



**BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE LVN PROGRAM APPLICANT CHECK
LIST MAY 2019 – JULY 2019 ADMISSION CYCLE**

<input type="checkbox"/> Download Information Packet and read thoroughly
<input type="checkbox"/> Application - Complete application by July 31, 2019; Submit completed application online to admissions@brazosport.edu
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed all college admission requirements - see catalog at http://catalog.brazosport.edu
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete the FAFSA online at www.FAFSA.gov and complete all forms in accordance with Brazosport College Financial Aid in order to be considered for Federal and State grants and Federal Student Loans. Complete the Brazosport College Scholarship Application at www.brazosport.edu/scholarships Students may be eligible for scholarships, even if they don't qualify for need-based aid. Review and seek tuition assistance from Workforce Solutions. Extensive planning and full-time commitment to nursing school is essential for success.
<input type="checkbox"/> Register for TEAS at the front desk in the lobby of main campus or at the Testing Center (first floor). TEAS review books are available in library or buy @ BC Bookstore
<input type="checkbox"/> All prior and current transcripts must be submitted to the college registrar. All transcripts must be received by Brazosport College Registrar prior to turning in application. Applicants are entirely responsible for ensuring transcripts are received in Registrar's Office.
<input type="checkbox"/> References: are best from professors or anyone who can objectively evaluate your academic ability. (references from friends or co-workers are not as strong) Seek references in advance! Do not wait until the submission deadline. It is recommended to provide professors plenty of time to complete a form. Submit in person during business hours, by mail to Registrar's office - Brazosport College Attn: Office of Admissions & Registrar 500 College Dr Lake Jackson, TX 77566 or applicants may pick up and deliver their references to the Registrar's office if the recommendations are in a sealed envelope.
<input type="checkbox"/> Begin required vaccinations (if pursuing a career in Health Professions) especially Hepatitis B (3 shot series). The local Texas Department of Health is usually least costly. TDH locally administers Hepatitis B and other vaccinations. The Health department administers vaccinations on specific days only. Call the local DTH office before you go to insure needed vaccines are on hand. Angleton: 979-388-1484; Clute: 979-265-4446
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep your contact information current. If we cannot contact you, you will miss an opportunity
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicants are responsible for submitting ALL application materials
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep your own checklist of submitted documents

Admission Information

1. Accepted students must have a urine drug screen and physical examination performed by either a physician or mid-level provider using program issued medical forms. Students must demonstrate ability to perform and meet essential physical functions and critical core attributes, as described in "Critical Core Attributes" (included in this packet).
2. Negative drug screen during final admission period. Students are randomly selected for drug screening throughout the program. Students refusing drug screening are withdrawn from clinical or classroom and will be dismissed from program
3. Immunizations must be current, and include Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) every 10 years, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR 2 doses), Hepatitis B (3 doses)*, meningitis (state requirement for individuals under 23 years of age), and yearly influenza vaccination. Students must submit results of TB test (PPD screening) every year for program duration. Students are responsible for remaining current with PPD and other clinical requirements. Persons with prior BCG vaccination often have a strong positive reaction to routine PPD screening. Usually persons with prior BCG vaccination are screened with chest x-ray and NOT PPD.

*** Please note the Hepatitis B series is usually given over a period of 6-7 months. The Hepatitis B series MUST be completed by February 1.**

4. BLS CPR (American Heart Association **Only** Class "C") must be current and maintained every two years. Classes are routinely offered by a variety of providers, including Lake Jackson EMS, Brazosport College CE (230-3600); and other vendors. Access the American Heart Association web site for additional information.
5. Applicants invited for admission must complete a final FBI criminal background check initiated by LVN program Coordinator. The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) mails a card or eligibility letter to applicants when the background check is complete. Applicants **must** bring a copy of the clearance card or eligibility letter to the LVN Program Coordinator during entry semester. Applicants failing to satisfy the background check policy and screen are dropped from program roles and are not allowed to register or progress in the nursing program.
6. Applicants with prior nursing program admission, classes, or other nursing program activity, **must** have a letter from the Dean or Director of the prior program mailed directly to Brazosport College LVN Program Coordinator, Chesney Sisson 500 College Drive HS-100P Lake Jackson, TX 77566. The dean or director should provide information related to prior withdrawal or dismissal, eligibility for re-admission, and potential for success. The letter must be received in the health professions office no later than 12:00 am July 31, 2018. Applicants ineligible to re-enter the prior nursing program are NOT eligible for admission in any Brazosport College nursing or EMS programs.

Program Progression

Students are accountable for adhering to all college and program policies and procedures

1. Students must abide by current LVN admission and curriculum requirements while enrolled in BC Licensed Vocational Nursing Program.
2. Once a student has enrolled in the LVN program, **nursing** courses must be completed in sequence.
3. No grade below a 75%, C (GPA 2.5) in nursing or science coursework is acceptable for progression
4. In order to earn a grade of C, a minimum grade of 75% must be earned in each nursing course. Grades are not rounded up in the nursing program. A 74.9% is not rounded to 75%.

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

The application for the Vocational Nursing Program includes five questions applicants must answer during the licensure application process. Information provided is mandated by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) as part of the licensure process in Texas.

Students with concerns regarding issues addressed in the questions should review the applicant information packet for clarification. Certain situations may allow an individual to answer “no” to a question even though there is a positive history. Individuals may complete the program and have licensure denied or revoked due to extenuating circumstances related to issues addressed in the questions.

This information is provided to make applicants aware of real or potential eligibility issues affecting licensure after completing the eleven month LVN program. For further information or questions, you may contact the Texas Board of Nursing at (512) 305-7400 or visit the website at: <http://www.bon.state.tx>

The Texas Board of Nursing provides extensive public information about eligibility and appeal of eligibility for licensure. The board has a published appeal process that may require as long as 18 months to complete. A prior condition, problem, legal issue, health issue, or other specific incident or occurrence may NOT affect eligibility. Failure to proactively enter the declaratory board order process will delay or prohibit eligibility status. The Declaratory Order Form is available on the TBON website.

You will be asked the following questions during the last program semester. All applicants undergo an FBI criminal background check, including fingerprints. If you answer “yes” at that time to any of the questions (below) you may, under certain conditions, be ineligible for the NCLEX-PN Examination. If you have questions, call the Director of Vocational Nursing, Chesney Sisson at (979) 230-3472, or email at Chesney.sisson@brazosport.edu.

1) No Yes 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 have 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 judgment/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 you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our 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 subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Board of Nursing 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) No Yes Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?

3) No Yes 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) No Yes Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?

5) No Yes Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

If “YES” indicate the condition: schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, borderline personality disorder

If you answered “YES” to any of the questions listed above, attach a letter of explanation that is dated and signed indicating the circumstance(s) you are reporting to the Board.

***CRITICAL CORE ATTRIBUTES**

The delivery of safe and effective nursing care is the most important aspect of patient care. The following nursing student attributes are required to protect patients from harm. Therefore all students must, with or without reasonable accommodation, demonstrate the following skills throughout progressive classroom and clinical experiences.

ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Critical Thinking Cognitive Ability	Critical thinking sufficient to make safe clinical decisions	Ability to simultaneously perform multiple tasks while problem solving Identify cause and effect relationships in clinical practice Utilize the nursing process as a tool to develop individualized care Demonstrates a quick response to a critical and stressful event demonstrating competency in technical skill, verbal responses, and documentation
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Interpersonal skills	Ability to interact with others from various social, cultural, or intellectual backgrounds	Establish and maintain trust with patients, families, peers, faculty, clinical facility staff, and others. Demonstrate emotional control in stressful situations (i.e. manifest calm and therapeutic reactions when the intensity of the situation escalates)
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Communication skills	Communicate across all ages and cultures, in a manner that is understandable, both verbally and in written format. If English is a second language, applicants must demonstrate English proficiency on assessments defined by the BON.	Provide concise, comprehensive communication to patients, family members, and other appropriate health care professionals regarding treatments, procedures, medications, and other information. Initiate patient health teaching (i.e. provides written and oral instructions, answers all questions concerning information provided) Uses professional language in the classroom and clinical setting (i.e. does not revert to use of slang or verbal responses commonly used in social situations outside of school)
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Physical mobility	Ability to ambulate from place to place in a timely manner and work in confined spaces	Work within the confines of limited space (i.e. patient rooms, space between patient bed and room equipment of furniture, space between multiple patient stretchers, small bathrooms, other areas) Safely transport patients on a stretcher or in wheelchair Safely transfer patients on a stretcher or in wheelchair. Safely transfer patient (potentially without assistance) from device to bed or exam table Respond quickly and efficiently in emergency situations Perform CPR when necessary (i.e. gain access to patient such as climbing on bed, upper body strength to sustain cardio and pulmonary resuscitation measures for several minutes) Perform safe patient care according to standards of care (i.e. bed bath, dressing changes) Physical ability to move quickly and endure a sustained period of activity without showing signs of personal stress (i.e. excessive perspiration that contaminate a sterile field)
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Motor skills	Sufficient to provide safe and effective care	Physical motor skills are sufficient to lift, carry, push and pull weights from 25 to 100 lbs. with full range of motion Ability to bend and stoop in confined spaces to reach objects possible in a space of 1 inch from the floor and can reach overhead to retrieve or place items on shelves Endure an 8-12 hours shift with a minimum of 6-8 hours of standing or walking Perform psychomotor procedures in which accuracy is essential, and demonstrate the ability to adapt skills to the particular clinical situation
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Hearing ability	Sufficient to make the necessary observations and assessments for safe and effective patient care	Ability to monitor alarms (i.e. patient call bell, fire alarms, emergency equipment such as a heart or respiratory monitor) and ascertain auscultatory sounds (i.e. heart, lung, bowel sounds) Communicate with the patient and family Communicate with health care providers in situations where face-to-face communication is not possible (i.e. emergencies, telephone conversations, verbal orders, etc.)
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Visual ability	Sufficient to make the necessary observations and assessments, and nursing skills for safe and effective patient care	Ability to assess/observe patient responses and distinguish subtle changes in patient status (i.e. grimacing, state of alertness to drowsiness or semi-alert, facial expressions) Identify and distinguish colors and shades of the same color (i.e. skin color (ranges of blues) Read protocols and procedures specific to facility and unit Read required dosages and instructions for mixing medications from a vial or ampule (extremely small print) Coordinate hand eye movements rapidly and precisely (i.e. draw up specific amount of medication in syringes, insert Foley catheter, perform dressing changes, maintain sterile technique, etc.)
ATTRIBUTE	STANDARD	OBSERVABLE BEHAVIORS
Tactile ability	Sufficient to perform physical assessment and perform skills necessary for safe and effective patient care	Finger dexterity sufficient to perform palpation, percussion, and any other components of an exam requiring touch sensitivity (i.e. palpate pulses, detect skin and solution temperatures, environmental hazards such as heat and cold extremes) Ability to grasp and manipulate small objects such as medicine vials, tubes, syringes(i.e. catheter or IV insertion)

*Students are required to sign a statement indicating ability to meet and perform critical core attributes.

LVN CURRICULUM SCHEDULE & APPROXIMATE COSTS

Spring Semester - 18 Credit Hours

- [VNSG 1222 - Vocational Nursing Concepts](#) **Credit Hours: 2**
- [VNSG 1323 - Basic Nursing Skills](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 2331 - Advanced Nursing Skills](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 1227 - Essentials of Medication Administration](#) **Credit Hours: 2**
- [VNSG 1331 - Pharmacology](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 1329 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 1260 - Clinical - Licensed Vocational Nurse Training I](#) **Credit Hours: 2**

Summer Semester - 13 Credit Hours

- [VNSG 1230 - Maternal Neonatal Nursing](#) **Credit Hours: 2**
- [VNSG 1234 - Pediatrics](#) **Credit Hours: 2**
- [VNSG 1332 - Medical-Surgical Nursing II](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 1361 - Clinical - Licensed Vocational Nurse Training II](#) **Credit Hours: 3**
- [VNSG 1362 - Clinical - Licensed Vocational Nurse Training III](#) **Credit Hours: 3**

Fall Semester - 7 Credit Hours

- [VNSG 1119 - Leadership and Professional Development](#) **Credit Hours: 1**
- [VNSG 1238 - Mental Illness](#) **Credit Hours: 2**
- [VNSG 1460 - Clinical - Licensed Vocational Nurse Training IV](#) **Credit Hours: 4**

APPROXIMATE COSTS OF LVN PROGRAM

	1ST SEMESTER 18 credit hours	2ND SEMESTER 13 credit hours	3RD SEMESTER 7 credit hours
Tuition (In-Dist/Out-of-Dist)	\$1629/\$2241	\$1176.50/\$1618.50	\$633.50/\$871.50
Course fees	\$450	\$325	\$175
Supplies*	\$400		
Books**	\$2000		
Total each semester	\$4,479/\$5091	\$1501.50/\$1943.50	\$808.50/\$1046.50

*Supplies consist of stethoscope, uniforms, shoes, etc. that the program deems necessary

**Books are purchased first semester but used throughout the program