TEMPLE COLLEGE – 2 YEAR ADN PROGRAM

FAQ’S

What Temple College campuses offer the 2 year ADN Program?
Temple College main campus is the only one that offers this program.

How many times a year do you admit students for the 2 year ADN Program?
We only admit once a year, in the Spring for the following fall.

How many students do you admit?
We admit approximately 60 students a year into the 2 year ADN Program.

Do you have a wait list?
We don’t have a traditional wait list; we have an “alternate” list. If someone is offered a spot on our alternate list, they can possibly be “activated” from the day the letters go out until the first day of class should someone that was offered a position turn it down or become ineligible. If someone on the alternate list does not get activated and they are interested the following year, they will need to apply again.

What is the length and hours of the 2 year ADN program?
The program is 4 semesters long; Fall, Spring, Fall and Spring. Typically the hours are Monday through Thursday daytime hours. We occasionally offer late start clinical (ends in the early evening) or a 12 hour Friday clinical.

Do you hold information sessions?
Yes, information sessions for nursing are held the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm in the Dell Martin Nursing Education Center, room 1003. No appointment is necessary. Attendance is not mandatory, however we highly encourage all prospective applicants to attend one so they are fully informed.

Do you have nursing counselors available to review transcripts, advise about necessary courses needed and the application process?
No, the ADN Department does not have counselors to review transcripts. We recommend meeting with a TC Advisor in One College Centre to review your transcripts. Attend an information session for detailed information about the ADN application process.

Is there any type of testing for this program?
Yes, we require test scores from the HESI A2. The Temple College Testing Center will offer the HESI A2 during a time frame that coincides with the application process. You will be tested on math (no calculator), reading, vocabulary/general knowledge. The Temple College Bookstore sells a study guide: HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review (3rd edition); study only sections 1, 2, and 3. Temple College Educational Assistance Center offers tutoring for the HESI A2. HESI A2 test scores are good for one year. If you test during the Fall (TC VN testing time frame) you may use those scores for your Spring ADN application or you may test again during the ADN testing time frame. However, if you choose to do that, the most recent score will be used for your application. Other local nursing programs require the HESI A2 however, they don’t meet our requirements, and therefore it is best to test at Temple College. The Temple College campus in Hutto also offers the HESI A2. For more information concerning the HESI A2 offered at Temple College, please call 254-298-8586.
Those accepted into the program must be TSI compliant which is overseen by Temple College Admissions & Records.

**What is the HESI A2 score needed in order to apply to the ADN program?**
A minimum score of 80 is required in EACH of the three areas tested in order be considered for admission. The HESI A2 “over all composite” score is worth a certain amount of points in our point system depending on the score. The class average HESI A2 score for those recently selected has been around 88.

**Can I submit my transcripts to the ADN office prior to the application window?**
No, official transcripts (inside sealed college letterhead envelopes) will have to be submitted with your application as a “packet”.

**Are there pre-requisites for this program?**
Yes, there are 3 pre-requisite courses. When you apply they must be complete or you must be enrolled during the spring semester for any that are not complete:
- BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (must be less than 10 years old at the time of applying)
- ENGL 1301 Composition I
- PSYC 2301 General Psychology

**Do the pre-requisites need to be taken at Temple College?**
No, however before applying to the TC ADN program you must apply to Temple College and furnish TC Admissions & Records with official transcripts from every college that you have attended. Temple College Admissions & Records office determines if courses taken at another college will transfer and equate to Temple College courses.

**If I have completed some pre-requisite courses and I am also enrolled in a pre-requisite course during the application process what are my transcript deadlines?**
You will have an early April deadline for the application and for official transcripts for completed courses and then you will have a mid May deadline (geared around Temple College’s end of spring semester date) for the official transcript for the course you were enrolled in. This also applies to co-requisite courses.

**What is the minimum GPA required to apply to the ADN program?**
The minimum GPA of the pre-requisites and any of the co-requisites completed is 2.8. However, the class average GPA for those selected has historically been much higher.

**Do you have a point system?**
Yes, we will assign points for the following:

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*One point will be deducted from an applicant’s point total if the applicant has failed a nursing course in another nursing program.
**Will I need a background check for the ADN program?**
Yes, those students selected for the program and also as alternates are required to pass a BON background check. Specific instructions are given upon acceptance or when offered to be an alternate.

**What type of offenses will prevent me from obtaining BON clearance?**
If you answer yes or if you are not certain of the answer to the questions below, then you **MUST** start the declaratory order process immediately! Instructions and forms can be obtained at http://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp You will not be allowed to register for nursing courses without BON clearance.

**Texas Board of Nursing Licensure Questions:**
1) For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
   a. Been convicted of a misdemeanor?
   b. Been convicted of a felony?
   c. Pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
   d. Received deferred adjudication?
   e. Been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
   f. Been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?
   g. Been granted pre-trial diversion?
   h. Been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
   i. Been **cited** or charged with any violation of the law?
   j. Been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgement/punishment/action?

   *(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)*

**NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses:** While expunged or sealed offenses, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to the BON office with your application. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character.

**NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure:** Pursuant to Tex.Gov’t Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of the Gov’t Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about that criminal matter.

2) Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
3) Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate, or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?

4) Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

5) Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

Can I work while I am in the ADN program? For those students that must work during the program, we recommend working only on the weekends.

Where are clinical experiences located?
Most clinical rotations are in Temple, there are a couple of sites in nearby towns.

If I have taken RNSG courses at another college will they be accepted at Temple College?
We will review your application and assign points in all areas of our criteria listed above. If you are accepted into the program we will then look at nursing courses completed elsewhere. Historically Pharmacology often gets accepted. Please know that nursing courses do expire over time and that course content does not always match with Temple College’s course content.

Are nursing applicants required to submit a physical and immunizations?
Physicals and immunizations are not required with the application. If accepted into the program then instructions will be given for the physical. Do not do the physical ahead of time. Here is a list of immunizations/tests that will be required if accepted:

Students must receive the complete series of 3 Hepatitis B immunizations prior to the start of direct patient care. This series takes several months to complete so it should be started ASAP or if you have had the series of 3 injections and do not have documentation, a positive titer will be accepted. Additional immunizations: 2 injections Measles OR positive titer, 1 injection Mumps OR positive titer, 1 injection Rubella OR positive titer, 2 injections Varicella OR positive titer or family/physician validation, Tetanus (valid for 10 years), documentation of current TB skin test or chest x-ray (valid for 1 year), flu vaccine is required annually when it becomes available.

Are nursing applicants to submit drug screen?
Drug screens are not required with the application; however, once admitted, students will be given specific instructions for completing the drug screening process.

Are nursing applicants required to submit CPR documentation with their application?
CPR documentation should not be submitted with the application; however once admitted, students must submit CPR documentation by the first day of class as follows:
Successful completion of an American Heart Association CPR course designed for health care providers (e.g., Basic Cardiac Life Support for Health Care Providers.) No student will be permitted in the clinical setting without current documentation on file (must remain current throughout the ADN program). On-line CPR courses are not acceptable; all courses must include a hands-on skill portion.