

Temple College
Vocational Nursing
Fact Sheet for Summer 2023
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The Vocational Nursing program leads to a certificate of completion awarded by Temple College, and allows the graduate to apply to take the state licensing exams for vocational nursing.

The VN program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, www.bon.texas.gov

Classes Beginning Summer 2023
Applications available online and accepted January 3, 2023 through February 2, 2023
Notification of Admission Spring 2023
Alternates may be admitted through first week of May

*****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) Apply to Temple College (Must meet all TSI requirements and submit official transcripts from all colleges attended)
- 2) Complete Prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better. (All Biology courses must be within 10 years of application)
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology 2
Note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have met the Nursing prerequisite requirements, and to determine whether or not the prerequisite and corequisite courses that you have taken at other colleges/universities, and other institutions are equivalent to our Temple College courses, **BEFORE** you apply to the Nursing program. You do this by contacting the Temple College Advising Office at: advisingcenter@templejc.edu. All of your transcripts must have been received by Admissions & Records, in order for them to evaluate your courses.
- 3) Take the HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2). A minimum cumulative score of 80 is required in order to apply. See last two pages for details.
- 4) Applicant must be 18 years old by the first day of class.
- 5) *Must be a U.S. citizen, and all male applicants must be registered with the U.S. Selective Service.

**All Vocational Nursing students are required to attend clinical rotations at the VA hospital. In order to attend clinical at the VA, you must be a U.S. citizen, and registered with the Selective Service if you are male.*

- 6) Submit the completed VN Application Packet which can be printed from the VN website: <https://www.templejc.edu/programs/health-professions/nursing/vocational-nursing/> You will see additional application instructions there as well.

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

- a. Completed Application
 - b. HESI A2 results (see last two pages for more HESI information)
 - c. Official sealed transcripts only from colleges that contain: nursing prerequisites, and/or any nursing courses.
 - d. Proof of a **complete Hepatitis B series**, or a positive titer showing immunity to the disease. There are 3 shot series or 2 shot series; be sure you know which one you are doing so that you know if your series is complete or not.
- 7) Completed application packets can be submitted in-person, or mailed to:
- Temple College
Nursing Department
2600 S. 1st St.
Temple, TX 76504

**The application will only be available during the application open dates.
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) Immunizations required by our clinical partners (these must be kept current throughout the program):
 - Current Tetanus (Td or Tdap) less than 10 years old
 - 2 measles shots (or positive titer)
 - 1 mumps shot (or positive titer)
 - 1 rubella shot (or positive titer)
 - 2 Varicella shots (or positive titer) OR "history of disease on letterhead reported by physician
 - COVID-19 - A documented series of two vaccinations (Pfizer or Moderna) or one vaccination (Johnson & Johnson) will be required. A booster shot is not required at this time but is highly recommended.
 - Flu Shot – You will be required to get the Flu shot each year. Once you are accepted into the program you will be given instructions on when to get your yearly flu shot.
 - Tuberculosis (TB) Screening– Must have been done within one year of classes starting, and no older.
- 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. 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 VN program are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria, with maximum point totals awarded as indicated:

Points*	HESI A2 Cumulative Score	Highest grade in either A&P 1 or A&P 2	Completed CNA/CMA at Temple College Service Area Resident**
1	80-83	B	Yes
2	84-87	A	
3	88-90		
4	91-93		
5	94-96		
6	97-100		

- *Any one nursing course failure within the last 10 years in any program (RN or VN) will result in a deduction of an admission point.
- If there is a nursing course failure in any program (RN or VN) during the two years prior to admission, the applicant will receive one admission only to the Temple College VN Program.
- The applicant is ineligible for admission/readmission if there are two or more nursing course failures in any VN program during the two years prior to admission.
- **A nursing course failure is any grade lower than a “C”**
- **We use the address that you have on file with Temple College Admissions & Records to determine if you are in the Temple College Service Area (even if it differs from the address you put on your Nursing application). Make sure to keep your address with TC up to date.

VN Program Estimated Expenses (Refer to TC website for most current fees)

	In-district	*Out-of-district
Tuition & General Fees	\$ 7,258	\$ 10,548
Malpractice Insurance	\$ 25	\$ 25
Textbooks (Nursing Only)	\$ 1500	\$ 1500
Uniforms & Nurse Pack	\$ 300	\$ 300
Testing/Simulation Fees	\$ 392	\$ 392
NCLEX-PN Exam Fee	\$ 300	\$ 300
Misc. expenses (CPR, supplies, pin, immunizations, Texas Board of Nursing background check, CastleBranch document management and drug screen)	\$ 800	\$ 800
TOTALS	\$ 10,575	\$13,865

* For out-of-state tuition, see TC Catalog

Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for qualified VN students. Contact the Financial Aid office at (254) 298-8321.

Temple College Foundation offers scholarships for nursing students. Submit scholarship applications to the TC Foundation prior to April each year at <https://www.tcfound.org>

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:

To check your eligibility for obtaining or 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.

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Curriculum:

Students are expected to have basic keyboarding & computer literacy skills.

Prerequisites

- *BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- *BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology II

Summer Semester

- VNSG 1201 Mental Health & Mental Illness
- VNSG 1204 Foundations of Nursing Practice
- VNSG 1260 Clinical-LVN Training I
- VNSG 1423 Basic Nursing Skills

Fall Semester

- VNSG 1230 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing
- VNSG 1331 Pharmacology
- VNSG 2331 Advanced Nursing Skills
- VNSG 1409 Nursing in Health & Illness II
- VNSG 1460 Clinical-LVN Training II

Spring Semester

- VNSG 1119 Leadership and Professional Development
- VNSG 1234 Pediatrics
- VNSG 2461 Clinical-LVN Training III
- VNSG 2510 Nursing in Health & Illness III

*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 VN Department.

Students must be TSI complete to apply. Students must pass the theory and clinical components of the curriculum to progress in the program. A grade of C or better (≥ 75) must be earned in all course work to receive a certificate of completion in vocational nursing. After receiving the certificate of completion to the VN program the student is eligible to apply for the state board exam (NCLEX-PN). Students who successfully pass this exam enter the workforce as Licensed Vocational Nurses.

Time Commitment

- **Clinical courses** require contact hours generally in a range of one 12-hour shift per week but may vary. Clinical courses may include day, evening, and weekend hours.
- **Mandatory Orientations** are required prior to beginning the program and prior to going to clinical facilities. These 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 two 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.

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.

HESI A2 Admission Assessment

The **HESI Admission Assessment (A2)** is designed to assess the academic and personal readiness of prospective students for higher education. It is particularly well-suited for prospective students in the health science fields, though it is applicable for basic skills for all potential students. The A2 consists of 9 different exams; however, the Temple College Nursing Department only requires students to take 5 of the assessments:

1. **Vocabulary & General Knowledge** (50 questions, 50 minutes – multiple choice)
The vocabulary assessment is designed to assess vocabulary skills, general knowledge, and critical thinking skills as a means of determining the student's ability to succeed in a nursing education program.
2. **Mathematics** (50 questions, 50 minutes – multiple choice & fill-in-the blank)
The math assessment indicates a student's basic math skills at the eighth and ninth grade levels. The math assessment covers basic math skills – whole numbers, decimals, fractions, and percentages. Also covered are additional skills such as household measures, the metric system, military time, temperature conversions, Roman numerals, and one-and-two-step problems.
3. **Reading Comprehension** (47 questions, 60 minutes – multiple choice)
The reading comprehension assessment indicates basic reading and comprehension skills at the eighth and ninth grade reading levels. The reading selections that are used often relate to medical scenarios, or include commonly used concepts in health sciences. For example, a vocabulary term tested might include "ominous." This is a standard English word, but is used frequently in nursing situations when referring to a patient condition, so it is important that students understand these types of words in order to be successful in reading their nursing textbooks.
4. **Personality Profile** *
The personality profile assessment uses concepts related to introversion and extroversion to classify the student's personality style.
5. **Learning Style** *
The learning style assessment assesses the preferred learning style of the applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited to the learning style.

* Your faculty may refer to these personality/learning sections in order to assist you while you are in the program. The Learning Style Inventory and Personality Profile categories are not graded and are not reflected in your cumulative score.

HESI Requirements & Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I take the exam?

You are required to take the exam through the Temple College Testing Center. You will have the option of taking it in person or remotely through Proctor U. For more information on these options, and to schedule your exam, contact the TC Testing Center at: testingcenter@templejc.edu. You can take your exam at either the Temple or Hutto campus. A photo ID is required to test.

When can I take the exam?

You can take the exam any time the Temple College Testing Center is open and available. There is no specific timeframe for you to take the HESI exam, as long as it is submitted within the nursing application window.

What is a passing score (SCORE MINIMUM)?

A minimum **Cumulative score of 80** is required to apply. If your cumulative score is not at least 80, you can retake the exam through the Temple College Testing Center. Do not submit a Nursing application with a score that does not meet this minimum, as it will be rejected.

Does my score report expire?

Yes. **Your score report must be dated within 1 year of the application deadline.** Do not submit a Nursing application with an expired score report, as it will be rejected.

Can I retake the exam?

You have 2 attempts per fiscal year (September to August) to take the exam through the Temple College Testing Center. You must wait 24 hours before each attempt. In order to maximize your chance of achieving high scores, it is strongly suggested that you prepare yourself through study & practice before you take/retake the exam. See the last section below for study guides and tutoring information.

How do I submit my exam score report?

- **If taken at the TC Testing Center:** You will be given a sealed score report that you will submit with your Nursing application.
 - **If taken through Proctor U:** you will not be given a printout of your scores, rather you will need to log in to your Elsevier/Evolve account and print your score report that you will submit with your Nursing application. In addition, through your Elsevier/Evolve account you must request that they email us your official score report transcript. Make sure that it is emailed to: nursing@templejc.edu and NOT to the TC Admissions & Records Office. We need to receive it by our nursing application deadline, and without the official HESI transcript, your application will be incomplete, and we will not process it.
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How can I prepare for the exam?

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)

Tutoring for Temple College Students

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