

Nursing Division

Programs Overview

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Important:

Admission to TCC **does not automatically guarantee admission** to any programs within the Nursing Division.

After being accepted to TCC, you must:

1. Meet the selective admission requirements listed below
2. Submit a separate program application to Vocational Nursing
3. All applicants will be **ranked based** on their program applications.

New: Starting with the Application for Spring 2025

- The **science courses** listed below will **not be accepted** if they are **over 5 years old**.

Course Sequence

- All students accepted to the Nursing Division programs must **complete all courses as indicated within the course sequence**.
- **Corequisite Courses will not be transferred** into the Nursing Division programs because they affect the overall course sequence.

Courses to Complete Before Applying to Nursing

- You must have completed the following science courses **before applying** for admission to the Nursing Program:
- **SCIT courses** do not transfer to the A.A.S. degree.

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HESI A2 Across All Nursing Programs (VN & AAS-Nursing)

HESI A2 is the **required admissions exam** for the Nursing programs.

A **minimum score of 75** must be achieved in each section of the HESI A2:

- *Reading Comprehension*
- *Vocabulary*
- *Grammar*
- *Math*
- *Anatomy & Physiology*

The HESI A2 exam can be taken online through *ProctorU* or in person at the Trinity River Campus Testing Center. See **HESI A2 Admission Assessment** for details.

- Visit the **TCC Bookstore** to find study materials.

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Drug Screening & Criminal Background Checks Across All Nursing Programs (VN & AAS-Nursing)

All incoming students will undergo:

Upon your **conditional acceptance** to the program, you will be required to complete the following:

- ❖ **2 Background checks** (Texas Board Of Nursing & Castlebranch)
 - ❖ Screening and background checks are **at your expense. No exceptions.**
 - ❖ After being accepted to the Nursing program—but before classes begin—**incoming students must undergo and pass:**
 - ❖ **Drug Screening** (Urine Drug Screening)
 - ❖ **Criminal Background Check**
 - ❖ **FBI Background Check & Fingerprinting** (Texas Board of Nursing requirement for entrance into Nursing programs.)

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Health & Immunization Requirements Across All Programs & Certificates:

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have proof that you have completed the following immunization records listed below:

- Immunizations:** Each student's number of shots will differ based on the overall immunization status. All immunizations listed must be completed as part of the application process.
 - Influenza Immunization (flu shot).
 - Hepatitis A and B
 - Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDaP)
 - Rubeola / Measles, Mumps, Rubella / German Measles (MMR)
 - Varicella
 - COVID-19
 - Tuberculosis screen results

Note: Titers showing positive immunity to the diseases will be acceptable.

Upon your **conditional acceptance** to the program, you will be required to complete the following:

- Physical Exam:** Get a physical exam
- N95 FIT Test.**
- CPR Certification:** Have current American Heart Health Care Provider CPR Certification
- Health Insurance:** Have health insurance throughout the Nursing program
 - TCC does not offer College-sponsored student health insurance.
 - Proof of health insurance coverage

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Other Compliance Requirements:

Orientation: Attendance to orientation is mandatory for designated **ALL DAYS**

**You must sign in to receive credit for attending.*

All Incoming students must participate and complete:

- General Student Orientation information
- Student Technology for Nursing Program
- Introduction to Dosage Calculation

On each day of the designated orientation, you must bring:

- *Laptop,*
- *Calculator,*
- *Pencil and paper*

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VN Required Prerequisites

New: Starting with the Application for Spring 2025

- The **science courses** listed below will **not be accepted** if they are **over 5 years old**.

The below Prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Vocational Nursing program:

- ❖ The following **course must have been completed** with a **grade of "C" or higher** before applying to our VN program:
 - ❖ [BIOL-2401 Anatomy and Physiology I](#)
- ❖ **Complete Before the 2nd Semester of Vocational Nursing**
 - ❖ [PSYC-2301 General Psychology](#)
- ❖ * Please note that **SCIT COURSES are not accepted replacements** for the BIOL courses. The TCC Nursing Division will not allow any exceptions.

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AAS – Nursing Required Prerequisites

New: Starting with the Application for Spring 2025

- The science courses listed below will not be accepted if they are over 5 years old from the date an applicant applies to the AAS Nursing program.**

The below Prerequisites must be completed before applying to AAS - Nursing:

- A minimum grade of “C” in the **3 science prerequisite courses**, but most applicants selected for admission have a science GPA of **3.4** or higher.
- All general education courses require at least a grade of “C.”
- Courses to Complete Before Applying to the AAS Nursing program.**

The following science courses must be completed before applying for admission to the AAS Nursing Program:

1. [BIOL-2401 Anatomy & Physiology I](#)
2. [BIOL-2402 Anatomy & Physiology II](#)
3. [BIOL-2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors \(Lecture + Lab\)](#) **or** [BIOL-2421 Microbiology for Science Majors \(Lecture + Lab\)](#)

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Overview AAS – Nursing

At TCC, our exclusive AAS - Nursing program is meticulously designed to immerse students in the dynamic healthcare system. It offers unique opportunities to develop the necessary skills to deliver exceptional care to patients and their families/caregivers.

- Can work in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and rehabilitation centers
- Twenty-four **(24) months 5 consecutive terms** program
- Admits twice per year (Fall/Spring).

Why Choose Nursing?

- Have a real, rewarding opportunity to make a difference in someone's life
- Work in a trusted, respected profession that offers a high degree of job satisfaction
- Be integral to the health of our nation in this high-demand field that has steady employment growth
- Choose from wide, varied employment opportunities ranging from acute care to preventative health within many specialties & subspecialties

Prepare for What You Will Do at Work

- Give patient care & treatment to ill, injured, disabled, or convalescent patients
- Educate patients & their families about their conditions
- Work under the supervision of a physician or other specialist & serve as the primary point of care for patients in hospital settings
- Follow strict, standardized protocols for your safety & for the safety of your patients

Explore the Professional Organization

- [Texas Nursing Students' Association](#)

Marketable Skills You Will Learn

- Critical thinking
- Reasoning
- Communication
- Personal & social responsibility
- Teamwork
- Computer literacy

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Curriculum AAS-Nursing

REQUIRED COURSES FOR COMPLETION OF AAS-NURSING PROGRAM

Admissions are made twice per academic year, in the Fall and Spring, and the program spans five consecutive terms, allowing students to plan their education according to their needs and commitments.						
FIRST YEAR						
COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	LECTURE	LAB	CLINICAL	CONTACT HOURS
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture + Lab) *	4	3	2		80
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture + Lab) *	4	3	2		80
BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors (Lecture + Lab) *	4	3	4		112
		12	9	8		272
*Must be completed before admittance into the AAS Program - +Must be completed prior to beginning 4 th semester						
TERM I						
RNSG 1413	Foundations for Nursing Practice	4	4			64
RNSG 1360	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	3			9	144
RNSG 1105	Nursing Skills I	1		3		48
PSYC 2301	General Psychology+	3	3			48
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	3			48
		14	10	3	9	352
TERM II						
RNSG 1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health	4	4			64
RNSG 1461	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	4			12	192
PSYC 2314	Life Span Growth and Development+	3	3			48
RNSG 1201	Pharmacology	2	2			32
		13	9		12	336

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SE COND YEAR						
TERM III						
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing	2	2			32
RNSG 2163	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	1			3	48
		3	2		3	80
TERM IV						
RNSG 2208	Maternal and Newborn Nursing and Women's Health	2	2			32
RNSG 2260	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	2			6	96
RNSG 2201	Care of Children and Families	2	2			32
RNSG 2161	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	1			3	48
		7	4		9	208
TERM V						
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	4	4			64
RNSG 2461	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	4			12	192
ARTS/LANG/CULTPHIL X3XX	Creative Arts or Language, Culture and Philosophy	3	3			48
		11	7		12	304
		60	41	11	45	1,552

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Overview Vocational Nursing

At TCC, our exclusive VN certificate program is designed to immerse students in the dynamic healthcare system. It offers unique opportunities to develop the necessary skills to deliver exceptional care to patients and their families/caregivers.

- Can work in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and rehabilitation centers
- Twelve **(12) month** program
- Admits once per year (Fall).

Why Choose Vocational Nursing?

- Fulfill your passion for service to others
- Have a choice where you live & work because Licensed Vocational Nurses are needed everywhere
- Enter the healthcare workplace relatively quickly
- Be eligible to enter the TCC Nursing program after completing & passing NCLEX-PN

Prepare for What You Will Do at Work

- Administer & record prescribed medications, fluids & feedings
- Monitor & record patients' vital signs
- Observe patients & report changes in their conditions
- Answer patients' calls & determine how to help them best

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Curriculum Vocational –Nursing

REQUIRED COURSES FOR COMPLETION OF VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

The vocational Nursing Program admits students once a year during the fall term.						
COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	LECTURE	LAB	CLINICAL	CONTACT HOURS
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	3	2		80
PSYC 2301	General psychology+	3	3			48
		7	6	2		128
*Must be completed before admittance into the VN Program +May be completed before admittance or the 1st semester of the VN Program						
SEMESTER I						
VNSG 1304	Foundations of Nursing	3	2	3		80
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills	3	1	7		128
VNSG 1360	Clinical-Vocational Nurse Training	3			12	192
VNSG 1116	Nutrition	1	1			16
		10	4	10	12	416
SEMESTER II						
VNSG 1429	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4	4	1		80
VNSG 1461	Clinical-Vocational Nurse Training	4			16	256
VNSG 1331	Pharmacology	3	3			48
VNSG 1301	Mental Health and Mental Illness	3	3			48
		14	10	1	16	432
SUMMER						
VNSG 1432	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4	4	1		80
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics	2	2			32
VNSG 1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	2	2			32
VNSG 1219	Leadership and Professional Development	2	2			32
VNSG 1462	Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	4			16	256
		14	10	1	16	432
		45	30	14	44	1408

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Overview Workforce Programs: Patient Care Technician (PCT) Certified Nursing Assistant.

The PCT program at TCC is a Certificate Program designed to immerse students in the healthcare system and provide them with the necessary skills to deliver care to patients and their families/caregivers.

- Can work in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and rehabilitation centers
- TCC PCT programs prepare the student to become certified as:
 - PCT
 - EKG technician
 - Phlebotomist
- Twelve (12) week program
- Admits one cohort in each term (Fall/Spring/Summer)

Workforce Certifications:

- **Phlebotomy Technician/ Phlebotomist:** This position works in the laboratory and is responsible for drawing blood samples from patients.
- **Electrocardiogram (EKG) Technician:** Obtains heart electrical activity (tracing) using a specialized machine. This tracing is used by physicians to assist with diagnosing and treating a patient's cardiac (heart) health.
- **Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA):** This healthcare team member helps patients with activities of daily living such as bathing, feeding, and ambulating (walking).

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Curriculum PCT

REQUIRED COURSES FOR COMPLETION OF THE PCT PROGRAM

The PCT program runs three times in an Academic Year (Fall -Spring – Summer)						
COURSE	TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	LECTURE	LAB	CLINICAL	CONTACT HOURS
FALL TERM						
ECRD 1211	Electrocardiography	2	1	3		64
PLAB 1223	Phlebotomy	2	2	1		48
HPRS 1206	Essentials of Medical Terminology	2	2			32
HPRS 1304	Basic Health Profession Skills	3	2	2		64
		9	7	6		208
SPRING TERM						
HPRS 2200	Pharmacology for Health Professions	2	2			32
HPRS 2201	Pathophysiology	2	2			32
NUPC 1260	Clinical-Patient Care Assistant	2		6	6	96
		6	4	6	6	160
		15	11	12	6	368

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AAS- Nursing Fast-Track Option

Nursing FastTrack applicants will receive conditional acceptance into the program and take exams to confirm prior learning and experience.

Acceptance to the FastTrack is once a year during the Spring.

• Assessment Process:

- A proctored foundation-level dosage calculation exam must be passed with 90% accuracy.
- A proctored foundation level knowledge exam must pass with level II (ATI) proficiency.
- A skills mastery demonstration, which is pass/fail.

Already a Licensed Vocational Nurse, Military Medic, or Paramedic?

- This option aims to shorten the program completion time from 24 months and five consecutive terms to 15 months and 4 consecutive terms through the credit-by-exam / experience process.
- If applicants can commit to a **full-time schedule** for 15 consecutive months, consider our Fast-Track Option.
- **Note:** Part-time and evening options are not available.



Vocational - AAS-Nursing – FastTrack Admission Rubric:

Undergraduate Nursing Programs Admission Scoring Criteria Worksheet

The purpose of this worksheet is to provide applicants to the Nursing Program with the scoring methodology used in evaluating applications to the **LVN**, **AAS** and **Fast Track to AAS** programs of study. Please note that the requirements in this worksheet are not exhaustive and that there are additional college and program requirements that must be met by the applicant.

Requirements	Maximum Score		
	AAS	LVN	Fast Track
1. Science Courses Pre-Requisites a. The science courses listed below should not be older than five (5) years. b. Applicants need to enter the highest course score, if the course was taken more than once. c. Points for course grade are assigned as follows: i. "A" = 3 Points ii. "B" = 2 Points iii. "C" = 1 Point iv. CLEP Pass Score = 1 Point (for PSYC 2301 only)			
BIOL 2401 – Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	3
BIOL 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology II	3		3
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science (Lecture + Lab) or BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science (Lecture + Lab)	3	3	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology (required for graduation for the other two programs)		3	
2. Veteran with honorable discharge (Documentation Required; DD-214)	2	2	2
3. HESI Exam a. Required areas: 1) Reading, 2) Math, 3) Grammar, 4) Vocabulary, & 5) Anatomy & Physiology b. Please note HESI exam takers are allowed a maximum of three (3) attempts a year; with a minimum of 60 days between attempts. c. Applicants must achieve 75% or better in each of the five subcategories. d. Points for HESI Total Score are assigned as follows: i. 75% to 80% = 1 Point ii. 81% to 86% = 2 Points iii. 87% to 92% = 3 Points iv. 93% to 100% = 4 Points	4	4	4
4. Overall Cumulative GPA a. This is based on GPAs from all colleges/universities attended. b. The acceptance committee will average the GPA from multiple sources. c. Points are calculated based on the following GPA ranges: i. 2.50 - 2.75 = 1 point ii. 2.76 - 3.00 = 2 points iii. 3.01 - 3.25 = 3 points iv. 3.26 - 3.50 = 4 points v. 3.51 - 4.00 = 5 points	5	5	5
5. Recommendation Letters Applicants need to provide two (2) references in the application to be contacted by TCC to obtain recommendations for the applicant. One of the two references must be a current or recent instructor, employer, or supervisor. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the references submit their recommendation within the allotted timeframe.	1	1	1
6. Applicants who hold certificates or degrees from TCC need to submit proof of completion.	1	1	1
Total Points	22	22	22

What could my career look like?

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Nursing Assistants

\$37k per year
Median Salary

3,982
Job
Openings

24,032
Currently
Employed

Top Skills

Nursing
Activities Of Daily
Living (ADLs)
Communication

Vital Signs
Personal Care



Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses

\$60k per year
Median Salary

1,434
Job
Openings

14,122
Currently
Employed

Top Skills

Nursing
Nursing Care
Communication

Customer Service
Intravenous Therapy



Registered Nurses

\$94k per year
Median Salary

5,829
Job
Openings

73,281
Currently
Employed

Top Skills

Nursing
Nursing Care
Communication

Management
Nursing Practices

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Contact Information:

Trinity River Campus East

Associate Degree Nursing Program

- 📍 [TRHN 3211](#)
- ☎ 817-515-2339
- ✉ General questions: nursing.department@tccd.edu
- ✉ Application questions: tccnursingapp@tccd.edu

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- ☎ 817-515-2339
- ✉ General questions: nursing.department@tccd.edu
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