

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION FALL 2010

The Vocational Nursing (VN) program at San Jacinto College South (SJCS) is a one-year training program, leading to a Certificate of Technology in Vocational Nursing. The Vocational Nursing curriculum includes a combination of class lectures, nursing skills training, and clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings throughout the Houston metropolitan area.

The Texas Education Agency and the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) approves the Vocational Nursing program. Upon successful completion of the VN program, graduates may apply to the Board of Nurse Examiners to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) to qualify as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

APPLICATION PROCESS

**Admission
To
San Jacinto
College**

The following ***checklist*** is provided to assist you in completing the steps to apply for admission to SJC & the Vocational Nursing Program. It is your responsibility to make sure that the Admission Office receives your college application, high school transcript, college transcripts, and test scores.

- _____ Submit a completed San Jacinto College application to the Admissions Office.
This can be done online. All prospective students must be accepted for admission to San Jacinto College **before** they are eligible to apply for the Vocational Nursing Program.
*Note: Admission to San Jacinto College **does not** guarantee admission to the Vocational Nursing Program.*
- _____ Attend the mandatory San Jacinto College new student orientation. ***Only First time Students in college.***
- _____ **Must sign up to come to the information session and take the HESI entrance test (cost \$34).** To sign up please email us which information session you would like to attend at Vocational.Nursing@sjcd.edu and you must include your first and last name, phone number, and address in the email. ***Please make sure you add our email address to your contacts list in your email account.*** We will send you an email confirmation one week prior to the information session you signed up for.

**Dates for the Vocational Nursing Information Session & HESI exam
will be hosted on Friday's at 1pm on the following dates:
January 29, 2010, February 12, 2010, February 26, 2010,
March 12, 2010, March 26, 2010, April 9, 2010,
April 23, 2010, May 7, 2010 May 14, 2010**

- _____ Must have taken two college courses that are three hours a piece. Must have taken these courses between Spring 2009 through Spring 2010. You must have made an A or B in the courses. ***Please note: Remedial classes, Music, Art, Drama classes do not count as part of your 6 hours mentioned above.***

Recommended Courses to take for your two three credit hours	
EDUC 1300: Foundations for Success	PSYC 2314: Lifespan, Growth & Development
HECO 1322: Nutrition	ENGL 1301: Composition I
BIOL 2401: Anatomy & Physiology I	ENGL 2311: Technical Report Writing
BIOL 2402: Anatomy & Physiology II	MATH 1314: College Algebra

Complete the VN application at the Vocational Nursing Department
(During the application period for the Fall 2010 Semester)

April 1, 2010 thru May 21, 2010
Classes that have been taken between Spring 2009 thru Spring 2010
Applications will be handed out Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 1pm thru 4:30pm

At the time of the application period you will need to bring the following items with you before you will receive an application. All required documents **MUST** be submitted as a **complete** packet to the Vocational Nursing Program office in the application period above to be considered for selection. **Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

1. SHOTS:

Tetanus (within the past 10 years)	Varicella #1 ___ and #2 ___ or titer
MMR #1 ___ and #2 ___ or titer	Hep B #1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___ or titer
TB skin test or Chest X-Ray (within the past year)	Hep B must be within the last 3 years

2. High School Transcript/GED/Spantran
3. College Transcripts – showing the two (three credit hour) courses you have taken
4. Test Scores – (Compass, Thea, Tasp, Asset, or Accuplacer) (No exemption or exceptions)
******Must be college ready through test scores******
5. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 from the last college you attended. Validated with a copy of your college transcript.
6. CPR Card – (***Health Care Provider***) through American Heart Association
www.AmericanHeartAssociation.com or call **1-800-242-8721**

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING HEPATITIS B REQUIREMENT:

ALL students who are applying into the nursing program must document that they have received the full series of three (3) Hepatitis B vaccinations, or have the serum titer drawn to confirm complete immunity to Hepatitis B. If the third shot is more than three years old you must provide a titer. The series takes approximately **seven (7) months** to complete. Applicants are encouraged to begin the series well ahead of the desired semester of admission.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK & DRUG SCREEN:

Students who are tentatively accepted into the Vocational Nursing Program must pass a criminal background check and drug screen. Information about this requirement will be discussed at the information meeting.

The requirements for the VN application period changes each semester; so please make sure that you have the most current information packet for the semester you want to apply for.