years prior to admission, the applicant will receive one admission only to the Temple College ADN Program.
- The applicant is ineligible for admission/readmission if there are two or more course failures in any VN/RN/Paramedic program during the three years prior to the start date of the program. (Summer 2017-2020)
- **A course failure is any grade lower than a “C”**
- **Must have a minimum of 2.8 GPA in all prerequisite and any completed co-requisite courses to apply

<u>Bridging ESTIMATED Expenses</u> <u>(pending or recent increases may not be reflected)</u>	In-district	Out-of-district
Tuition & General Fees (Does not include fees for Internet courses)	\$5,216	\$8672
Professional Liability Insurance*	\$ 50	\$ 50
Textbooks (Nursing only)	\$1,600	\$1,600
Uniforms & Nurse Pack	\$ 300	\$ 300
Comprehensive Level Exam Fee	\$ 55	\$ 55
Assessment Test Fee	\$ 55	\$ 55
NCLEX-RN Exam Fee	\$ 300	\$ 300
Misc. expenses (CPR, supplies, pin, immunizations, criminal background check, CastleBranch document management and drug screen, etc.)	\$ 850	\$ 850
TOTALS	\$8,426	\$ 11,882

Additional expenses incurred as part of the program are the responsibility of the student. For out-of-state tuition, see TC Catalog. *Professional liability insurance is included in the course fees at the time of registration.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid may be available for Bridging students. Contact the Financial Aid office at (254) 298-8321.

Temple College Foundation offers scholarships for nursing students. Contact them at <https://www.tcfound.org>

Comprehensive Exam

All candidates will be required to take a comprehensive exam as part of completing the Associate Degree Nursing program.

Time Commitment

- **Clinical courses** require contact hours generally 12 hours per week. Clinical courses will include day (as early as 6:00 am), evening, and weekend hours. Some clinical courses are located outside of Temple.
- **Mandatory Orientations** are required prior to beginning the program and prior to going to clinical facilities. These are outside of regular class hours.
- **Community Service Learning** must be completed throughout the program. Specific requirements will be distributed each semester. These hours are outside of regular class hours.

Transfer Students

Transfer applicants who have been successful in a nursing school will be considered for admission on a space available basis. Transfer students must meet all Nursing Program requirements for admission. Students who have been dismissed from a nursing program for unsafe or unprofessional conduct will be required to provide information regarding the circumstances and be subject to a review to determine eligibility to be enrolled. All nursing courses must be completed

within 3 years of expected graduation date. Any coursework outside of this time frame will not be accepted for transfer. The student will be required to re-enroll in those courses. Bridging courses are not eligible for transfer.

Licensure

All students seeking licensure as a registered nurse must pass the NCLEX-RN administered by the Texas Board of Nursing. The Board may delay or refuse to admit persons to their examination or refuse to issue a license or certificate of registration for any of the following reasons:

- 1) For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - a. Been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - b. Been convicted of a felony?
 - c. Pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - d. Received deferred adjudication?
 - e. Been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - f. Been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?
 - g. Been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - h. Been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
 - 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 judgement/punishment/action?

(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)

NOTE: 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 the BON 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.

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 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 you to provide information about that criminal matter.

- 2) Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- 3) 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?
- 4) **Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?**
- 5) **Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?**

Declaratory Orders for Eligibility for License

If you need to submit a Declaratory Order, you will need to submit your nursing application as **EARLY AS POSSIBLE** once the application period begins. After your application has been processed, we will then submit your name on a roster to the Texas Board of Nursing to begin the Declaratory Order procedure. The later you submit your nursing application the more you delay the results from the Texas Board of Nursing.

Who should submit a Declaratory Order?

- Individuals attending an out-of-state nursing program who are more than 6 months away from graduation and have an eligibility issue to disclose to the Board.
- Individuals attending or planning to attend a Texas based nursing program, who have submitted fingerprints to the BON through the New/Accepted Student Roster process and have a non-CBC issue to disclose to the BON (i.e. they received a blue card, but need to answer "yes" to eligibility questions #2-5)
- Individuals attending or planning to attend a Texas based nursing program, who have submitted fingerprints to the BON through the New/Accepted Student Roster process, and received a letter from the BON requesting the submission of the Declaratory Order Petition.

Further instructions and forms can be obtained at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp

Curriculum for Bridging:

Any general education course (non-RNSG) may be taken prior to the assigned semester, but must be completed with a minimum C grade no later than the end of the assigned semester. Biology courses must be taken within 10 years of acceptance into the program. Official transcripts for all courses must be on file in the Admissions and Records office and the ADN Department.

Prerequisites

_____	BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
_____	BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
_____	ENGL 1301	Composition I
_____	PSYC 2301	General Psychology

1st Semester Summer I

_____	RNSG 1517	Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students
_____	RNSG 1146	Legal & Ethical Issues for Nurses

2nd Semester Summer II

_____	RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing
_____	RNSG 1163	Clinical-Nursing III-Registered Nurse Training*

3rd Semester

_____	PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development
_____	RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health
_____	RNSG 2201	Care of Children & Families
_____	RNSG 2460	Clinical-Nursing IV-Registered Nurse Training*

4th Semester

_____	RNSG 1251	Care of the Childbearing Family
_____	RNSG 2432	Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health
_____	RNSG 2461	Clinical Nursing-V-Registered Nurse Training*
_____	Elective	3 credits from one of the core curriculum courses listed below**

* Clinical courses generally require 12 contact hours per week. Clinical courses may include day, evening and weekend hours.

**ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, HIST 2311, 2312, HUMA 1301, HUMA 1315, SPAN 1411, 1412, ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, 1308, 1310 These course descriptions may be found at the following link under 040 or 050:
http://catalog.templejc.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=7&poid=218

**If you have received credit for core curriculum courses (040, 050) at another Texas public college or university you may be able to receive credit. See a Temple College advisor for assistance.

***At the completion of the last semester of the program credit will be awarded for RNSG 1309, RNSG 1360 & RNSG 1441 (10 SCH)

Temple College is committed to nondiscrimination practices based upon race, gender, gender identity and expression, disability, age, religion, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status.

GETTING STARTED ON THE HESI A2 For ADN

The HESI A2 exam has the following categories **Reading Comprehension, Math, and Vocabulary** that require a **minimum score of 80** in each of the categories. The Learning Style Inventory and Personality Profile are additional categories on the test that will be referred to by the faculty to assist you while you are in the program. These categories are not graded and are not reflected in your cumulative score. The **cumulative score** is used to calculate admission points.

Study Guides

- **HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review** Study Chapters 1, 2, & 3 only. (Available at the Temple College Bookstore as well as for purchase online.)
- **McGraw-Hill's 3 Evolve Reach HESI A2 Practice Tests** (Available at The Temple College Library as well as for purchase online.)
- Websites that offer practice testing:
www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html (FREE)
www.hesiprep.com (PAID)

TUTORING

Preparation for the exam is available at the Math Tutorial Lab room 3606 & Writing Center room 3612 of the Student Success Center on campus.

TEMPLE COLLEGE TESTING CENTER INFORMATION

<http://templejc.edu/admissions/testing-center/>

Students will be required to pay a \$65 fee either to the Cashier's Office and bring the receipt in, or the testing center can take cash, check, or money order.

A photo ID is required to test.

Please email testingcenter@templejc.edu to arrange a time to take your exam, in person or remotely. The following new workflows are in place for students who want to take tests:

- Please call the Cashier's Office to pay before arriving to test. Their phone numbers are 254-298-8610 or 254-298-8611.
- Staff and students are required to wear a mask upon entry to the building, as well as in the testing lab.
- Please leave all personal items in your vehicle, with the exception of your keys and photo ID, as locker usage has been temporarily suspended.

SUBMITTING TEST SCORES FROM ANOTHER TESTING FACILITY

- Test scores must be less than 1 year old
- Must be tested on math, reading and vocabulary and NOTHING more
- Must be submitted with your application packet inside a sealed letterhead envelope from the facility where you tested.