VOCATIONAL NURSING
INFORMATION SESSION

TRINITY RIVER EAST CAMPUS

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT
VOCATIONAL NURSING

Mission

We prepare skilled nurses to deliver quality, safe patient care in a dynamic health care environment, through patient advocacy and collaboration with interdisciplinary teams.

About Our Program

Our Vocational Nursing Program is a 12 month 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.

Our Program Is Approved

Our Vocational Nursing Program is approved by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas.
APPLICATION PERIOD

January 20th through May 14th
For Fall Admission
Online Application (Print and Fill Out)

You can bring your application in person or mail it in:

ATTENTION: VOCATIONAL NURSING APPLICATION
245 E. Belknap Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

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<th>How many seats per application period?</th>
<th>Program Cost</th>
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<td>The TCCD Vocational Nursing program currently accepts up to 40 students per application period. Those selected will begin classes in the Fall semester.</td>
<td>Approximately 5,500 dollars</td>
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<td>This includes uniforms, books, supplies, and generally everything you need during the length of the program.</td>
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COMPETITIVENESS

• Not everyone who meets program application requirements will be selected for program admission. At this time, the Vocational Nursing program accepts 35 applicants each fall 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: 75% HESI A2 score and 25% Science GPA (BIOL 2401).
ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

- To be eligible to apply for the Vocational 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 Vocational 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: PRE-ACCEPTANCE

Complete HESI A2

- HESI A2 (Health Education System Inc.) Exam is the required admissions exam for the Vocational Nursing program. The 4 hour exam includes 4 scored sections:
  - Math
  - Grammar
  - Reading comprehension
  - Vocabulary
  - A & P

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

- Cost $42

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 & TB Questionnaire
  - 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 Decloratory Order from the Texas Board of Nursing. This process can take up to a year, so get started NOW.

- If you were in a non-english speaking high school, you will be required to take the TOEFL or EILTS. 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 with your application packet.

- 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.
ELIGIBILITY-POST ACCEPTANCE

• Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, CPR (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers), and two criminal background checks.
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PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS
ALL VOCATIONAL 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 time of application submission. Only the highest grade earned in the first 2 attempts of any repeated course will be used for admission purposes. A withdrawal or drop (for ANY reason) counts as an attempt.

  ➢ BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I)

CLASSES ALL HAVE TO BE FINALIZED BEFORE APPLYING!

• For the regular track program, please note that only the science course listed above, TSI Requirements, Immunizations and HESI A2, must be completed prior to application.
RECOMMENDED COURSES
ALL VOCATIONAL NURSING AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE PASSED WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C

• It is strongly recommended that the student have all prerequisites (including general education courses) completed prior to enrollment in Vocational Nursing courses. This is due to the strenuous nature of the nursing program as well as the fact that this general education course must be completed prior to second semester.

➤ PSYC 2301 (Intro to Psychology)
Course & Clinical Hours

Vocational Nursing program courses are offered face to face; with meeting times occurring during the week. Monday through Thursday between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Clinical hours are depending on each semester (12-20 hour per week) and there might be also a weekend clinical option. Preference for clinical location is not guaranteed.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for three semester (1 YEAR) consecutively. Part-time learning options are not available at this time.
CMA/CNA/PCT TO VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

• Completion of an approved CMA/CNA/PCT program and current CMA/CNA/PCT state certificate

• At least six months’ employment in an acute/chronic care setting

• A Grade of C or better in Skills performance check-off
The CMA/CNA/PCT to VN option will be able to apply for three hours of advanced placement through credit by examination. The advanced placement will be achieved by obtaining a skills performance score of 70% or above on program placement exam for VNSG 1360, Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nursing Training.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for 12 months consecutively. Part-time learning options are not available.
REGULAR TRACK VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Coursework during the First Semester
VNSG 1304 Foundations for Nursing
VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills
VNSG 1360 Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nursing Training*
*Credit by Exam may be earned for this course by CNA/CMA/PCTs.
VNSG 1116 Nutrition

Coursework during the Second Semester
VNSG 1429 Medical-Surgical Nursing I
VNSG 1461 Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training
VNSG 1331 Pharmacology
VNSG 1301 Mental Health and Mental Illness

Coursework during the Third Semester
VNSG 1432 Medical-Surgical Nursing II
VNSG 1234 Pediatrics
VNSG 1230 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing
VNSG 1219 Leadership and Professional Development
VNSG 1462 Clinical-Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training
FAQ

If you have any questions, please contact:

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