A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) may complete the Associate Degree Nursing program via the LVN to RN Advanced Placement (“Bridge”) program at El Centro College. The Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (Address: 3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; Telephone: 404-975-5000; Fax: 404-975-5020; Email: info@acenursing.org; Website: www.acenursing.org) and the Texas Board of Nursing (Address: 333 Guadalupe St., Suite 3-460, Austin, TX 78701-3944; Telephone: 512-305-7400; Fax: 512-305-7401; Email: webmaster@bon.texas.gov; Website: www.bon.texas.gov).

Admission to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement Program is open to applicants who have not previously been enrolled in an Associate Degree Nursing program; however, such an applicant may petition the Dean for admission consideration. Applicants must complete all entrance requirements outlined in this information packet and must possess current Texas LVN licensure. The expected skill level of the program requires applicants to have had at least six months recent work experience as an LVN prior to admission.

Acceptance to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement Program is via a competitive ranking process for selection based on a point award system for designated criteria.

LVN’s who are accepted to the Advanced Placement program enroll into three advanced placement or “bridge” courses: a three-credit-hour lecture course (RNSG 1324), a one-credit-hour skills component (RNSG 1118), and a one-credit-hour nursing competencies component (RNSG 1126) which involve 2-3 full days of classes for the first semester of the Advanced Placement program. After successful completion of the “bridge” semester courses, the student transitions into the third semester of the Associate Degree curriculum to complete the final two semesters of the traditional Associate Degree Nursing program. At the completion of the program, 13 additional credit hours are awarded for a selected courses from the first two semesters of the traditional Associate Degree Nursing program.

This information packet contains specific application guidelines and requirements. By submitting an application packet, an individual verifies that they have 1) read the packet thoroughly, 2) obtained all necessary documents from designated website addresses, and 3) understood the policies and procedures for application and acceptance to the program.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
Educational opportunities are offered by El Centro College without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS TO THE LVN TO RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Application to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement Program requires the following steps:

- Application and current admission to a Dallas County Community college.
- Completion of the four prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C” or higher and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 or higher on those specific courses.
- Completion of designated sections of the HESI A2 Test with a minimum score of 80% on each of the required sections.
- Submission of complete documentation of a current physical exam, tuberculosis screening, required immunizations, and CPR certification to SentryMD.

LVN-RN Advanced Placement
Revised 04/01/16
Submission of complete application materials to the Health Occupations Admissions Office during a designated filing period.

A. General Admission Requirements to the College

Applicants to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program must meet college admission requirements for El Centro College as outlined in the official college catalog at http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu. Applicants must have earned either a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) certificate in addition to complying with Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. Students should consult the college counseling office to determine their TSI status prior to application to a Health Occupations program.

All students applying or enrolled at a Dallas County Community college are required to submit their Social Security number to the Registrar’s Office. Students who do not possess a Social Security number must complete a form obtained at the Registrar’s Office. For more information, consult a Registrar/Admissions Office at any Dallas County Community college.

Official College Transcripts

Prior to application to a health occupations program, potential applicants must have submitted to the Registrar/Admissions Office at one of the seven Dallas County Community colleges official transcripts from all colleges and universities the applicant has attended. The transcripts must be current with the print date no earlier than three years prior to the applicant’s anticipated admission to a health occupations program. If the official transcripts have not been submitted, the individual’s application to a health occupations program will be voided.

Initial Advisement

Students who are beginning college for the first time or who need assistance with placement testing, TSI issues, and/or registration for prerequisite courses must visit with an academic advisor in the College Counseling Center as their first step toward future application to a health occupations program. The student who has not completed college coursework should request a general Associate Degree plan from the Counseling Center as a starting point toward application to a health occupations program. NOTE: Additional assessment testing in computer literacy and learning frameworks courses may be required for certain students. See an Academic Advisor for more information.

Program Information Sessions

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to view an optional online LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program information session where the program, application procedures, and acceptance policies are discussed in detail. The LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” online information session is available at the following link:

www.ElCentroCollege.edu/Programs/health-information-sessions.
B. Program Prerequisite Courses

Application to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program requires a total of 13 credit hours of prerequisite coursework. An applicant must complete the following four prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher on these specific courses:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credit Hrs.</th>
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<tr>
<td>BIOL 2401*</td>
<td>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENGL 1301</td>
<td>Composition I</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSYC 2301</td>
<td>Introduction to Psychology</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>PSYC 2314</td>
<td>Lifespan Growth and Development</td>
<td>3</td>
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Applicants must also achieve an overall minimum GPA of 2.00 or higher on a 4.0 system to be eligible for program acceptance. Developmental course grades are not included in the overall GPA calculation.

* IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning Fall 2015, BIOL 2401 will be the required prerequisite course for anatomy/physiology. BIOL 1406 is the required prerequisite for enrollment into BIOL 2401. A CLEP test is also available for BIOL 1406. BIOL 2401 must be completed less than 5 years prior to a student’s anticipated program start date. For example, if the course is completed in spring 2011, it is still valid for application to the program which begins spring 2016.

If completed before Fall 2015, SCIT 1407 – Applied Anatomy & Physiology I will be accepted for the BIOL 2401 prerequisite up to the five year time limit for the course.

ATTENTION

Although math has been removed as a prerequisite course, applicants must still meet Texas Success Initiative requirements in math in order to apply to the program. This may involve assessment testing and developmental math courses. See an academic advisor for guidance and more information regarding TSI requirements.

HPRS 1204 is no longer a required prerequisite course. Applicants who have completed the HPRS 1204 and HPRS 1202 before applying to the program will also be awarded specific points in the applicant ranking system. To receive credit for HPRS 1204, the course must be completed no more than five (5) years prior to a student’s anticipated program start date. Please see page 4 of this information packet for more information.

C. Evaluation of Previous Coursework

To insure the transferability of previous coursework completed at colleges and universities other than Dallas County Community colleges, potential applicants to health occupations programs should have their coursework evaluated by the Health Occupations Admissions Office at least one semester prior to a program application filing deadline if possible. This procedure is especially important for students with coursework from colleges and universities outside the state of Texas.

Transcripts and accompanying course descriptions will first be evaluated by the Health Occupations Admissions Office and, if necessary, be reviewed by respective college faculty for that course discipline. When all courses have been reviewed, an Educational Plan will be prepared for the student. The Educational Plan is accepted as a preliminary “degree plan” for student advisement purposes.

Educational Plans are usually completed within 4-6 weeks. The evaluation process is not completed during individual appointments or on an “as you wait” basis. During peak times such as registration or after the close of the semester when faculty are unavailable, an evaluation may take longer to review.
Therefore, it is to the applicant’s advantage to request the Educational Plan at their earliest convenience well in advance of anticipated application to the program.

The El Centro College Health Occupations Admissions Office and the Health and Legal Studies Division reserves the right to accept or reject any coursework completed at other colleges presented for transfer evaluation toward Health Occupations programs.

For more information on requesting evaluation of your previous coursework and the Educational Plan, download the guidelines and Request for Educational Plan form at the following link:

www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions

Five-Year Time Limit on Science coursework

All science coursework which appears in a health occupations program curriculum either as a prerequisite or a support course (e.g. anatomy/physiology, chemistry, physics, and microbiology) must have been completed less than five years prior to the anticipated program start date of a Health Occupations program. For example, a BIOL 2401 course completed in Summer 2011 would be valid only up to application for a program which begins in Summer 2016; if completed in Fall 2011 it would valid for application to a program beginning in Fall 2016; if completed in Spring 2012, it would valid for application to a program beginning in Spring 2017.

A student may petition for a waiver of the time limit through the Health Occupations Admissions Office under one of the following considerations:

1. The student has current work experience in a healthcare setting utilizing their related science knowledge.

2. The student has successfully completed advanced courses in a related science area with a grade of “C” or higher.

3. The student’s first course of the two course anatomy/physiology sequence (BIOL 2401) has exceeded the five year time limit but the second course of the sequence (BIOL 2402) is within the five year time limit prior to the anticipated program start date.

The student may petition for a waiver of the time limit through the Health Occupations Admissions Office as a separate review, in conjunction with an educational plan request, or with their application materials.

NOTE: In order for a science course taken at other colleges to be considered for a five-year time limit waiver, the course must first be approved for transferability. Information on the five-year time limit waiver is found under the “Resources for Potential Applicants” link at:

www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions.

HPRS 1204 Portfolio Credit

Individuals who have current patient care experience through formal or informal training as a patient care technician, paramedic, certified nurse aide, etc. may be eligible to receive credit for HPRS 1204 through enrollment in HDEV 0110 – Human Development and submitting a portfolio documenting their training and experience. The HDEV course may be 2-3 months in length and must be completed prior to the
program application deadline for the HPRS 1204 course to be considered for points in the ranking process. 
NOTE: Actual credit for the HPRS 1204 course may not appear on an official transcript until the student has completed one full semester in the program curriculum. Contact the HPRS coordinator via email at HPRSECC@dcccd.edu for more information. HPRS 1204 portfolio credit is subject to the five year time limit.

Coursework from Foreign Universities

Only courses such as anatomy, physiology, and microbiology may be considered for transfer to Health Occupations programs from colleges or universities outside the United States. No other courses will be considered. Science courses must be within the five-year time limit.

For more information regarding the evaluation of foreign coursework for transfer credit, see the following link:
www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions.

Credit by Examination, CLEP, and Advanced Placement Credit

Credit through CLEP, High School Advanced Placement Exams and Credit by Examination may be awarded for a limited number of courses toward Health Occupations programs.

Advanced Placement (“AP”) credit for ENGL 1301 is acceptable if the credit appears on a college transcript as ENGL 1301 equivalency. A letter grade is not awarded for “AP” credit.

NOTE: An applicant to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program may present credit by exam, CLEP, or “AP” credit for only one of the four prerequisite courses and one of the support courses. Credit will be acknowledged but not calculated with the grade point average.

Detailed information regarding Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Credit by Examination can be found at:
http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions

D. HESI A² Test – New Minimum Scores Required

The HESI A² test is a timed, computerized test which is usually completed in 3-4 hours. In addition to completing the five prerequisites courses, applicants to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program must also earn a minimum score of 80 or higher on the following sections of the HESI A² test: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary/General Knowledge, Math, and Anatomy/Physiology. Students must also complete the Learning Styles and Personality Profile sections and submit those results with their application materials. The Learning Styles and Personality Profile sections are not graded.

HESI A² scores are considered in the point award ranking process. Scores on the math and anatomy/physiology sections are considered separately. Scores on the Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary/General Knowledge are combined and the average score (referred to as the “English” score in the sample ranking table on page 9) is considered for points.
The following is an example of points awarded for a sample applicant’s HESI A^2 scores:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>HESI A^2 section</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Points Awarded</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Math</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anatomy/Physiology</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grammar</td>
<td>88</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vocabulary/General Knowledge</td>
<td>92</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reading Comprehension</td>
<td>87.23</td>
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\frac{267.23}{3} = 89.08 \text{ (“English” score)}
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Please note the following important information regarding the HESI A^2:

- Test scores are valid for **two years** from the date of testing to the application filing deadline date.

- Applicants may take the HESI A^2 at any approved testing site including the assessment centers at El Centro and Northlake Colleges. The approximate cost of the HESI test at El Centro College (Paramount Building) is $35.00.

- **Applicants are responsible for securing their own testing appointment at the location of their choice.** The procedure for making testing appointments and payment varies among testing sites. **Applicants are responsible for submitting their score sheet with their program application materials.**

- HESI A^2 testing appointments at El Centro College fill quickly. Applicants are encouraged to schedule their HESI A^2 several weeks prior to an application filing deadline.

- The HESI A^2 **Study Guide** is available at various bookstores including the Follett Bookstores at El Centro and Northlake Colleges. A **HESI A^2 Prep** course is periodically offered by the El Centro College Continuing Education Division. Contact that office at 214-860-2147 for dates and times of the prep course.

- **There is no limit on the number of times an applicant may take the HESI A^2 test for application to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program.** If the applicant desires to retake the HESI A^2, **ALL FIVE SECTIONs** must be retaken. Only one score sheet should be submitted with scores of 80 or higher on each of the five required sections. Scores on individual test sections which are printed on separate score sheets cannot be combined. If more than one score sheet is submitted, the scores from the latest HESI testing attempt will be the scores of record. It is not necessary to repeat the Learning Styles and Personality Profile sections on retests. The printout of these sections can be submitted from one testing attempt.

- Before retesting, the applicant is encouraged to review the study guide and/or enroll in the HESI A^2 prep course to prepare for the retest opportunity.

More information on the HESI A^2 and the process for scheduling a testing appointment to take the HESI A^2 at El Centro College is available at: [http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions](http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions)
E. SentryMD

Applicants to health occupations programs are required to have a current physical examination, specific immunizations, a tuberculosis screening, and Basic Life Support (“BLS” formerly known as Healthcare Provider level) CPR certification. The El Centro College Health/Legal Studies Division utilizes SentryMD, a medical record management company, to verify these requirements. Applicants submit this documentation directly to SentryMD which will verify whether the records are complete. A set-up fee of $15.00 is required before you submit your documentation to SentryMD. See the “Immunization Requirements” guidelines at the following link:

www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions

NOTE: SentryMD must receive this documentation no later than a designated application deadline (January 31st for a fall application; July 15th for a spring application) and verify that the applicant’s records are complete at the application deadline. If an applicant’s records are not complete at the application deadline, their application will be disqualified from the applicant pool. Please allow 2-4 weeks for SentryMD to respond to your submissions. This documentation must be kept current throughout the application process and, if accepted to the program, during a student’s enrollment in the program.

The physical examination form and immunization requirements are available at the following link:


If the applicant has personal healthcare coverage at the time of application, that documentation may also be submitted to SentryMD. If accepted to the program, the applicant must submit proof of coverage to SentryMD prior to attending clinical. For more information, see item 7 on page 13 of this packet.

F. Application Packet Submission

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. Applicants must submit complete nursing application materials to the El Centro College Health Occupations Admissions Office either in person or by mail on or before the application filing deadline.

Application packets with incomplete materials will be disqualified and will be returned to the applicant.

The LVN to RN Advanced Placement program application materials must be submitted in a 9x12 inch envelope and include the following items to be considered complete and valid:

1. A completed **LVN to RN Advanced Placement program Application form** (included in this information packet) and the signed **Statement of Student’s Responsibility form** (also included in this information packet).

2. **Official transcript** verifying completion of a Vocational Nursing program.
3. An original letter from the LVN’s supervisor/employer on official letterhead with an ink signature verifying at least 6 months employment at that facility with a detailed outline of responsibilities and duties.

4. The original HESI $A^2$ score sheet indicating achievement of a minimum score of 80 or higher on each of the five required sections and the Personality Profile and Learning Style results.

5. Documentation of a current Texas L.V.N. license.

NOTE: Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring that their current official transcripts from ALL PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (excluding Dallas County Community colleges) are submitted to a Registrar/Admissions Office at a Dallas County Community college prior to applying to an El Centro College health occupations program. Official transcripts must have a print date no earlier than three years prior to the anticipated entry to a health occupations program.

Submitting incomplete application materials will disqualify the application and the student will not be considered further in the application process. Students are advised to retain a photocopy of all materials submitted as their application packet and to SentryMD.

ONCE AN APPLICATION PACKET IS SUBMITTED TO THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ADMISSIONS OFFICE, ADDITIONAL MATERIALS CANNOT BE ADDED TO THE PACKET. THE PACKET CANNOT BE RETRIEVED BY THE APPLICANT UNTIL AFTER THE FILING PERIOD ENDS.

G. Application Filing Periods

There are two official filing periods per calendar year for entry into the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program:

Official application filing period for Fall semester (late August) admission:

November 1 – January 31
Notification letters are mailed by April 30th.

Official application filing period for Spring semester (mid-January) admission:

May 1 – July 15
Notification letters are mailed by October 15th.

Complete application packets may be presented in person at the Health Occupations Admissions Office during regular hours of operation or submitted in the drop box adjacent to the office door. An application packet may also be mailed providing it is postmarked no later than an application filing deadline date.
NOTE: In the event that the last day of a filing period falls on a holiday or a Sunday when the college is closed or when the post office does not postmark mail, complete application packets may be presented to the El Centro College Health Occupations Admissions Office in person by 5:00 p.m. on the next regular business day.

When submitting your application by mail, address your envelope containing complete application materials to:

Nursing Bridge Admissions  
Health Occupations Admissions  
El Centro College/Paramount  
801 Main Street  
Dallas, Texas 75202

When submitting your application in person, bring your envelope containing complete application materials to:

Nursing Bridge Admissions  
Health Occupations Admissions Office Room P-101  
Center for Allied Health and Nursing (Paramount Building)  
301 North Market Street  
Dallas TX 75202

Late Application Guidelines

In the event that all applicants on the ranked list for a specific application filing period are accepted and space still remains in that LVN to RN Advanced Placement class, late applications may be considered at the discretion of the Dean of Nursing. Applicants should not assume that late applications will be considered for each fall or spring LVN to RN Advanced Placement class.

LATE filing for Fall semester admission (if necessary):

May 1 – June 15  
Notification emails are sent by June 30th.

LATE filing for Spring semester admission (if necessary):

August 1 – September 30  
Notification emails are sent by October 15th.
### Selection Process

Applicants are ranked for acceptance selection via a point award system*. Point award totals for applicants may range from a minimum of 9 points to a maximum of 50 points on the designated criteria below:

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<tr>
<th>POINT AWARD CRITERIA</th>
<th>POTENTIAL POINTS PER CRITERIA</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prerequisite Course Cumulative GPA (2.5 minimum required)</td>
<td>5 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.50 – 2.99</td>
<td>= 3 points</td>
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<td>3.00 – 3.49</td>
<td>= 4 points</td>
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<td>3.50 – 4.00</td>
<td>= 5 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>Support Courses completed with a minimum grade of “C”</td>
<td>4 points</td>
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<td>(BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420 or 2421, and humanities elective)</td>
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<td>1 – 4 credit hours</td>
<td>= 2 points</td>
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<td>5 – 8 credit hours</td>
<td>= 3 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>9 – 11 credit hours</td>
<td>= 4 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>HPR S courses completed with a minimum grade of “C”</td>
<td>6 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>HPRS 1204 *</td>
<td>= 4 points</td>
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<tr>
<td>HPRS 1202</td>
<td>= 2 points</td>
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<td>HESI A² Test – Points awarded for each of the following sections:</td>
<td>21 points</td>
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<td>Math, Anatomy/Physiology, and combined “English” sections:</td>
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<td>80 – 84</td>
<td>= 1 points</td>
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<td>85 – 89</td>
<td>= 3 points</td>
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<td>90 – 95</td>
<td>= 5 points</td>
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<td>96 – 100</td>
<td>= 7 points</td>
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<td>Courses** toward various RN to BSN transition program – 1 point per course below:</td>
<td>14 points</td>
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<td>ARTS 1301 - Art Appreciation</td>
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<td>BIOL 1322 - Principles of Nutrition</td>
<td></td>
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<td>CHEM 1411 - Chemistry I (subject to the five year time limit; no waiver considered)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ENGL 1302 - Composition II</td>
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<td>ENGL 2311 - Technical Writing</td>
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<td>GOVT 2301/2305 - Government I (U.S.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>GOVT 2302/2306 - Government II (State &amp; Local)</td>
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<td>HIST 1301 - US History I</td>
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<td>HIST 1302 - US History II</td>
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<tr>
<td>MATH 1314/1314 - College Algebra</td>
<td></td>
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<td>MATH 2342/2442 - Statistics</td>
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<tr>
<td>SOCI 1301 - Intro to Sociology</td>
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<td>SPCH 1311/1321 - Speech</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>2000 or above ENGL literature course</td>
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<td>* HPRS 1204 has a five year time limit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>** Points will be awarded for these courses only if the course numbers match exactly on an official transcript or on an El Centro College advising report as evaluated by the Transcript Evaluation Center. This consideration does not guarantee transferability of the courses toward any RN-BSN program.</td>
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### MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS

50 points

* In the event that two or more applicants with the same point award total, the cumulative score on all five required sections of the HESI A² will be used to break the tie.
The table below illustrates the ranking process for a sample group of applicants:

**EXAMPLE OF POINT AWARD RANKING PROCESS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Applicant #</th>
<th>Cumulative GPA on 3 Prerequisite Courses (Max. 4 pts.)</th>
<th>Support Course Credit Hours (Max. 4 pts.)</th>
<th>Completed HPR 1204 &amp; 1202 (Max. 6 pts.)</th>
<th>HESI A Scores on English*, Math, and Anatomy/Physiology sections (Max. 21 pts.)</th>
<th>Other Courses toward BSN Articulation programs (Max. 14 pts.)</th>
<th>Total Points (Max. 40 pts.)</th>
<th>Cumulative Score on all five required sections of HESI A² (tiebreaker)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Applicant #1</td>
<td>3.77 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>11 cr hrs = 4 pts.</td>
<td>1204 = 4 pts. 1202 = 2 pts.</td>
<td>English 97.26 = 7 pts. Math 98 = 7 pts. A/P 96 = 7 pts.</td>
<td>14 courses from the list on page 9</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>455.26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Applicant #2</td>
<td>3.60 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>9 cr hrs = 4 pts.</td>
<td>1204 = 4 pts.</td>
<td>English 96.89 = 7 pts. Math 98 = 7 pts. A/P 95 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>12 courses</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>458.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Applicant #3</td>
<td>4.00 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>9 cr hrs = 4 pts.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>English 96.74 = 7 pts. Math 99 = 7 pts. A/P 97 = 7 pts.</td>
<td>10 courses</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>451.74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Applicant #4</td>
<td>3.40 = 4 pts.</td>
<td>8 cr hrs = 3 pts.</td>
<td>1204 = 4 pts.</td>
<td>English 98.74 = 7 pts. Math 96 = 7 pts. A/P 98 = 7 pts.</td>
<td>6 courses</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>468.74</td>
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<tr>
<td>Applicant #5</td>
<td>3.87 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>11 cr hrs = 4 pts.</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>English 96.89 = 7 pts. Math 95 = 5 pts. A/P 92 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>10 courses</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>436.89</td>
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<tr>
<td>Applicant #6</td>
<td>2.93 = 3 pts.</td>
<td>0 cr hrs = 0 pts.</td>
<td>1204 = 4 pts. 1202 = 2 pts.</td>
<td>English 93.26 = 5 pts. Math 97 = 7 pts. A/P 99 = 7 pts.</td>
<td>8 courses</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>422.26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Applicant #7</td>
<td>4.00 = 5 pts.</td>
<td>11 cr hrs = 4 pts.</td>
<td>1204 = 4 pts.</td>
<td>English 89.26 = 3 pts. Math 88 = 3 pts. A/P 95 = 7 pts.</td>
<td>6 courses</td>
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* “English” score is derived from averaging the Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary/General Knowledge sections of the HESI A².

The shaded columns reflect the total point award calculation and the final tie breaker which is the combined scores on the five required sections of the HESI A². **You will note that no single ranking criterion determines competitiveness in the applicant pool.** All six ranking criteria (GPA on the four prerequisite courses, support course credit hours completed with a grade of “C” or higher, completion of HPRS 1204 and HPRS 1202, additional courses toward BSN programs, and the three designated HESI A² scores factor into the point award ranking process.

For example, Applicant #1 has a cumulative HESI A² score of 455.26 on all five sections combined, has a GPA of 3.77 on the four prerequisite courses, has completed all 11 credit hours of support courses with a grade of “C” or higher in each, has completed both HPRS 1204 and HPRS 1202, and has completed all 14 of the additional courses toward the various BSN programs for a point total of 50. You will note that Applicants #5 and #6 have the same final point total of 36; however, Applicant #5 has a higher combined HESI A² score of 436.89 as opposed to Applicant #6’s combined HESI A² score of 422.26 which breaks the tie between them.

**Therefore, if there were only six spaces in the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program, Applicants 1-6 would be accepted to the program.**

Applicants may improve their points ranking by: 1) repeating one or more of the four prerequisite courses to earn a higher GPA (the last grade earned will be the grade of record); 2) completing one or more of the...
support courses with a grade of “C” or higher; 3) completing HPRS 1204 and HPRS 1204; 4) repeating one or more sections of the HESI A\(^2\) to earn a higher score and subsequently additional points; and 5) completing one or more of the fourteen extra courses toward to various BSN programs. **NOTE:** The decision to repeat a successfully completed course (any prerequisite or support course completed with a grade of “C” or higher) in order to improve an applicant’s competitiveness in the ranking process rests solely with the applicant.

**Notification Letters**

Using the point award ranking process, a ranked list is generated from those applications received during an official filing period and both acceptance and non-acceptance notification letters are mailed out.

A student who applies during an official filing period and who receives an acceptance letter is required to return a confirmation form within a specified timeframe to verify their intent to accept a space in the class. **Applications submitted during an official filing period are not “held over” to the next official filing period.**

Students who are not selected for admission the semester for which they apply or students who decline their acceptance for that semester must retrieve and resubmit their application packet by a specified date to reapply during the next application filing period.

Program information packets are revised September 1\(^{st}\) of each year and also at other times throughout the academic year as needed. Program guidelines are subject to change. Students are responsible for insuring they have the latest program information packet from the website below:

www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions

Visit the Associate Degree Nursing Program webpage at [http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/programs/associate-degree-nursing](http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/programs/associate-degree-nursing)


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### CURRICULUM OVERVIEW – LVN to RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

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**TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS +**

|                |                                        | 1200    | 47      | +        |

* Science courses (BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, and BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421) must be completed less than 5 years prior to the anticipated date of program entry. BIOL 1406 is required prerequisite for BIOL 2401.

# Humanities elective must be chosen from the Humanity, Creativity and Aesthetic Experience section of the general Associate Degree of Arts/Sciences degree plan. See the current El Centro College catalog for a full list of accepted courses. **Suggested courses include:** ARTS 1301, DANC 2303, DRAM 1310, HUMA 1315, MUSI 1306, PHIL 1301, PHIL 1304, selected ENGL literature courses at the 2000 level or higher, sophomore level foreign languages such as SPAN 2311.

+ Upon successful completion of SEMESTER I, the student will be awarded an additional 13 hours of equivalency (articulated) credit for RNSG1430, RNSG 1161, RNSG 1533, and RNSG 2362 to complete the 60 credit hours of the Associate Degree Nursing program curriculum.

A minimum grade of “C” is required in all courses. Support courses may be completed **before but not after** semester indicated.

**RNSG 2539 – Health Concepts IV, RNSG 2138 Professional Nursing Concepts IV, and an Exit Program Competency Exam represent the Capstone experience for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.**
GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The LVN to RN Advanced Placement program accepts a class of approximately 30* students each Fall and Spring semester.

* The El Centro College Health and Legal Studies Division reserve the right to make changes in program enrollment capacity and to determine the minimum enrollment to offer the class each fall or semester.

2. The LVN to RN Advanced Placement (“bridge”) courses are completed in one, 16-week semester which involves a total of 4 hours of lecture and 4 hours of skills lab each week, usually during daytime hours. Students should plan 2-3 hours of study and preparation time for each hour of class and clinical experience. After successfully completing the advanced placement courses, the student continues into the sophomore year of the traditional Associate Degree Nursing program for two, additional 16-week semesters. In the traditional nursing program a student can expect to have clinical rotations involving both day and evening hours. Hospital assignments are determined by a lottery system. Students should be aware that the high demand on their time will not allow for full-time employment while enrolled in the nursing program.

3. Students enrolled in the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program must be physically able to care for patients that will involve lifting an adult patient of average size, moving, bathing, and transferring patients into and out of bed. Students will be on their feet for at least eight hours each clinical day. Students must be able to read fine print for medication administration purposes and be able to hear heart and breath sounds. Manual dexterity is required for skills such as starting IV’s, administering injections, etc. In the event that a student has a medical condition that may compromise their ability to care for patients, a medical release from their physician may be required. Students will be exposed to infectious diseases.

4. Students must comply with class and clinical attendance requirements according to nursing student handbook guidelines that are published annually. Students who are absent from clinical for physical or mental illness, surgery or pregnancy reasons must present a written release from a physician before being allowed to return to the clinical setting. Students who are anticipating surgery or delivery of a baby during an academic semester are advised to wait until the following semester to apply to the nursing program.

5. Applicants to the health occupations programs at El Centro College must submit physical examination and immunization documentation to SentryMD no later than the program application deadline.

The physical examination must be on the official El Centro Health Form downloaded from http://sentrymd.com/student-immunization-forms/ and must have been documented no earlier than 12 months prior to the application deadline. The specific immunizations and screenings are indicated on the El Centro Health Form.

6. All nursing applicants must be certified in Basic Life Support (“BLS” formerly known as “Healthcare Provider’ level) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as designated by the American Heart Association and a photocopy of the front and back of the card must be submitted to SentryMD no later than the program application deadline. The CPR certification must not expire prior to the anticipated program entry date and must not expire during a semester when enrolled in the program. CPR classes are available through the El Centro College Continuing Education Division, the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, various hospitals, independent instructors, etc. Online CPR certification classes are not valid for application to health occupations programs.

7. Proof of current personal healthcare insurance coverage is required for all health occupations students. If documentation of coverage is not submitted to SentryMD with immunization records, proof of coverage must be submitted by the first day of the semester if a student is accepted to the program. Students must secure their own coverage and the insurance policy must cover the student at any hospital facility for the entire program. Information on college student policies and rates can be found at the following link: https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/ss/sd/insurance.cfm. The National Student Nurses’
Association also partners with United Healthcare which offers a student policy for their members. See the following link for more information: https://www.uhcsr.com/NSNA

8. Clinical opportunities may be limited for students without Social Security numbers. If accepted to the program, a student must contact the El Centro College Multicultural Center Office (Room A-140, telephone 214-860-2090) regarding eligibility to apply for a Social Security number before graduation from the program.

9. Many of the nursing prerequisite and support courses are offered online. Students without prior experience with Internet courses should take the Smarter Measure – Learning Readiness Indicator (READI) test to see if they are a good candidate for online learning. Go to http://dtc.smartermeasure.com/ and log in as a New User. The current User Name is choose el centro and the Password is student.

10. **Criminal Background Check / Drug Screening**

All students enrolled in Health Occupations programs are required by the Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council member facilities to undergo a criminal background check and drug testing prior to beginning their clinical experience. Students are responsible for all charges incurred (approximately $86.00) for these screenings. This procedure is conducted after a student has been accepted to their respective program.

Results of these screenings are forwarded to the El Centro College Health/Legal Studies for review and verification that a student is eligible to attend clinical rotation. All background check and drug screening results become the property of the Health and Legal Studies Division and will not be released to the student or any other third party.

A clinical agency reserves the right to remove a student from the facility for suspicion of substance use or abuse including alcohol. The clinical agency reserves the right to request that a student submit to a repeat drug screening at the student’s expense on the same day that the student is removed from the clinical facility. Failure to comply will result in the student’s immediate expulsion from the clinical facility. Furthermore, regardless of testing or testing results, a clinical agency reserves the right to expel a student from their facility.

**NOTE:** Should a student who has been accepted to a Health Occupations program be prohibited from attending a clinical rotation experience due to findings of a criminal background check and/or drug screening, the student may be dismissed from the Health Occupations program.

More information regarding the Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening procedure is found at: www.ElCentroCollege.edu/HealthOccAdmissions

11. El Centro College students who are enrolled in 6 credit hours or more during a fall or spring semester and 3 credit hours or more during a summer semester are entitled to a free DART train/bus pass for that semester. DART passes are available at the Cashier’s Office two weeks after the semester begins.

12. Individuals who were first-time college freshman students in Fall 2007 or after are subject to the guidelines of section 51.907 of the Texas Education Code which prohibits a student from dropping more than six (6) college level credit courses during their entire undergraduate career. For more information on the 6 Drop rule, see the official college catalog online at the following link: https://www.1.dcccd.edu/6drop.

13. El Centro College charges a higher tuition rate for courses in which a student registers for the third or more times. The “Third Attempt” policy includes courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. Developmental courses are not considered in this policy. For more information regarding the “Third Attempt” policy, please visit the following website: http://www.dcccd.edu/ThirdCourseAttempt
14. Students are responsible for their own transportation arrangements to the college and their assigned health care facilities for clinical experience. Clinical assignments from the list below vary from semester to semester:

- Baylor Scott and White Medical Center–Carrollton
- Baylor Specialty Hospital
- Brentwood Healthcare
- Children’s Medical Center
- Dallas Regional Medical Center
- Doctor’s Hospital
- Green Oaks Behavioral Health Care Services
- Head Start
- Heritage Manor
- Las Colinas Medical Center
- Life Care of Dallas and Plano
- Medical City Dallas Hospital
- Methodist Charlton Hospital
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Methodist Dallas Medical Center
- North TX Veterans’ Affairs Healthcare System
- Parkland Memorial Hospital
- Terrell State Hospital
- Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
- William P. Clements, Jr. University Hospital
- Zale Lipshy University Hospital

15. A student may apply to more than one El Centro College Health Occupations program during a given filing period. However, if the student receives an acceptance letter to a specific program, confirms their intent to enter that program, and registers for program courses, their application to any other Health Occupations program that may share that filing period will be null and void.

Further, an individual accepted for admission and currently enrolled in an El Centro College Health Occupations program may not apply or be considered for admission selection for another El Centro College Health Occupations program unless their current program of study will complete before the second program curriculum begins. (Exception: An individual may apply to the Medical Laboratory Technology and Biotechnology programs in tandem to complete that dual degree.)

16. Students are required to answer certain questions on the Texas Board of Nursing application for Registration by Examination to become licensed as a Registered Nurse. These questions are in regard to criminal convictions, mental illness or chemical dependency, or prior disciplinary action by a licensing authority for nurses. Students answering “yes” to those questions must submit the required documents with an explanation to the Texas Board of Nursing at least eighteen (18) months prior to graduation. The Texas Board of Nursing will consider these documents and reach a decision regarding eligibility to write the licensing examination. An applicant may request a Declaratory Order (a decision by the Texas Board of Nursing regarding an applicant’s eligibility to take the licensing exam) prior to entering a program of nursing. More information on this issue is found on the Texas Board of Nursing website at www.bon.state.tx.us/Exam-eligibility.htm. For further information, contact Ms. Joan Becker, Director of Nursing at 972-860-5098.

17. Financial Aid

Students should apply for Financial Aid Office well in advance of program application. Information on filing procedures and deadlines is found at http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/admissions/financial-aid. The Health/Legal Studies Office located in Room P-712 at 301 North Market Street also has information regarding scholarships and other financial assistance for health occupations students. Contact the Health and Legal Studies Division at 972-860-5095 for more information.

18. Please visit the website below for links to professional organizations and other information regarding the nursing profession:
   http://www.elcentrocollege.edu/programs/nursing-about

19. The El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing program has partnered with the University of Texas at Arlington nursing program to provide a seamless transition for graduates who plan to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing (BSN). A student accepted into the El Centro Associate Degree Nursing program who expresses interest in the UTA Professional Nursing Pathways RN to BSN transition program is automatically accepted into the UTA program providing they complete the general courses required by
UTA and have graduated from the El Centro nursing program. These general courses include such classes as additional English composition and literature courses, history, government, statistics, etc.

The El Centro College Associate Degree Nursing program has also collaborated with BSN nursing programs at several Texas universities including Texas Tech University, the University of Houston, and the University of Texas at Tyler to form the Consortium for Advancement of Baccalaureate Nursing Education in Texas (CABNET) for RN to BSN articulation programs. Students in the El Centro Associate Degree Nursing program will graduate as “core complete with 54 credits hours plus nursing credits. Completion of the El Centro 60 credit hour nursing program coupled with 60 additional credits in a BSN program will result in a true 120 credit hour Bachelor Degree in Nursing. All RN to BSN articulation programs included in the CABNET are online, have no local residency requirement, and offer automatic acceptance to El Centro College nursing graduates.

For more information on the UTA Pathways program and other RN to BSN programs, please see the following link:

https://dcccd.blackboard.com/webapps/blackboard/content/listContent.jsp?course_id_1=15563_1&content_id_1=2549173_1

20. Please contact the individuals below for assistance:

Joan Becker, M.A., R.N.
Dean of Nursing
Room P-715
El Centro College/Paramount
301 North Market Street
Dallas, TX 75202
Telephone: 972-860-5098
E-mail: JBecker@dcccd.edu

Serina Davenport,
Academic Advisor/Retention Specialist
Health/Legal Studies Division
Room P-202
El Centro College/Paramount
301 North Market Street
Dallas, TX 75202
Telephone: 972-860-5037
E-mail: SMDavenport@dcccd.edu

Nursing Bridge Admissions
Health Occupations Admissions Office
Room P-101
El Centro College/Paramount
301 North Market Street
Dallas TX 75202
Telephone: 972-860-5001
E-mail: ECCHOAO@dcccd.edu

The official mailing address for all application materials, transcripts, and correspondence is:

Nursing Bridge Admissions
Health Occupations Admissions
El Centro College/Paramount
801 Main Street
Dallas TX 75202-3604
# ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE LVN-RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT “BRIDGE” PROGRAM *

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**SEMESTER III**

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSE**

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* Tuition and other fees are subject to change. See official catalog for tuition table. Tuition above is current for January 2016.
** Estimated cost of physical exam and immunizations.
# Hard copies of nursing textbooks are also available at an additional cost.
## Liability insurance is assessed each fall at $11.70 to cover fall and spring semesters. Fee is prorated to $8.00 for a spring entry to program.

See Accounting Office for Tuition Payment Plan option.
Other costs to consider: Personal health care insurance coverage, transportation and Parking Fees to El Centro and hospital clinical sites.
LVN TO RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in following the steps toward program application. It is not part of the application packet which is submitted with transcripts, etc.

1. _____ Obtain LVN to RN Advanced Placement program information packet.
2. _____ View an optional online LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program information session.
3. _____ Complete an application for college admission.
4. _____ See an academic counselor as needed for TSI counseling, placement testing, etc. and complete any developmental courses as may be prescribed from test scores.
5. _____ If needed, request Educational Plan/transfer evaluation of prerequisite or support courses taken at other colleges with the Health Occupations Admissions Office.
6. _____ Complete the following four prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 2.50 or higher and at least a grade of “C” in each:
   _____ ENGL 1301
   _____ BIOL 2401
   _____ PSYC 2301
   _____ PSYC 2314

7. _____ Complete any other support courses with a minimum grade of “C” in each which apply to the nursing curriculum if time allows prior to the application filing deadline:
   _____ BIOL 2402
   _____ BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421
   _____ Humanities elective

8. _____ Complete the HESI A², scoring a minimum of 80% on all required sections of the test and the Personality Profile and Learning Styles sections.
9. _____ If possible before application filing deadline, complete Humanities elective with a grade of “C” or higher. May complete other courses toward the UTA Professional Pathways RN-BSN program.
10. _____ See a physician or healthcare clinic for a physical examination and obtain all required immunizations, TB screen, and BLS CPR training.
11. _____ Submit physical exam form, immunization and TB screening documentation with photocopy of front and back of CPR card to SentryMD prior to the application filing deadline.
12. _____ Compile the following materials as your complete application packet:
   _____ Completed LVN to RN Advanced Placement application form (from this information packet).
   _____ Signed Statement of Students’ Responsibility form (from this information packet).
   _____ Official transcript verifying completion of an LVN training program.
   _____ Official HESI A² score sheet(s) indicating minimum score of 70% on each of the five required sections of the test and the Personality Profile and Learning Styles sections results.
   _____ Letter from supervisor/employer verifying 6 months recent employment.
   _____ Documentation of a current Texas LVN license
   _____ Copies of any request for course substitution forms (for evaluated transferred courses) or 5-year waiver forms which has been granted to the student.
13. _____ Place the above materials in a 9” x 12” envelope for submission either in person or by mail during a designated filing period.

MAILING ADDRESS:
Nursing Bridge Admissions
Health Occupations Admissions
El Centro College/Paramount
801 Main Street
Dallas, TX  75202-3604

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
Nursing Bridge Admissions
Health Occupations Admissions – Rm P-101
El Centro College/Paramount
301 North Market Street
Dallas TX  75202

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EL CENTRO COLLEGE
LVN TO RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT:
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ________/______/_________  STUDENT ID NO. __________________

NAME ____________________________________________ ____________________________________________

Last First Middle/Other

ADDRESS ______________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Number and Street Apartment Number

________________________________________________________

City State Zip Code

PHONE ________________________________________________

________________________________________________________

Home Cell/Other

EMAIL ________________________________________________


HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE? _____ Yes _____ No  GED? _____ Yes

NAME OF YOUR VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM:

________________________________________________________

College or Training Program

City/State

DATE OF ENTRANCE: ___________________  DATE OF COMPLETION: ___________________

TEXAS LVN LICENSURE #_________________________  EXP. DATE ____________________

LIST ALL PREVIOUS COLLEGES ATTENDED FOR ACADEMIC CREDIT, INCLUDING DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (Transcripts must be on file in Registrar’s Office.)

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________________________________________________________

I am submitting my application materials for admission to the ___________________________ 20_____ semester.

(Fall or Spring)

I certify that the information given on this application is complete and accurate.

_________________________________________  ________________

Applicant’s Signature  Date

Educational opportunities are offered by El Centro College without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.

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STATEMENT OF STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

Review and initial each section as verification that you have read and understand this information:

I acknowledge that this information packet contains policies, regulations, and procedures in existence at the time this publication went to press. I also acknowledge that El Centro College reserves the right to make changes at any time to reflect current Board policies, administrative regulations and procedures, and applicable State and Federal regulations. Furthermore, I understand that this packet is for information purposes only and does not constitute a contract, expressed or implied, between any applicant, student, or faculty member and El Centro College.

I have read and understand the admission process for the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program and acknowledge that it is a competitive selection process with a limited number of spaces available. I understand that successful completion of the prerequisite courses, support courses, the required HESI A2 test sections, and submission of complete application packet materials does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

I understand that I must submit all of my current official transcripts to the Registrar/Admissions Office at El Centro College or one of the other Dallas County Community colleges prior to applying to an El Centro College health occupations program and that failure to do so will void my application to the program.

I understand that in order to be considered a qualified applicant to the program, I must submit the official physical exam form and documentation of required immunizations, tuberculosis screening, and BLS CPR certification to SentryMD prior to the program application deadline and receive notification from them that my records are complete at the application filing deadline for the program. I further understand that if my records are not complete at the application filing deadline, my application to the program will be disqualified.

I accept full responsibility for submitting a complete LVN-RN Advanced Placement application packet prior to or by the designated application filing deadline and understand incomplete materials will disqualify my application. I also accept the responsibility of informing the El Centro College Health Occupations Admissions Office of any change in my status, address, telephone number, or other information that would affect my application status.

I acknowledge that if admitted to the program, I may be assigned to clinical rotations at area healthcare facilities which may require additional proof of immunity to required inoculations/immunizations for program admission and additional inoculations. I also acknowledge that I am required to have my own personal health care insurance coverage and submit documented proof either to SentryMD with my immunization records or, if I am accepted to the program, by the first day of class for the program.

I am aware that if I am accepted to the program, I will be required to undergo an FBI criminal background check and fingerprinting prior to registration for nursing courses. I acknowledge that an additional criminal background check and mandatory drug screening prior to being allowed to attend a clinical rotation. I understand that the results of these screenings become the property of the Health/Legal Studies Division and will not be released to me or any other third party. I also understand that the outcome of these screenings may result in my dismissal from the El Centro College LVN-RN Advanced Placement program.

I understand that clinical opportunities in the LVN to RN Advanced Placement and traditional Associate Degree Nursing programs may be limited for students without Social Security numbers and if accepted to the program, I am instructed to consult the El Centro College International Student Office prior to graduation from the program to inquire about obtaining a Social Security number.

I understand that the purpose of this program is to prepare me to write the NCLEX-RN licensing examination to become a registered nurse. In order to be eligible to write the exam, I must hold a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (GED) certificate. Furthermore, I must declare to the Texas Board of Nursing at least eighteen (18) months prior to program completion if I have ever been denied licensure by a licensing authority for nurses; had disciplinary action taken against me by a licensing/certifying authority; been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation; am unable to safely practice professional nursing due to physical or mental disability/illness which may endanger the health and safety of persons under my care; been hospitalized or treated for chemical dependency within the past five years; am currently an imtemperate user of drugs or alcohol; been issued a Declaratory Order by the Texas Board of Nursing; or ever taken the State Board Test Pool Examination, National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or the Canadian Nurses Association Testing Service Examination. If so, I must petition in writing and provide documentation to the Texas Board of Nursing for permission to take the NCLEX-RN examination, acknowledging that this review may take 12-24 months to complete and I will be assessed a fee by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

LVN-RN Advanced Placement

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