

Spring 2021 Admission Packet

APPLICATION DEADLINE
October 1, 2020

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 2021** 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.
3. Guidance to obtain financial aid.
4. Program of study and nursing course descriptions.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please call the Allied Health Administrative Assistant 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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Allied Health Department Chair
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Director

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](#)"

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 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101)	SPCH 1315 Public Speaking
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development	RNSG 1300 Health Assessment
ENGL 1301 Composition	

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:

<p>By Mail To: Lamar State College - Port Arthur Upward Mobility Nursing Program Standards Committee P.O. Box 310 Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310</p>	<p><u>OR</u> Hand Delivered To: Lamar State College - Port Arthur Allied Health Department Upward Mobility Nursing Program 1701 Procter Street Port Arthur TX 77640</p>
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1. Application to the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program.
2. Record of Course Completion - **Copies of official transcripts attached to your nursing application** to include
 - a. Copies of Nursing Program Transcript from State Board approved Vocational/Practical Nursing Program. Those graduates from a State Board approved proprietary school VN/PN program must submit an official transcript from the proprietary school.
 - b. Copies of official transcript(s) of all college work completed. ***No application will be reviewed unless all official transcript copies and transcript evaluations are attached when application is submitted.***
 - c. Pre-requisites in progress at the time of the application deadline will not be considered or included in the initial admission rating scale. Once completed and final grade is available, the student is responsible for updating application. Once the student submits a final grade report the admission rating scale will be updated.
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 official 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 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. HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam with Critical Thinking profile report

indicating a **cumulative score of 75% or higher**, an **anatomy & physiology score of 70% or higher**, and a **reading comprehension score of 80% or higher**. Exam must be taken no earlier than one year prior to the application deadline date. Students scoring less than the minimum requirements will be placed on an alternate list for admission necessitating further review of eligibility by the Standards Committee. Submit your HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam Score Report with your Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program Application. In the event of a tie on the Admission Rating Scale score, the HESI A² Cumulative Score will be the tie breaker.

5. Submit copy of your NURSYS report
 - a) **Go to** the Texas BON website - www.bon.texas.gov
 - b) **Click on** the NURSYS box located on the lower, right-hand side of the Texas BON homepage
 - c) **Click on** the “Look up License” button in the “QuickConfirm License Verification” box located on the NURSYS homepage
 - d) **Click on** the “I agree” button toward the bottom of the page
 - e) **Select** the “Search by License Number” tab
 - f) **Fill in** the appropriate information
 - g) **Click on** the “search” button
 - h) **Click on** the “View Report” button
 - i) **Click on** the “Download Report” button
 - j) **Choose** “Download Full Report”; **Click on** “Download” button
 - k) **Print out** report and attach to program application
6. Employment/Work History.
7. Voluntary Survey.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

October 1, 2020

All applicants who have complete files will be notified of acceptance or rejection by **November 13, 2020**. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Donna Wolfe, Allied Health Administrative Assistant, at 409-984-6356 (1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356). Please, **DO NOT CALL BEFORE November 13, 2020**.

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. 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.

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have submitted a complete Admission packet are ranked according to their scores on the 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. In the event of a tie on the Admission Rating Scale score, the HESI A² Cumulative Score will be the tie breaker. **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).**

COURSE	GRADES	POINTS
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101) Human Anatomy & Physiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102) Human Anatomy & Physiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120) Introductory Microbiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
ENGL 1301 Composition A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
PSYC 2301 General Psychology A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development OR (PSYC 2308 Child Psychology + PSYC 2311 Adult Development & Aging) A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities) Indicate Course Number A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
Number of courses completed with a “C” or better applicable to LU’s RN to BSN Program (Math 1314; Math 1342 or Psysc 2317; Engl 1302; Literature; Hist 1301, Hist 1302; Govt 2301/Govt 2302 or Govt 2305/Govt 2306; Soci 1301; Rnsg 1311)		
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Reading 80% or higher Points Reading Score: 90-100 = 5 pts; 80-89.9 = 3 pts; Below 80 = 0 pts		
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: A&P 70% or higher Points A&P Score: 90-100 = 5 pts; 80-89.9 = 3 pts; 70-79.9 = 1 pt; Below 70 = 0 pts		
Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam: Cumulative 75% or higher Points Cumulative Score: 90-100 = 5 pts; 80-89.9 = 3 pts; 75-79.9 = 1 pt; Below 75 = 0 pts		
LVN/LPN Work Experience (1 point for each year – Maximum 3 points)		
Active Status in LSCPA Allied Health Society (2 pts; Additional 1 point for Officer)		
Repeated science course(s) due to grade lower than “C” – Subtract 5 points once		
Repeated RNSG 1300 course due to grade lower than “C” – Subtract 5 points once		
Repeated VNSG course(s) due to grade lower than “C” – Subtract 2 points once		
Prior admission and unsuccessful attempt in an ADN Program – Subtract 10 points		
Total Score		

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

By the first class day, students accepted into the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program are required to upload to CastleBranch COPIES of their shot records which include: **MMR** (Measles, Mumps, Rubella); **Tdap** (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (Booster within last 10 years); **Hep B (3 shot series)** following CDC guidelines, if not serology is needed; **Varicella/Chickenpox** (documentation of having the disease or vaccination); **Tb** – T-Spot Blood Draw, TB Gold or Tb Skin Test (within last 6 months); and **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination** (documentation from physician if unable to have the Influenza vaccination). The fee for the CastleBranch tracking service is currently \$30 (price may change prior to admission period) which the student will have life time access. Those students accepted into the program will receive instructions on enrolling with CastleBranch in their program acceptance packet.

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. This should be completed prior to applying for admission into 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. Students must submit their letter from the Texas Board of Nursing indicating they are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN upon receiving an acceptance letter.

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 although subject to change) 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.

1. For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - a. been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
 - b. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - c. been convicted of a felony?
 - d. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - e. received deferred adjudication?
 - f. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - g. been sentenced to serve jail time, or prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
 - h. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - 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 or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial licensure or renewal application.)

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 may subject your license to a disciplinary order and fine. 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 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 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.

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 diagnosed with or treated or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder which impaired or does impair your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school or work? (You may answer "No" if you have completed and /or are in compliance with TPAPN for mental illness OR you've previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing and have remained compliant with your treatment regime and have had no further hospitalizations since disclosure.)
5. *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 may be required to retake the exam dependent upon when you initially took the exam. Information is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website at: <https://www.bon.texas.gov/> under "Licensure".

HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM (A²)

A² General Information

- The examination consists of eight sections. All sections have time limits. Your cumulative 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

- HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam Review Study Guide with content review and approximately 400 sample test questions is recommended. This study guide helps you prepare for the HESI 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 at other book retailers.

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 \$55 Testing fee at the Business Office.
- You must pay the \$55 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 1500B 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% or higher, an Anatomy & Physiology score of 70% or higher, **and** a Reading Comprehension Score of at least 80% to be eligible for consideration in the Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program. Students scoring less than the minimum requirements will be placed on an alternate list for admission necessitating further review of eligibility by the Standards Committee.
- The HESI 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 earlier 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.

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Curriculum Outline**

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS
PRE-REQUISITES		
BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101)	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
HECO 1322	Principles of Nutrition	3
RNSG 1300	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
Total Hours		22
Semester I		
BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102)	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
RNSG 1118	Professional Nursing Competencies	1
RNSG 1228	Intro to Health Care Concepts	2
RNSG 1424	Concept-based Transition to Prof Nsg Prac	4
RNSG 1260	Transition Clinical I	2
Total Hours		13
Semester II		
BIOL 2420 (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120)	Microbiology	4
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III	5
RNSG 1137	Prof Nursing Concepts III	1
RNSG 2361	Clinical II	3
Total Hours		13
Semester III		
Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV	5
RNSG 2138	Prof Nursing Concepts IV	1
RNSG 2362	Clinical III	3
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.

Upward Mobility LVN to ADN Program COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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

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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.

ITEM	APPROXIMATE COST
Tuition and fees for Pre-Requisites (22 credit hrs)	*\$3227.00
Tuition and fees for Co-Requisites (11 credit hrs)	*\$1615.00
Admission Assessment Exam	\$55.00/per attempt
Upward Mobility Nursing courses (27 credit hrs)	*\$4000.00
CPR course	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Liability insurance (1 year)	\$30.00
Castle Branch Medical Records Tracking Service	\$45.00
Physical Examination (Estimated)	\$100.00
Immunization Expenses (if needed)	\$365.00
Uniforms/equipment	\$350.00
Textbooks for nursing courses	**\$1300.00
Assessment Exams/Online programs (Required)	\$300.00
Skills Lab Kits, Miscellaneous Supplies and workshops	\$300.00
Laptop Computer (recommended)	\$750.00
Standardized Comprehensive Exams (Required)	\$100.00/semester
Seminar/NCLEX Review	\$400.00
Graduation Fees	\$75.00
Texas State Board Licensure and Exam Fees	\$350.00
TOTAL <u>APPROXIMATE</u> PROGRAM COST \$13,650.00	
All fees listed are approximate and subject to change	

*Tuition estimates are based upon published Spring 2020 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. Some of the additional items such as Skills Lab kit, online programs, etc. are also required in the first semester.

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
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: _____

2. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

3. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

4. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

5. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

6. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Position: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

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

You (the student) must complete this form and attach supporting transcripts. May submit copies of official 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 an official transcript, or copy of an official 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. HESI Admission Assessment Exam Report(s) must also be attached.

NAME:	LSCPA SID#:		
COURSE	COLLEGE	SEMESTER	GRADE
BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy & Physiology (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101)			
BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102)			
BIOL 2420 Introductory Microbiology (BIOL 2320 + BIOL 2120)			
ENGL 1301 Composition			
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking			
HECO 1322 Principles of Nutrition			
PSYC 2301 General Psychology			
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development			
Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities)			
RNSG 1300 Health Assessment Number of courses completed applicable to Lamar University's RN to BSN Program (Please circle courses completed with a "C" or better) Math 1314; Math 1342 or Psysc 2317 Engl 1302; Literature Hist 1301; Hist 1302 Govt 2301/Govt 2302 or Govt 2305/Govt 2306 Soci 1301 Rnsg 1311			
HESI Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam Anatomy & Physiology Score – Must be 70% or higher	1 st Attempt	2 nd Attempt	
HESI Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam Reading Comprehension Score - Must be 80% or higher			
HESI Admission Assessment (A ²) Exam Cumulative Score - Must be 75% or higher			

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Voluntary Survey**

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 _____