A Career in Nursing

- Lone Star College - Cy Fair
- Associate Degree Nursing Information Session
Role of the Nurse

- A nurse’s function is defined by the Nurse Practice Act (NPA) & controlled by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON).

- RNs supervise the on-going care of patients and families with a focus on wellness utilizing the nursing process.

- LVN’s practice under the supervision of the RN or MD
Where Do Nurses Work?

- Clinics
- Offices
- Schools
- Home Care
- Long-Term Care Center
- Hospitals
- Occupational Settings
- Community
Current nursing job market

- Some nurses have had difficulty getting the job of their choice in the Houston market.

- Upon graduation, may need to consider jobs in areas outside of Houston or “off shifts”

- Directly related to: National goal of 80% BSNs by 2020.

- We have many ADN to BSN articulation agreements in place.
  - PVAM
  - UTEP
  - University of Phoenix
  - UTHSC
  - Capella University
  - Kaplan University
  - TWU
  - Sam Houston University
  - UTA
  - Lamar University
Application Steps for Lone Star College System

Go to:  http://www.lonestar.edu/admissions.htm

+ Have official transcripts sent to LSC-CF; Student Services (not Nursing Office)

- Meet with a healthcare advisor-HSC 204
HESI Entrance Exam Information

- Instructions and form at: [http://wwwappskc.lonestar.edu/cgi/nurse-cyfair/index.cfm](http://wwwappskc.lonestar.edu/cgi/nurse-cyfair/index.cfm)
- Assessment Center- controls exam (not Nursing Dept)
  - **must make an appt through link above**
  - No walks-ins
  1. **Also now available at Cypress Center and Fairbanks**
- Cost - $35 (subject to change)
HESI Exam Information

- 5 sections (currently):
  + Math
  + Reading
  + Vocabulary
  + Grammar
  + A & P

- Passing scores (on each of the 5 exams)
  + ADN= 75%-Can’t submit application if required scores (on all 5) not met

- If not successful in any section, must retake all 5 parts of exam - not just section where passing score not attained

- Maximum of 5.5 hours to take all parts of exam
Additional HESI A2 exam

• The Critical Thinking portion of HESI A2 entrance exam will be required starting with the July 2015 application period.

• Will be part of requirements for 6/16 admission period.

• A minimum score of 750 for ADN and 700 for VN
HESI Exam Information

- Available to retake every 60 days
- Good for 1 calendar year
- Only most recent scores used
  - Must be completed no later than one week prior to application deadline - test closes
- If not taken at LSCS, must be sent from HESI (check their website) - $15 fee
ADN Programs available through LSCS

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*evening/weekend program
* Quest program (online with prior bachelor’s degree)

Application Periods

Fall Enrollment - mid January to early March
Spring Enrollment - early July to early September
Nursing Curriculum

- Integrated Curriculum vs. Blocked Curriculum

- LSC-CF offers a Blocked Curriculum. Other LSCS colleges offer an integrated curriculum.

- Integrated curriculum = program organized around series of concepts that progress from simple to complex.

- Blocked curriculum = program courses divided by content area such as pediatrics, obstetrics, and medical-surgical nursing.
Courses no longer in ADN degree plan

- SOCI 1301 - Principles of Sociology
- PSYC 2314 - Lifespan: Growth & Development
- SPCH 1311 or 1318
- Kinesiology

Required by Texas law to decrease to 60 credit hours for AAS degree
Admissions Criteria - ADN

- Lone Star College System & Nursing Program application
- Math 0310 - required for admission
- BIOL 2401 & ENGL 1301-COMPLETED
- All academic courses must be “C” or better
- Overall GPA 2.5
- A&P and Micro must be completed within 5 yrs of application - may take refresher course - see CE catalogue
Admissions Criteria - ADN

• **Effective now! AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION:**

• In order to be in compliance with clinical site requirements, documentation of a positive Hepatitis B numerical-titer done within the past 3 years must be submitted at the time of application.

• If the titer is negative, documentation of your previous completed series of 3 immunizations, along with the report of the negative titer, and evidence of your first booster since the negative titer in the series of 3 must be submitted.
Ranking for Placement of Applicants

- GPA in BIOL 2401 & ENGL 1301 only
  - 4 possible points

- Score on all HESI exams
  - Must all be 75%
  - 4 possible points
  - Score is average of all 5/6 exams
Final Acceptance into ADN Program contingent on the completion of (BY THE STATED DUE DATE):

- Clear Criminal background check & possible drug screening
- Current TB Status & documentation of childhood immunizations AND MMR & VARICELLA titers
- Tdap within last 8 years
- Current AHA (only) CPR certification (must be for health care provider)
- Proof of current Health Insurance
English Proficiency Requirement

- Accepted nursing students & alternates who completed high school outside the United States of America must provide proof of English language proficiency.

- Can be done by submitting one of the following:
  - Test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL).
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Test.
  - Provide documentation of graduation from high school from an English speaking country such as Canada (other than Quebec), Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Ireland (inclusive).

- If graduated from English speaking high school in a country not listed, provide official transcripts and a notarized letter from the headmaster/principal of the high school stating that English was the primary language of the courses taught.

- Provide documentation of graduation from a college or university in the United States, or other countries as listed above.
SSNs &/or Visas

- Clinical sites require students be either US citizens, a permanent resident (possess a “green card”) or have a valid F-1 Visa ONLY as a condition of being assigned to their site.

- Students who are unable to complete the clinical skills requirement will not be able to complete the program due to a lack of clinical placement.
Alternate Pool

• If you are not accepted to a specific program, you will be placed into the alternate pool.

• If you are accepted into a program you would rather not attend, you can decline and be placed into the Alternate Pool. Need to be aware that you risk of not getting any slot.

• If you accept an offered position, you will not be considered for any other program.
Alternate Pool

• When a slot becomes available, based on your ranking, you will be offered a position at any of the accepting colleges—except any you declined.

• You may either accept that position, or wait for an opening at the school of your choice.—no guarantee again!

• Need to be aware that each school has different requirements (titers, drug screening, etc). You MUST have the requirements of that specific college in order to be accepted there. Check each program’s website.
Clinical Sites

- The Brookwood Community
- Cy Fair ISD
- Cy Fair Medical Center
- Cypress Creek Hospital
- Memorial Hermann Memorial Hospital System
  - Katy
  - Memorial City
- SIRE
- Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital
- North Cypress Medical Center
- Texas Children’s Hospital
- West Oaks Hospital
- Houston Methodist West Hospital
- St. Luke’s at the Vintage
What can I expect?

- Busy Schedule - Cannot work full-time! No more than a few hours part-time/week
- Will attend class/clinical/lab 4-5 days per week, clinical generally starts at 6:30am
- Clinicals may be on off-shifts as well as weekends
Program Costs- ADN (In district)

- Pre-reqs Estimate - subject to change
  1. 7 hrs tuition = $455
  2. Immunizations = $150-varies with insurance & provider
  3. Fingerprinting & background check = $44
  4. CPR = $40-50
  5. Infrastructure fee = $20
  6. (co-reqs tuition = $1281)

  Total = $2000

- RNSG semester 1 Estimate - subject to change
  1. Tuition = $862
  2. Malpractice insurance = $12-19
  3. Books = $600
  4. Nursing packs = $169
  5. Elsevier & Lippincott resources ~ $250
  6. Infrastructure fee = $20
  7. Distance Learning fee = $15
  8. Lab fees = $54

  Total = $1970
Program Costs - ADN (In district)

- **RNSG semester 2**
  - Estimate - subject to change

1. Tuition = $1268
2. Malpractice insurance = $12
3. Books = $520
4. Uniforms = $200
5. Infrastructure fee = $20
6. Elsevier & Lippincott resources ~ $250
   
Total = $2273

- **RNSG semester 3**
  - Estimate - subject to change

1. Tuition = $1700
2. Malpractice insurance = $12-15
3. Books = $600
4. Elsevier & Lippincott resources ~ $250
5. Distance Learning fee = $15
6. Infrastructure fee = $20

Total = $2600
1. Tuition = $1971
2. Malpractice insurance = $12-15
3. Books = $400
4. Elsevier & Lippincott resources ~ $250
5. Distance Learning fee= $15
6. Infrastructure fee=$20
7. NCLEX registration fees = $340
8. Graduation pin = $70-400
9. Jurisprudence prep course =$25
10. Fingerprinting = $50
11. Passport picture = $15

**Total = $3181**

**Program Total = $10,024**
Applications & information found
On Lone Star College System (LSCS) website-
ONLY AVAILABLE DURING APLICATION PERIODS

http://www.lonestar.edu/nursing-requirements.htm
or
LSC-CF Nursing Program website

http://www.lonestar.edu/nursingcyfair.htm
Need more information???

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www.lonestar.edu/nursingcyfair

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