

Nursing, LVN-RN Transition

Associate Degree in Nursing

The LVN-RN Transition program is a “closed” program and requires additional application and acceptance into the program. Admission to Panola College does not guarantee admission to specific courses or programs of study.

The LVN-RN Transition program allows LVNs to earn an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) through a non-traditional format with online didactic classes and face-to-face simulation, lab, and clinical experiences. This program is taught over 12 months, starting in a 10-week summer flex semester. It is offered with classes online and clinicals provided within a 70-mile radius of Carthage, Texas. Clinicals throughout the program may be scheduled on weekdays or weeknights in order for students to receive the most beneficial clinical experience to meet program learning outcomes. All clinicals are scheduled by the instructors. You will be required to be on campus for simulation and lab. This required attendance is included in the required clinical times. Applicants must have these times available until the schedule is finalized.

Because the Transition program track requires students to be very self-directed and highly self-motivated, the admission criteria differ from those for the traditional ADN student.

BEFORE Applying to the LVN-RN Transition Program

1. You must apply and be admitted to Panola College.
2. Complete the seven non-nursing courses including prerequisite courses, ENGL 1301, PSYC 2314, and the Creative Arts or Language/Philosophy/Culture Elective. You must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301 and earn a minimum of “C” in each course. All lab courses must have been taken in the same semester and at the same school as the lecture portion of the course.
3. Pass the HESI A2 with a minimum score of 80 on Reading Comprehension and Math sections and a minimum of 75 on Grammar section. This a \$60 non-refundable fee and may only be taken twice within the past year. Call (903) 693-2036 for an appointment or visit the [website](#).

How to Apply to the LVN-RN Transition Program

1. To schedule an appointment for mentoring and application, please select [Request a Mentoring Appointment](#). Bring with you:
 - a. HESI A2 scores
 - b. Transcript evaluation completed by Student Success office
 - c. Proof of required Hepatitis B immunization series or positive antibody titers by the deadline.
 - d. Unofficial transcript from Panola College, if applicable.
2. Verify official transcripts from each college or university attended were received by deadlines. Send official transcripts from all other colleges and universities attended to: Admissions/ Records Office, 1109 W. Panola St., Carthage, TX 75633.

Requirements of the LVN-RN Transition Program

- Must have a clear criminal background check (to be completed at time of application)
- Must have a clear drug screen (to be completed after admission to program)
- Must have all required immunizations or antibody titers
- Must have a current unencumbered LVN license

Deadline to Apply

- March 1st for summer admission

Important Information

- LVN-RN Transition program graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). This licensure is required to work as a Registered Nurse.
- Approximate expenses of the LVN-RN Transition program = \$9,000.

Accreditation

The ADN program has full approval status by the

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)
1801 Congress Avenue
Suite 10-200
Austin, Texas 78701
www.bon.texas.gov
(512) 305-6816

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

For program-specific information and FAQs, please visit the Associate Degree Nursing [website](#).

For more information, email adn@panola.edu or call 903-693-2038 for advising.

Prerequisite Semester

_____	BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I
_____	BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II
_____	BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non- Science Majors
_____	_____	Creative Arts or Language, Philosophy, Culture Elective
_____	ENGL 1301	Composition I
_____	PSYC 2301	General Psychology
_____	PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development

24**Semester I**

_____	RNSG 1118	Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies
_____	RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
_____	RNSG 1163	Clinical - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
_____	RNSG 1324	Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice
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17**Semester II**

_____	RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III
_____	RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III
_____	RNSG 2262	Clinical - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

8**Semester III**

_____	RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV
_____	RNSG 2230	Professional Nursing: Review and Licensure Preparation
_____	RNSG 2363	Clinical - Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
_____	RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV

11**Advising Notes**

Enrolling in RNSG courses requires admission to the program.

Capstone experience: Clinical IV ([RNSG 2363](#)) performance measures ensure graduates are prepared to function as a novice professional nurse.

Must have at least a 2.5 in [BIOL 2401](#), [BIOL 2402](#), [BIOL 2420](#) & [PSYC 2301](#)

Total Credits 60