

NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

TRINITY RIVER CAMPUS EAST

**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

Mission

The mission of the Tarrant County College Associate Degree Nursing Program reflects the mission of the Tarrant County College with its focus on “open access and quality teaching and learning opportunities.” The Program embraces this focus of open access and quality teaching to prepare the Associate Degree Registered Nurse for entry-level practice and for continued academic progression to meet their maximal professional potential.

About Our Program

Our Associate Degree in Nursing is a two-year program that combines course work in general and nursing education courses with clinical experiences in a variety of area facilities. All clinical experiences are supervised by experienced nursing faculty. Graduates are strongly encouraged to transfer to four-year universities to complete their bachelor's degree in nursing through concurrent enrollment program or enrollment in RN-to-BSN programs.

Our Program Is Accredited

Our Associate Degree in Nursing Program is approved by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas and by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Our graduates are eligible to take the state licensure exam (NCLEX) that, upon successful passage, grants the credential of Registered Nurse (RN).

APPLICATION PERIOD

February 8 through March 28, 2021

For Fall Admission Regular Track ONLY

-Online Application

January 5 through January 31st (5 pm), 2021

For Summer Admission Fast Track ONLY

-Online Application

July 5 through August 30, 2021

For Spring Admission Regular Track ONLY

-Online Application

NURSING PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

How many seats per application period?

The TCCD Nursing program currently accepts a max of 150 to 170 students per application period. Those selected will begin classes in either the Fall or Spring semester. (Depending on when they applied). On average, the program has about 350 to 450 students apply in a single application period.

Program Cost

Approximately 7,000 dollars

This includes uniforms, books, supplies, and generally everything you need during the length of the program.

COMPETITIVENESS

- Not everyone who meets program application requirements will be selected for program admission. At this time, the Nursing program accepts 150 to 170 applicants per fall and spring semester.
- At time of selection, applicants are ranked in numerical order of their application scores. The top scores are invited to take a seat in the program. Applicants that did not score in the top selection are recommended to continue improving on their scores and reapply.
- *Please note that the Applicant Score is comprised of scores of HESI A2 exams (Reading comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, Math, and Anatomy & Physiology).

ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

- To be eligible to apply for the nursing program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.
- Individuals that have not applied to the college may follow this link: [Apply for Admission](#) to begin the process.

Transcript Evaluation

- ALL official transcripts from a college or university other than TCCD, must be received and evaluated by TCCD at the time of Application to the Nursing program.
- First, submit your transcripts to the Transcript Office or your local TCCD Registrars office.
- This process can take up to three months, please keep this in mind.

TSI Requirements

- Meet TCCD's Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. For additional information on TSI requirements, Please visit: [TSI Requirements](#)

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Complete HESI A2

- **HESI A2** (Health Education System Inc.) Exam is the required admissions exam for the Nursing program. The 5 hour exam includes 5 scored sections: Anatomy & Physiology, math, grammar, reading comprehension, and vocabulary. Availability is limited, please sign up early.
- Contact the TR Testing Center website for testing information. 817-515-1066.
- Study materials can be found at the TR Bookstore.
- Minimum eligible score is 75% in EACH scored section.

Immunizations/Screenings

- Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. They are currently as follows:
 - ✓ **HEPATITIS A & B Series ****
 - ✓ **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) ****
 - ✓ **Varicella ****
 - ✓ **Influenza (FLU)**
 - ✓ **TB Skin Test or T-SPOT**
 - ✓ **Tdap**
 - ✓ **If under 22, please submit proof of MCV4 (Meningitis) to your campus registrar's office.**
- ***Some of these immunizations take up to six months to complete, it is best to get started NOW.**
- ****Blood Titer results that prove you have disease immunity, will be acceptable in place of injections.**

Pre Acceptance Requirements

- If you have a history of criminal charges, mental illness, or chemical dependency; You must request a Declaratory Order from the Texas Board of Nursing once you get accepted to the program. This process may take several months.
- If you graduated from a non-english speaking high school, you will be required to take the **TOEFL** or **IELTS**. Please email me for more info.

*****You are required to submit the letter from the Board which states you have successfully completed the Declaratory Order process prior to the admission.**

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED-POST ACCEPTANCE

Post Acceptance Requirements

Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete or submit:

- Drug screen
- CPR (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers),
- Two criminal background checks
- TB Screening
- Health Insurance
- Influenza Vaccine
- Physical Examination
- Blue card or letter from Texas Board of Nursing
- If you were in a non-english speaking high school, you will be required to take the TOEFL or IELTS. Please email at TR.HealthCareAdvising@tccd.edu for more info.

*****You are required to submit the letter from the Board which states you have successfully completed the Declaratory Order process prior to the admission.**

Post Acceptance Requirements

House Bill 1508 which took effect in September 2017 requires that all of our students are notified that criminal offense convictions that occur while enrolled in our programs will affect their ability to apply for an occupational license.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

ALL NURSING AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C

- The below **bold** courses, or approved equivalents, must have been completed prior to the application. There are absolutely **NO** exceptions.
 - **BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I) Recommended Pre-req Math 1314**
 - **BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology II)**
 - **BIOL 2420 (Microbiology) or BIOL 2420 (Microbiology for science major)**
- Please note that only the 3 sciences listed above, TSI Requirements, Immunizations and HESI A2, must be completed prior to application.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

ALL NURSING AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C

- It is strongly recommended that the students have all prerequisites (including general education courses) completed prior to enrollment in Nursing courses. This is due to the strenuous nature of the nursing program as well as the fact that these general education courses must be completed prior to graduation.
 - ENGL 1301 (English Composition I)
 - PSYC 2314 (Life Span Growth/Development)
 - PSYC 2301 (Intro to Psychology)
 - One Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3-hour course)

REGULAR TRACK NURSING PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

Some nursing courses may be blended. Clinical hours are 9 to 12 hour shifts during the week, and there might be also weekend clinical options. Preference for clinical location and/or theory/clinical day is not guaranteed.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for five semesters (2 YEARS) consecutively. Part-time learning options are not available at this time.

REGULAR TRACK NURSING PROGRAM

Coursework in the First Semester

RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice

RNSG 1360 Clinical-Foundations of Nursing Practice

RNSG 1105 Nursing Skills

Coursework in the Second Semester

RNSG 1441 Common Concepts of Adult Health

RNSG 1461 Clinical-Common Concepts of Adult Health

Coursework in the Summer Session (10 week)

RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing

RNSG 2263 Clinical-Mental Health Nursing

REGULAR TRACK NURSING PROGRAM CONTINUED

Coursework in the Fourth Semester

RNSG 2208 Maternal & Newborn Nursing & Women's

RNSG 2260 Clinical-Maternal & Newborn Nursing &
Women's Health

RNSG 2201 Care of Children & Families

RNSG 2261 Clinical-Care of Children & Families

Coursework in the Fifth Semester

RNSG 1443 Complex Concepts of Adult Health

RNSG 2461 Clinical-Complex Concepts of Adult Health

FAST TRACK NURSING PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

The Fast Track option is an accelerated 15-month (versus the regular 2 year) program offered to students who are already licensed/certified as an LVN, Paramedic or Military Medic.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for 15 months consecutively. Part-time learning options are not available.

FAST TRACK NURSING PROGRAM

Coursework in the April Session (online)

RNSG 1002 Building Foundations for Nursing

Coursework in the First Summer Session (10 weeks)

RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing

RNSG 2263 Clinical-Mental Health Nursing

Coursework in the Fall Semester

RNSG 1441 Common Concepts of Adult Health

RNSG 1461 Clinical-Common Concepts of Adult Health

Coursework in the Spring Semester

RNSG 2208 Maternal and Newborn Nursing Women's Health

RNSG 2260 Clinical-Maternal and Newborn Nursing Women's Health

RNSG 2201 Care of Children and Families

RNSG 2261 Clinical- Care of Children and Families

Coursework in Second Summer Session (10 or 12 weeks)

RNSG 1443 Complex Concepts of Adult Health

RNSG 2461 Clinical-Complex Concepts of Adult Health

FAQ

If you have any questions, please
contact:

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