Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Vocational Nursing
Program Packet

Pre-Program Orientation
Sessions

Monday
June 27, 2023 @ 12:00 pm
Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Deep East Texas College & Career
Academy (DETCCA)
450 Bulldog Avenue, Jasper
OR

Thursday
July 10, 2023 @ 12:00 pm
Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Deep East Texas College & Career Academy
(DETCCA)
450 Bulldog Avenue, Jasper

Vocational Nursing Program
Application Deadline
Thursday July 10, 2023
RE: FALL 2023

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Vocational Nursing Program. The purpose of the Vocational Nursing Program is to prepare graduates as beginning practitioners who are competent, safe and self-directed. At the completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN) to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). LVNs practice under the supervision of a registered nurse and/or licensed physician.

The Admissions Application is designed to answer common questions, outline the program requirements, and provide you with the following items:

1. Application process for Lamar State College-Port Arthur
2. Vocational Nursing admission application with mandatory program criteria
3. Information about required admissions exam and pre-entry orientation
4. Information about required health exam
5. Information about required shot record documentation
6. Information about required background check
7. Guidance to obtain financial aid
8. Program of study and nursing course descriptions

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, you may call 984-6356 or toll free at 1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356 to speak with the Allied Health Department Administrative Assistant. You may also reach me directly at 409 984-6357 or toll free at 1-800-477-5872 ext. 6357.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Jo Anna Gott, BSN, RNC

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Coordinator, Vocational Nursing Program
Lamar State College-Port Arthur
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LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR
Vocational Nursing Program

The Vocational Nursing Program is a competency based program designed to prepare its graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN) to become Licensed Vocational Nurses. LVN’s function under the direction of licensed health care professionals including a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, physician, dentist or podiatrist to provide safe, compassionate, individualized, goal-directed nursing care to patients who have predictable health care needs. (Texas Board of Nursing, 2015) Graduates of the Lamar State College-Port Arthur Vocational Nursing Program are currently employed in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, physicians’ offices, outpatient community clinics, long-term care facilities, and home health agencies.

The Vocational Nursing Program is an ideal entry-level learning opportunity into a career of professional nursing.

APPLICATION DUE DATES

LSCPA admits two Vocational Nursing classes per year. A class is admitted in the Spring Semester (January) and in the Fall Semester (August). Applications for the:

1. Spring Semester (January 2024 class) are due on October 3
2. Fall Semester (August 2023 class) are due on July 10

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Phase I

Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program is a two-phase process. During Phase I, the student must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the application process for general admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
   a. Apply on-line via "Apply Texas"

Phase II

Complete the three-step application process for the Vocational Nursing Program.

1. Step One: Successfully complete pre-requisite courses with a minimum grade of a “C”. The pre-requisite courses are:
   a. BIOL 2401 (BIOL 2301 + BIOL 2101) Human Anatomy & Physiology I
   b. BIOL 2402 (BIOL 2302 + BIOL 2102) Human Anatomy & Physiology II
   c. HECO 1322 Nutrition and Diet Therapy
   d. NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I / NURA 1160 Clinical – Nursing Assistant/Aide

A student must maintain a "C" or better in ALL pre-requisite, co-requisite, and nursing courses as well as maintain an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average to graduate and be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN/VN). All vocational nursing courses (VNSG) require a minimum score of 75 for a grade of “C”

1 Credit by Examination for NURA 1301 and NURA 1160 may be requested.
A. **Step Two.** Complete the Vocational Nursing Program Application. (Applicants must complete Step One before starting Step Two.)

The following forms should be completed and submitted with the required documentation:

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1. **Application** to the Vocational Nursing Program.

2. **Record of Course Completion** – **Copies of official transcripts or Degree Plan from Degree Works showing transcript evaluation and course equivalency attached to your nursing application to include:**
   a) **Copies of high school completion transcript or High School Diploma with graduation date or GED.**
   b) **Copies of Official Transcript(s) or Degree Plan from Degree Works showing transcript evaluation and course equivalency of all college work completed.**

   **No application will be reviewed unless all official transcript copies and transcript evaluations or Degree Works 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 or Degree Plan from Degree Works.**

   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.

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**Credit by Examination for Program Pre-enrollment Courses.**

Students who do not have four college credit hours in NURA 1301 and NURA 1160 or its equivalent, may complete a two-part Credit by Examination. To be eligible to take this exam, the student must have an active status with the Texas Certified Nurse’s Aide Registry, high school CNA course credit or non-licensed direct care staff work history verified by an employer. Also, the student must be currently enrolled in at least one course on the LSCPA campus the semester the student takes the Credit by Exam or must enroll in courses on the LSCPA campus the following semester. Students take the same comprehensive final as those students enrolled in the previous semester. This exam is a **two-part process.** The **first part** is a written exam. A student must score at least **80 percent** on the written exam. If the student is successful, then he/she must complete the second or skills portion of the exam. Upon successful completion of both parts of the Credit by Exam, the student’s letter grade equivalent of his/her exam score will appear on his/her LSCPA transcript. A student has only one opportunity to test out of this course.

The Allied Health Department administers the Credit by Examination six times a year. The exam is scheduled twice in the fall semester (September and November), twice in the spring semester (February and April), and twice in the summer semester (June and July/August). Please contact the Allied Health Department at 409-984-6365 for exact exam dates and times.
• 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. Employment/Work History
5. Record of Course Completion
6. Vocational Nursing Program Admission Rating Scale

B. Step Three. Pre-Entrance Orientation and HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam
To be considered for admission, students are required to complete the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam with Learning Profile report indicating a cumulative score of 70% or better and 2) a reading comprehension score of 75% or higher. Exams must be taken no earlier than one year prior to the application deadline. Students are allowed two attempts per application period to earn a passing score on the exam.

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. Students must submit the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam score report with their application to the Vocational Nursing Program.

The exam is a computer-based, timed, multiple choice exam that evaluates your comprehension in five subject areas: math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and reading knowledge, and anatomy and physiology.

Peer-reviewed research findings indicate HESI Admission Assessment scores are valid predictors of student success and can therefore assist educators in the selection process, and assist students in identifying and remediating academic weaknesses prior to entering a program. The results of the exam will be calculated as part of the admission rating scale. The fee for the exam is approximately $60 for each attempt.

ORIENTATION SESSION

Applicants must attend a Pre-Program Orientation Session before the deadline for the submission of program applications.

Pre-Program Orientation Sessions:

a. Tuesday, June 27, 2023 @ 12:00 p.m.
   Deep East Texas College & Career Academy (DETCCA), 450 Bulldog Avenue, Jasper
   OR
b. Thursday July 10, 2023, @ 12 p.m.
   Deep East Texas College & Career Academy (DETCCA), 450 Bulldog Avenue, Jasper

If an applicant fails to attend a Pre-Program Orientation Session, the application for the program will be destroyed; including all supporting documents (transcripts, HESI Admission Assessment exam results, etc.). The student must then re-apply for the next enrollment period as a new applicant for the program and submit a new application and all supporting documents.

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NOTE: Do Not Turn in this page. The page to calculate your Admission Rating Score is located at the end of the application. The document will be verified by LSCPA Vocational Nursing application reviewers.

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have submitted a completed 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).

Applicants who have never attended the LSCPA Vocational Nursing Program have priority over those who previously attended.

Introductory Microbiology (BIOL 2420) is NOT required for the Vocational Nursing Program. However, students who complete Microbiology are more likely to succeed in the Vocational Nursing Program.

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HEALTH EXAM

After acceptance into the Vocational Nursing 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 and local pharmacies. The exam and any required immunizations must be completed before students begin the first semester. Students who are unable to provide proof of immunizations must provide positive lab titers.

A 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.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

By the first day of class, students accepted into the Vocational Nursing Program are required to upload copies of their shot records to CastleBranch:

1. MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) (2 doses Measles, Mumps) (At least 1 Rubella) OR Positive Antibody Titer
2. Tdap – (Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) (1 dose) (Booster within last 10 years)
3. Hepatitis B (2-3 shot series) – 3 Standard Hep B vaccinations OR 2 Heplisav-B (one month apart) OR Positive Antibody Titer (lab report required)
4. Varicella/Chickenpox -(documentation of having the disease OR 2 vaccinations or serology confirming immunity)
5. Tb – T-Spot Blood Draw; TB Gold; or Tb Skin Test (within last 12 months) If positive results, Chest X-ray required within 2 years.
6. Seasonal Influenza Vaccination
7. COVID-19 vaccine, (Highly recommended at this time; may be required)

The fee for the CastleBranch tracking service is approximately $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.
Drug Screen

Upon acceptance into the LSCPA Vocational Nursing Program, students must submit to a urine drug screen (at the student’s expense – approximately $30; must be through CastleBranch). Drug screens may not be completed more than 30 days prior to, nor less than 10 days before the first day of class. Students who fail to comply will be removed from the admission cohort as well as the nursing core program courses. Students may be asked to submit to a “for cause” drug or alcohol test anytime throughout the program (at the student’s expense).

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

Please note that according to 2019 Texas Statues, Health and Safety Code, Title 2 Health, Subtitle D Prevention, Control, and Reports of Diseases, Chapter 85, Sections 85.201-85.206, information is provided regarding legislative findings that impact health care workers in Texas.

It is each Lamar State College-Port Arthur’s 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 for all students 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.”

All students applying for the LSCPA Vocational Nursing Program will have their information submitted on a roster to the Texas Board of Nursing. In turn, this information is submitted to IdentoGO or other agency as designated by the Texas Board of Nursing. You will receive an email from the agency with information and instructions for completion of your background check as well as scheduling an appointment to have your fingerprints scanned.

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. If a student has not received a clear CBC (blue card), outcome letter of eligibility, and/or Declaratory Order prior to the required date, they must forfeit their position in the program and reapply during the next application period. This should be completed prior to applying for admission into the Vocational Nursing program.

Students should have all documents gathered to submit upon notification from the Texas Board of Nursing the need to submit a Declaratory Order. Students must submit their letter from the Texas Board of Nursing indicating they are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN upon receiving an acceptance letter and accepting their seat in the program.

Please refer to page 10 of this application for more information regarding Licensure and the Declaratory Order Process.

The background check process is also required by the clinical facilities which provide direct patient care experience to LSCPA students. This ensures uniform compliance with Joint Commission standards pertaining to human resource management. Successful completion of the background check process does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation.

Please note that this is a separate background check from that required for the NURA 1301/1160 courses.

**MALPRACTICE INSURANCE**

Students are required to maintain malpractice insurance during the nursing program. At the time of acceptance into the Vocational Nursing program, a student must submit a receipt from the LSCPA Business Office verifying the payment of the required fee (currently $4.35/semester although subject to change) along with the confirmation of acceptance reply form.

**CPR CERTIFICATION**

Students accepted into the Vocational Nursing program will be required to obtain current CPR certification through the American Heart Association (AHA). Only AHA Healthcare Provider of Adult, Child and Infant CPR that include a hands-on checkoff will be accepted. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for CPR certification with LSCPA Instructors at the beginning of each Fall, Spring, or Summer I semesters.

**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 Lamar State College-Port Arthur are:

1. **Scholarships.** Money awarded to cover a portion of a student’s expenses through funds donated to the college.

2. **Grants.** Money awarded that is not repayable.

3. **Work Study.** Money the student earns through employment at the college.

4. **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 or you may complete the application online at [https://fafsa.ed.gov/](https://fafsa.ed.gov/). For more information on scholarships or to apply; contact the Admissions Advisors office in the Student Center.

Anyone who will need financial aid should obtain application forms from the Financial Aid Office at Lamar State College-Port Arthur and APPLY 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.

**LICENSURE INFORMATION**

Completion of the Vocational Nursing Program does NOT guarantee that a graduate may take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN/VN). The Texas Board of Nursing may disqualify an applicant from obtaining Licensure. 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 vocational 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 with 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 by the Texas BON, 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 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.)*

**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)
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.

- 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?
- *In 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 hospitalization since disclosure.)
- 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.

To complete the Petition for Declaratory Order, go to the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) website at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp

TEXAS NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAM
Graduation candidates must pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam to qualify to take the NCLEX-PN. Graduation candidates must pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam before the end of the final semester of the Vocational Nursing Program. 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 composite/cumulative score is generated by your scores on the reading, vocabulary, math,

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4 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.
and anatomy and physiology sections.

- **A Learner Profile** is also included in the testing. Individual results for Learning Style assessment includes study tips based on the individual’s learning style and results from the personality profile assessment identifies the individual’s dominant personality type, student’s weaknesses and suggested learning techniques.

- **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.

- **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. Individual results for Learning Style assessment includes study tips based on the individual’s learning style. Time allotment: 15 minutes

- **Personality Styles.** 15 item-assessment of the individual’s dominant personality type related to preferred learning styles. Time allotment: 15 minutes.

### A² Test Preparation

- HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam Review with content review and sample test questions is recommended. This study guide helps you prepare for the HESI A² Exam. It includes detailed coverage of each of the subject areas on the exam: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar and sciences, if needed. Topics are simplified with step-by-step explanations, vocabulary, and practice problems with rationales. Study Guides are available online at [https://evolve.elsevier.com](https://evolve.elsevier.com) (Using Chrome web browser) 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 HESI Admission Assessment A² Exam to be administered.

- Payment of the testing fee, approximately $60 (effective Oct 1, 2021), may be made at the Student Success Center with a credit/debit card.

### A² Check-in Requirements

- Picture ID is mandatory. The test administrator is required to verify identification by visually inspecting your identification and picture. The test administrator will deny admission to any person who cannot be positively identified.

- Arrive at the Student Success Center located at 1500B Procter Street 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 a 70% Cumulative Score with a Reading Comprehension Score of 75% to be eligible for initial consideration in the Vocational Nursing 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 Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam (A²) may be repeated after 14 days with a limit of two attempts per Vocational Nursing 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.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

1) Program is 12 months in length. (3 consecutive semesters ⁵)

2) Classes meet Monday through Friday each week.
   a) Lecture/Lab days
      i) Level 1 – (Fall/Spring Semesters) Three days per week class is typically scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the LSCPA campus.
      ii) Level 2 & 3 – (Fall/Spring Semesters) Two days per week class is typically scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the LSCPA campus.
      iii) Level 2 – (Summer Semesters) Two days per week class is typically scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the LSCPA campus.
      iv) Level 3 – (Summer Semesters) Two days per week class is typically scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the LSCPA campus.
   b) Clinical days – (patient care experiences) – [Note: It may be necessary to schedule clinical experiences from 2:00-10:00 p.m. based upon availability of faculty, spots, and times.]
      i) Level 1 – (Fall/Spring Semesters) Two days per week is typically scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
      ii) Level 2 & 3 – (Fall/Spring Semesters) Two days per week is typically scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
      iii) Level 2 & 3 – (Summer Semesters) Two days per week is typically scheduled from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a virtual component scheduled from 6:30-8:06 a.m. on Friday.

3) Sites for clinical experiences are assigned according to availability.

⁵ The Summer I and Summer II semesters are combined to form one full semester for those students in the Vocational Nursing Program (10 weeks)
4) In addition, rotations at non-hospital facilities (e.g. nursing homes, community health clinics, Physician offices, Prisons, etc.) may be required during the 12 month program.

5) Students are required to maintain class grades of "C" (75%) and satisfactorily meet performance criteria in clinical practice to graduate and be eligible to take the computerized National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN/VN).

APPLICATION DEADLINE
July 10, 2023

NOTIFICATION

Applicants who have submitted a complete application will be notified by email of conditional acceptance or rejection by July 30, 2023. If you do not receive an email, please contact the Allied Health Administrative Assistant by email at wolfeds@lamarpa.edu. Please, do not email before July 30, 2023.
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 Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN) and pay associated fees.
4. Pay NCLEX-PN fees to Pearson Vue.
5. Submit LSC-PA graduation application and pay associated fees.

*Please note that all nursing courses (VNSG) require a minimum score of 75% for a grade of “C.”
NURA 1160 Clinical Nursing Assistant/Aide
A health-related work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Co-requisite: NURA 1301

NURA 1301 Nurse Aide for Health Care Organizations I
Preparation for entry level nursing assistants to achieve a level of knowledge, skills and abilities essential to provide basic care to residents of long-term care facilities. Topics include resident's rights, communication, safety, observation, reporting and assisting residents in maintaining basic comfort and safety. Emphasis on effective interaction with members of the health care team. Co-requisite: NURA 1160

VNSG 1227 Essentials of Medication Administration
General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration and documentation of multiple forms of drugs. Instruction includes various systems of measurement. Pre-requisite: Acceptance into Vocational Nursing Program

VNSG1261 Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Prerequisite: Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program. Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1400

VNSG 1204 Foundations of Nursing
Introduction to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues and role of the vocational nurse. Topics include mental health, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process and holistic awareness. Prerequisites: NURA 1160, NURA 1301, Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program

VNSG 1230 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing
Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the child-bearing family. Emphasis on the bio-psycho-socio-cultural needs of the family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth and the neonatal period including abnormal conditions. Prerequisites: VNSG 1234, VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462 Co-requisites: VNSG 2410 and VNSG 1463

VNSG 1231 Pharmacology
Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process. Pre-requisite: Acceptance into Vocational Nursing Program

VNSG 1234 Pediatrics
Study of childhood diseases and childcare from infancy through adolescence. Focus on the care of the well and ill child utilizing the nursing process. Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400 Co-requisite: VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462

1462 Clinical Licensed Vocational Nurse Training (LVN)
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables the student to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400 Co-requisites: VNSG 1234 and VNSG 1462

1463 Clinical Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse
A health-related, work-based learning experience that enables students to apply specialized occupational theory, skills and concepts. Direct supervision is provided by the clinical professional. Prerequisites: VNSG 1234, VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1462 Co-requisites: VNSG 1230 and VNSG 2410

1400 Nursing in Health and Illness I
Introduction to general principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the client across the life span and therapeutic nursing interventions. Prerequisite: Admission to the Vocational Nursing Program. Mandatory Co-requisite: VNSG 1261

1409 Nursing in Health and Illness II
Introduction to common health problems requiring medical and surgical interventions. Prerequisites: VNSG 1204, VNSG 1227, VNSG 1231, VNSG 1261, and VNSG 1400 Co-requisite: VNSG 1462

2410 Nursing in Health and Illness III
Continuation of Nursing in Health and Illness II. Further study of common medical-surgical health problems of the client. Includes concepts of mental illness. Incorporates knowledge necessary to make the transition from student to graduate vocational nurse. Prerequisites: VNSG1234, 1409 and VNSG 1462 Co-requisite: VNSG 1463
ESTIMATED COST
Expenses are subject to change due to action by the State Legislature or Board of Regents.

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| FIRST SEMESTER (Level 1) (12 Credit Hours)                          |                  |
| Registration fees                                                  | *$1,600.00       |
| Books                                                               | 600.00           |
| Laptop (Access to online resources)                                 | 750.00           |
| Physical & Immunizations (Estimated)                                | 300.00           |
| Liability insurance (1 year)                                       | 15.00            |
| Uniform                                                             | 150.00           |
| Level 1 Nursing Skills Lab Kit ($55), SwiftRiver Learning System ($50), Medterms ($65), Coursepoint-Pharmacology ($75) | 245.00           |
| Testing/Case Study Package (Required)                              | 85.00            |
| Castlebranch Clinical Document/Information Storage System           | 35.00            |
| CastleBranch Drug Screen                                           | 35.00            |
| **APPROXIMATE FIRST SEMESTER COST**                                | $3,815.00        |

| SECOND SEMESTER (Level 2) (14 Credit Hours)                         |                  |
| Registration fees                                                  | *$1,800.00       |
| Books                                                               | 350.00           |
| Level 2 Nursing Skills Lab Kit ($110), SwiftRiver Learning System ($50), Passpoint ($200) | 360.00           |
| Testing/Case Study Package (Required)                              | 85.00            |
| **APPROXIMATE SECOND SEMESTER COST**                               | $2,595.00        |

| THIRD SEMESTER (Level 3) (10 Credit Hours)                          |                  |
| Registration fees                                                  | *$1,400.00       |
| Books                                                               | 100.00           |
| NCLEX-PN Review Course                                             | 300.00           |
| State Board Licensure and Exam Fees                                | 300.00           |
| Testing/Case Study Package (Required)                              | 65.00            |
| Graduation Filing Fee                                               | 75.00            |
| Level 3 Nursing Skills Lab Kit ($40), SwiftRiver Learning System ($50) | 90.00            |
| **APPROXIMATE THIRD SEMESTER COST**                                | $2,330.00        |

**TOTAL APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COST $11,905.00**

*Tuition estimates are based upon published 2021-2022 tuition and fees for Texas residents. **Cost for textbooks depend on option chosen, such as Seahawk Book Bundle or other vendors. Note: Textbook costs may also be lowered by purchasing eBooks.
LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM
Fall 2023 APPLICATION

NAME: ____________________________  ____________________________  ____________________________
                                                   First                      Middle                     Last

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________

                                                                                     Street

                                                                                     City              State       Zip

Social Security #_________________________  Telephone: _____________________________

LSCPA SID# ___________________________  Cell Phone: _________________________________

Personal E-mail (NOT LSCPA): _____________________________________________________
(Note: If you do not have a personal email address, please write in your LSCPA email.)

In case of an emergency contact: ___________________________________________________

                                                                                     Name

                                                                                     City, State

I am a High School Graduate: Yes_____ No _____ (Attach copy of High School Transcript or High School Diploma)

(Year)

If not a High School Graduate, year completed GED:_________ (Attach copy of GED)

(Year)

Have you ever attended a Nursing Program? Yes_______ No ______

If Yes, Where Attended ____________________________________________________________

If you did not complete the program, please explain: ___________________________________

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Have you taken classes at Lamar State College-Port Arthur? Yes____ No_____ 

List all other institutions of higher education that you have attended. (You must attach a copy of a transcript from each institution.)

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Do you have a Certificate/Degree in another field?  Yes______ No______

What field? _________________________________________________________________

I certify that the above statements are true.

________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Applicant ____________________________  Date ____________________________
**Lamar State College - Port Arthur**

**EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY**

Include your *work experience* related to the Healthcare field providing direct patient care. Include temporary, part-time and full-time paid positions as well as military service assignments. **Begin with your present or most recent job/military service.** Note: If you have served in the military please submit a copy of your DD214 form.

1. **Employer:** ___________________________________________________________________
   
   Contact Number: _________________  Address: ______________________________________
   
   Your Position: _________________________________________________________________
   
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# LAMAR STATE COLLEGE-PORT ARTHUR
## Vocational Nursing Program Admission Rating Scale

Turn in this page with your grades and points completed. The document will be verified by LSCPA Vocational nursing application reviewers. **Note: Please make a copy of this page for your record.**

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**TOTAL SCORE** (Max of 52 points before any possible deductions.)
Government agencies require periodic reports on the sex, ethnicity, handicap, veteran and other protected status of applicants. This data is for analysis and possible affirmative action only.

Check one:

Male____  Female_____

Age____  Date of Birth: ________________

Check one of the following:

Race/Ethnicity Group:

American Indian/Alaska Native____

Asian___________

Black/African American____

Hispanic____

Indian____

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander____

White/Caucasian____

Other (Specify) ____________

Check if any one of the following is applicable:

Vietnam Era Veteran____Disabled Veteran____  Physically Challenged_____