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 2017 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.
4. Program of study and nursing course descriptions.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please call the Allied Health Secretary at 984-6356 (1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356). The faculty and I look forward to receiving your application.

Thank you,

Shirley MacNeill, MSN, RN, CNE

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Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Coordinator
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 (LSC-PA) 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 LSC-PA is a two-phase process. During Phase I, the student must complete the following steps:

I. Complete the application process for general admission to LSC-PA.
   A. Apply on-line via "Apply Texas", or
   B. Print and complete the official Admission Application
      You can submit the completed application in person to the office of Admission and Records located on the 3rd floor of the Student Center building, or you can mail it to:
      Office of Admission and Records
      Lamar State College - Port Arthur
      P.O. Box 310
      Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310.

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 Human Anatomy & Physiology
       PSYC 2301 General Psychology
       PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
       ENGL 1301 Composition
       SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
       HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition
       RNSG 1300 Health Assessment
       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:

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1. Application to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.

2. Record of Course Completion - **Copies** of official or unofficial transcripts to include
   a. Copies of Nursing Program Transcript from State Board approved Vocational/Practical Nursing Program.
   b. Copies of transcript(s) of all college work completed. These must arrive in the Allied Health Department prior to the review of applications by the faculty. **No application will be reviewed unless all transcripts and transcript evaluations are submitted**
   c. Pre-requisites in progress at the time of the application deadline will not be considered or included in the admission rating scale.

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 transcript**.

   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](http://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 984-6186.

4. Evolve Reach Admission Assessment (A²) Exam (also known as HESI Admission Assessment Exam) with Critical Thinking profile report indicating a cumulative score of 75 or higher and a reading comprehension score of 80 or higher. Exam must be taken no longer than one year prior to the application deadline date. Students are not considered if scores fall below the minimum required scores. Submit your Admission Assessment (A²) Exam
Score Report with your Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Application.

5. Current LVN/LPN license number and renewal date.


7. Voluntary Survey.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 3, 2016

All applicants who have complete files will be notified of acceptance or rejection by November 1, 2016. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Donna Wolfe, Allied Health Secretary, at 409-984-6356 (1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356). Please, DO NOT CALL BEFORE November 10, 2016.
Lamar State College Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Admission Rating Scale

NOTE: This page is for your information only. PLEASE DO NOT TURN IN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION. This document explains the procedure in which we calculate your admission rating score for the purpose of admission into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. Again, DO NOT include this page with your application.

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have submitted a complete Admission packet are ranked according to their scores on the 18-item Admission Rating Scale (see below). The applicants with the highest scores will be admitted to the program. Lamar State College - Port Arthur is an open access institution. All class positions will be filled with the most qualified applicants available in any given admission period. 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).

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HEALTH EXAM

After acceptance into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program, students are required to have a physical examination at their own expense by the physician or nurse practitioner of their choice. Immunizations are available at the Port Arthur Health Department. The exam and any required immunizations must be completed, at their own expense, before students begin the first semester.

A new 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

After acceptance into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program, students are required to provide COPIES of their shot records: MMR, Tetanus (within last 10 years), Hep B (3 shot series), Varicella/Chickenpox (documentation of having the disease or vaccination), Tb Skin Test (within last 6 months), and Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (documentation from physician if unable to have the Influenza vaccination).

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

Effective September 1, 1991, the State of Texas bill, HB 7, imposed on all Texas health care professionals various requirements designed to prevent the transmission of HIV from health care workers to their clients. Under this law, health care workers include "individuals in the course of training or educational program in the health professions." Thus, the law applies to all the nursing students at LSC-PA during the time they are involved in client care.

It is each LSC-PA 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 insure that all students are familiar with Standard Precautions, a review of Standard Precautions is included in the nursing program.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Effective September 1, 2013, Texas Senate Bill 1058 amended Section 2, Subsection (c), Section 301.2511 of the Texas Occupations Code which contains the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) to state, "The board by rule shall develop a system for obtaining criminal history record information for a person accepted for enrollment in a nursing educational program that prepares the person for initial licensure
as a registered or vocational nurse by requiring the person to submit to the board a set of fingerprints that meets the requirements of Subsection (a). The board may develop a similar system for an applicant for enrollment in a nursing educational program. The board may require payment of a fee by a person who is required to submit a set of fingerprints under this subsection.”

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. Students without a clear criminal background check from the BON will not be admitted to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.

Students who had to submit a Declaratory Order as part of their LVN/LPN nursing education program, must resubmit a new Declaratory Order indicating application to a RN nursing education program.

The background check process is also required by the clinical facilities which provide direct patient care experience to LSC-PA 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 LSC-PA Business Office verifying the payment of the required fee (currently $22.00) along with the confirmation of acceptance reply form.

CPR CERTIFICATION

Students accepted into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program will be required to obtain current CPR certification through American Heart Association or American Red Cross. 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 LSC-PA Instructors at the beginning of each semester – Fall, Spring, or Summer I 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 LSC-PA 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 LSC-PA 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, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, TX 78701-394, (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 must complete the Petition for Declaratory Order process. Processing your Petition for Declaratory Order may take 4 to 12 months, or longer, after you provide all required documentation and depending on your circumstance. Once all requested documents have been received, you will be notified that the Petition has been transferred to the Enforcement Department for review.

• 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 or court-ordered confinement?
  G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  H. been arrested or have 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?

NOTE: 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 our 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 of the Nurse. (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 on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness of duty 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.

- Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- 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?
- *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?
- *Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

*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. If you are licensed as an LVN in the State of Texas and have completed and/or are in compliance with the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses you may answer “NO” to questions #4 and #5.

To obtain a copy of the Petition for Declaratory Order, go to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) website at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/. On the TBON home page, click on “Forms” then under “Initial Licensure & Recognition Forms” click on “Declaratory Order”. Read the information carefully, download the “Petition for Declaratory Order” form and follow the directions provided.

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 are not required to retake the exam. Information is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/ under “Licensure”.
EVOLVE REACH ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM (A²)

A² General Information

- The exam is also known as the HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam.
- The examination consists of eight sections. All sections have time limits. Your composite 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. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 60 minutes.
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge – Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the health care fields. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 50 minutes.
- Grammar – Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment 50 minutes.
- 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. Includes 55 items (50 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment: 50 minutes. There will be a drop down calculator available if needed.
- Anatomy and Physiology – Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. Includes 30 items (25 scored and 5 pilot). Time allotment 25 minutes.
- Learning Styles – 14-item assessment of preferred learning style. Time allotment: 15 minutes
- Personality Styles – 15 item-assessment of personality related to preferred learning styles. Time allotment: 15 minutes.
- Critical Thinking. Time allotment: 15 minutes.

A² Test Preparation

- Evolve Reach (HESI) Admission Assessment Exam Review Study Guide with content review and approximately 400 sample test questions is recommended. This study guide helps you prepare for the Evolve Reach Testing and Remediation Admission Assessment 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 by clicking this link.
Registering for the A²

- Contact the Student Success Center at 409-984-6244 to schedule date and time for your A² to be administered.
- Go to the Student Success Center, to obtain document so you can pay your $50 Testing fee at the Business Office.
- You must pay the $50 Testing fee at the Business Office and present your receipt to the Student Success Center prior to being allowed to take the exam.

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 1500 Proctor St. approximately 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

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% and a Reading Comprehension Score of 80 to be eligible for consideration in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.
- The Evolve Reach 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.
- Exam must be taken no longer 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.
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**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 LSC-PA 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.
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. Theoretical content is implemented in the clinical environment.

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

RNSG 1137 Professional Nursing Concepts III
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.

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**TOTAL APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COST $14,457.00**

All fees listed are approximate and subject to change

*Tuition estimates are based upon published Spring 2016 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.
Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Application
Spring 2017 Admission

Name: ______________________________________________________________________

First            Middle              Last

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________

Street

City                               State                                          Zip

Social Security #____________________________ LSC-PA Student ID#_____________________

Telephone: ______________________________ __              Cell Phone: _________________________

E-mail: _________________________________________________________________________

In case of an emergency contact: ____________________________________________________

Name

City, State       Telephone

Have you previously enrolled in a professional 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)

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.

__________________________________________ _____________     _______________________ _______
Signature of Applicant                          Date

Lamar State College - Port Arthur

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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: _____________________________________________________

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**RECORD OF COURSE COMPLETION**  
**LVN TO ADN TRACK**

You (the student) must complete this form and attach supporting transcripts.

Please name the college, the semester you took the course, and the grade you made in each of the following courses.

**NOTE:** For each course you have completed, you (the student) must attach a transcript documenting your grade and course completion even if you completed all or part of your coursework on the Lamar State College - Port Arthur campus. Admission Assessment Exam Report must also be attached.

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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_____
Age:_____ Date of Birth: ____________________

Check one of the following:
Race/Ethnicity Group:
White_____ Black_____ Hispanic _____
American Indian/Alaska Native_______
Asian________
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _________
Other (Specify) _______________

Check if any one of the following is applicable:
Vietnam Era Veteran _____ Disabled Veteran_____ Handicapped_____