

Temple College
Vocational Nursing
Fact Sheet for Summer 2021
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www.templejc.edu/nursing

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 fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing, www.bon.texas.gov

Classes Beginning Summer 2021
Applications available online and accepted January 4, 2021 through February 11, 2021
HESI Testing May test two times in an academic year (September 1 through August 31)
Notification of Admission March 2021
Alternates may be admitted through first week of May

***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) Apply to Temple College (Must submit official transcripts from all colleges attended)
- 2) Take the HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2). A minimum cumulative score of 80 is required in order to apply. See back page for details.
- 3) Submit the completed VN Application Packet which can be printed from the VN website.
www.templejc.edu/nursing
- 4) Applicant must be 18 years old by **June 1, 2021**.
- 5) Must be a U.S. citizen*

**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.*

**The application will only be available during the application time frames listed above.
Incomplete applications will not be accepted!**

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. If you do not have any college transcripts, you must furnish evidence of an official high school transcript showing evidence of graduation or an official

General Education Development Equivalency certificate. All foreign high school coursework must be evaluated. Go to: www.NACES.org for more information.

- d. Proof of a minimum of two (2) injections of Hepatitis B or a positive titer (Hep B Surface Antibody)

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. 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 Composite Score	# of Co-Reqs Completed	Service Area Resident
1	80-83	1	Yes
2	84-87	2	
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 the start date of the program. (Summer 2019-2021)
- **A nursing course failure is any grade lower than a "C"**

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

	In-district	*Out-of-district
Tuition & General Fees	\$ 5596	\$ 9052
Malpractice Insurance	\$ 50	\$ 50
Textbooks (Nursing Only)	\$ 1500	\$ 1500
Uniforms & Nurse Pack	\$ 300	\$ 300
Assessment Test Fees	\$ 214	\$ 214
NCLEX-PN Exam Fee	\$ 300	\$ 300
Misc. expenses (CPR, supplies, pin, immunizations, Texas Board of Nursing background check, CastleBranch document management and drug screen)	<u>\$ 850</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>
TOTALS	\$ 8810	\$12,266

* *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 licensed vocational nurse must pass the NCLEX-PN administered by the 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 judgment/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

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Summer Semester

*BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
VNSG 1204	Foundations of Nursing Practice
VNSG 1260	Clinical-LVN Training I
VNSG 1423	Basic Nursing Skills

Fall Semester

VNSG 1119	Leadership and Professional Development
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

*BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
VNSG 1201	Mental Health & Mental Illness
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics
VNSG 2461	Clinical-LVN Training III
VNSG 2510	Nursing in Health & Illness III

*BIOL I & II may be taken prior to being accepted in the program for points towards admission, but they must be successfully completed before or during the semester in which they are listed in order to progress.

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.

GETTING STARTED ON THE HESI A2 For VN

The HESI A2 exam has the following categories **Reading Comprehension, Math, and Vocabulary** that require a **minimum cumulative score of 80**. 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.

**THIS TEST IS NOT GIVEN ON FRIDAYS.

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.