

**Lone Star College – Kingwood
Vocational Nursing Program
Admission Criteria for August 2009
Applications Accepted January 19, 2009-May 15, 2009**

- ◆ Apply to LSCS online at www.lonestar.edu, or in the Admissions Office, if not a current student.
- ◆ Submit official transcripts from all non-Lonestar Colleges and universities attended; declare Vocational Nursing (C2PRN2) as a major. Students with a degree from another country must have transcripts evaluated from an accredited foreign evaluation agency prior to the deadline. Transcript evaluation takes time to complete so do it enough in advance that you can meet the deadline. This process must be completed prior to the application deadline.
- ◆ Pass TASP/THEA or meet the **Student Success Initiative** requirements. (See college advisor for your status; *TASP Exempt* students must be reevaluated under the Student Success Initiative requirements)
- ◆ Complete the **standardized HESI Nursing pre-entrance exam** in grammar, reading and math prior to completing the online VN application. The cost of the test is \$25 at this time, but the cost *is subject to change* and payment is the responsibility of the applicant. Payment must be made to the college Business Office and receipt presented to the Testing Center to be able to take the tests. All Nursing applicants must take the pre-entrance exam unless you have already taken the exam and are satisfied with your scores. There are NO EXCEPTIONS! **The Nursing pre-entrance exam may only be taken once per application period. If taken more than once during this application period (January 19 – May15), the first test scores will be used for ranking.** A study guide is available on reserve at the library or in the tutoring center. Student will sign up for the HESI (nurse pre-entrance exam) on the Lonestar Kingwood website and print out your test ticket, take it to the Lonestar Kingwood business office to make your payment, then take the receipt and test ticket to the testing center along with a photo ID on the test date you have chosen. It is the student's responsibility to go back into the schedule to change your test date if necessary. ***It is the responsibility of the student to have the pre-entrance exam completed one week prior to the application deadline, May 8, 2009.***

Complete and Submit the online application (available January 19, 2009), print the application and score sheet. ***Student is responsible for submitting a complete application packet.*** If not complete, the student is considered inadmissible. Deadline to submit completed application will be **May 15, 2009 at 4:00pm.**

**Academic Pre-requisite Courses
Vocational Nursing Program Degree Plan 2008**

For 2009 admission, complete the following prerequisite course(s) with a grade of C or higher:

BIOL 2404 Human Anatomy & Physiology **OR**

(both BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II ***if planning to continue for ADN degree after completing Vocational Nursing Certificate)***

Additional courses which can be taken in advance which will apply to the Nursing Degree Plan:

- *BIOL 1322 Nutrition* may be taken in advance and credit will be given in the VN Program.
- *RNSG 1301 Pharmacology* may be taken in advance and credit will be given in the VN Program.

All courses accepted into the Vocational Nursing Program must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. ALL Biology courses submitted for program credit must be completed no more than five (5) years prior to admission to the nursing program.

2009 Ranking Criteria for Admission Vocational Nursing Program

	Category	Explanation	Possible Points	Official Score
1.	Pre-requisite Science Course successfully completed with a "C" or higher Applicants who have successfully completed BIOL 2404 and BIOL 2401 & 2402 will receive the highest points of either BIOL 2401 or combined GPA of BIOL 2401 & 2402	Either: BIOL 2404 grade: _____ Or Both: BIOL 2401 grade: _____ & BIOL 2402 grade: _____	C=2 points B=3 points A=4 points 4	
2.	Combined scores of the pre-entrance grammar, reading comprehension and math assessment test HESI	Reading score: _____ Math score: _____ Add scores and divide by 50	4	
3.	Total possible points		8	

Further information may be found on the Lonestar Kingwood
<http://kingwood.lonestar.edu/goto/nursing> select the [VN program](#).

Nursing Information Sessions are held each month at Lonestar Kingwood for applicants and interested students. Please refer to the above website for schedules.

Program hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., for 12 months (three semesters).

Immunizations: Students who plan to apply to any health occupations program need to complete the ***Hepatitis B*** vaccine series prior to beginning of the program. This series requires six months to complete, so applicants must have completed this series by July 1, 2008. Students will be required to present documentation of progress or completion of the HEP B series at the time of submitting application.

Background check: Area clinical facilities are now requiring all health care students to have a background check prior to clinical rotations. Applicants who have a criminal history of any kind must apply to the Texas Board of Nursing for Declaratory Order prior to beginning the program. Information is available at www.bon.state.tx.us, and then go to Forms, then to Declaratory Order. This process takes up to one year, and must be completed in order to begin clinical rotations. If problems with the background check cannot be resolved quickly, student will not be able to begin clinical and will need to return to the program at a future date. Background check is only required if you are accepted into the program.

Estimated Program Cost: In-district > \$4,858.38 Out-of-district > \$7,618.38

Nursing student code of conduct: applicants to the Nursing Program are required to comply with the Nursing Student Code of Conduct. See website for details.