

# **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 30th**

**For Fall Admission**

**Online Application (Print and Fill Out)**

**You can submit your application online at:**

**<https://www.tccd.edu/academics/courses-and-programs/programs-a-z/credit/vocational-nursing/vnsg-how-to-apply/>**

**Incomplete documents and applications will not be accepted**

# VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

How many seats per application period?

The TCCD Vocational Nursing program currently accepts 35 - 40 students per application period. Those selected will begin classes in the Fall semester

Program Cost

Approximately \$5,800 ~ \$6,000

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 Vocational Nursing program accepts 35 - 40 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: 100% HESI A2 score.

# 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. You may only take the HESI A2 once every 60 days.
- 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 Declaratory 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)

# REGULAR TRACK VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

## Course & Clinical Hours

Vocational Nursing program courses are offered **Monday through Thursday between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.** Clinical hours and days vary each semester (12-20 hour per week). There may be a **weekend clinical option**. Students do not have Preference for clinical location.

## **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 REQUIREMENT**

- 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

# **CMA/CNA/PCT TO VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH**

## **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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