



LVN-RN Advanced Placement

- Revised for Spring 2023

The Dallas College School of Health Sciences offers an LVN to RN Advanced Placement (“Bridge”) program at the El Centro campus. The program is designed for a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to complete the Associate Degree Nursing curriculum in an accelerated process.

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 approved by 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).

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.**

This information packet contains specific application guidelines and requirements. Submission of application materials verifies that an individual has 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 Dallas 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 Dallas College.
- Viewing the LVN-RN Advanced Placement online information session to receive bridge application forms.
- Completion of the prerequisite courses with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 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 (Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Vocabulary/General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy/Physiology).
- Submission of complete documentation of a current physical exam, tuberculosis screening, required immunizations, and CPR certification to SurScan.
- Submission of complete application materials to the Allied Health Admissions Office via email during a designated filing period.

A. General Admission Requirements to the College

Applicants to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement program must meet all [college admission requirements](#) as outlined in the official college catalog.

Applicants must have earned either a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED) in addition to complying with Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements before they will be eligible to apply to the program. Students should consult an academic advisor to determine their TSI status prior to application to the program.

All students applying or enrolled at a Dallas College campus 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 College campus.

Official College Transcripts

Prior to application to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement program, potential applicants must have submitted **official transcripts from all colleges and universities the applicant has attended whether the coursework is or is not relevant to the program application.** Transcripts from Dallas College campuses are not required. **Transcripts from private vocational nursing training programs and technical institutes must also be submitted.**

The transcripts must be current with the **print date no earlier than three years** prior to the applicant's anticipated admission to the program. If the official transcripts have not been submitted, the individual's application will be voided.

Official transcripts must be sent electronically from the applicant's previous colleges to studenttranscripts@dcccd.edu. Transcripts sent by the applicant in pdf or other formats are not accepted. Transcripts may also be mailed from a college in a sealed envelope to Admissions – Eastfield campus, 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.

Initial College Application, Advisement, and Enrollment

Students who are beginning college for the first time will follow the [Six Steps to Enrollment](#) which will guide them from applying the college system to placement testing, selecting a degree plan, contacting an academic advisor, and enrolling in basic courses.

A student who has not completed college coursework should request a general Associate Degree plan from the Academic Advisement Center as a starting point toward future application to a health sciences program. **Note: Additional assessment testing in computer literacy and learning frameworks courses may be required for certain students.**

Online Program Information Sessions

Potential applicants are required to view an online [LVN-RN Advanced Placement information session](#) where the program, application procedures, and acceptance policies are discussed in detail. The information session must be viewed as a running Power Point and a link to a questionnaire will activate at the end of the presentation. Once the questionnaire is submitted, application forms will be emailed to the applicant within 1-2 business days.

B. Program Prerequisite Courses

Application to the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program requires a total of 16 credit hours of prerequisite coursework. **An applicant must complete the following prerequisite courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher on these specific courses:**

Prerequisite Courses	Credit Hrs
PSYC 2301 - General Psychology OR PSYC 2314 - Lifespan Growth and Development	3
ENGL 1301 - Composition I	3
MATH 1314 - College Algebra OR MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistics	3
RNSG 1301 - Pharmacology OR RNSG 1311 - Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 2401 - Anatomy and Physiology I	4
RNSG 1008 - Math and Dosage Calculations (non-credit course)	0
TOTAL	16

Applicants must achieve an overall minimum GPA of 2.00 or higher on a 4.00 system to be eligible for program acceptance. Developmental courses are not included in overall GPA calculation.

C. Evaluation of Previous Coursework

Official transcripts are fully evaluated by the Dallas College Transcript Evaluation Center after a student has been enrolled for at least one regular semester. However, the Allied Health Admissions Office at the El Centro campus also evaluates a student's coursework and generates an Educational Plan for the student. The [Educational Plan](#) is a preliminary, unofficial degree plan for advisement purposes and only reflects specific courses toward a health sciences program.

Educational Plans are optional and are not required for application to a health sciences program. Ed 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 complete. Therefore, an Educational Plan should be requested at least one semester prior to a program application filing deadline if possible.

The School of Health Sciences and the Allied Health Admissions Office reserve the right to accept or reject any coursework completed at other colleges presented for transfer evaluation toward Health Sciences programs.

Five-Year Time Limit on Select Courses

BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2420, RNSG 1301 and RNSG 1311 must be completed within five years of anticipated program entry. For example, BIOL 2401 completed in Spring 2018 is valid for application to the Spring 2023 Associate Degree Nursing program.

However, if the course was completed in Fall 2017 or earlier, the course will have exceeded the five-year limit. There are no exceptions to the five-year time limit. If CHEM 1405 or CHEM 1411 is completed for extra ranking points, the course also falls under the five-year time limit rule. No waivers of the five-year time limit are considered.

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 Sciences programs.

Advanced Placement (“AP”) credit for ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 is acceptable if the credit appears on a college transcript as ENGL 1301 and PSYC 2301 equivalency. A letter grade is not awarded for “AP” credit.

Note: An applicant to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement program may present credit by exam, CLEP, or “AP” credit for only one LVN-RN Advanced Placement Prerequisite Courses. Credit is acknowledged but not calculated in the grade point average.

See detailed information regarding [Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Credit by Examination](#).

Coursework from Foreign Universities

Only microbiology and college-level algebra may be considered for transfer to the LVN- Bridge Associate Degree Nursing program from colleges or universities outside the United States. **No other courses will be considered.** [Foreign Coursework Evaluation](#) is a multi-step process which may take several weeks. **The student must be enrolled in credit classes at a Dallas College campus before the evaluation process can be initiated.**

D. HESI A² Test

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 Associate Degree Nursing 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.**

HESI A2 score	Points Awarded For That Section
80 – 84	= 1 point
85 – 89	= 2 points
90 – 95	= 3 points
96 – 100	= 4 points

The following is an example of points awarded for a sample applicant's HESI A² scores:

HESI A ² section	Score	Points Awarded
Reading Comprehension	94	3
Grammar	96	4
Vocabulary/General Knowledge	88	2
Math	83	1
Anatomy/Physiology	98	4

Please Note the following important information regarding the HESI A²:

1. Test scores are valid for **two years** from the date of testing to the application filing deadline date.
2. Applicants may take the HESI A² at any approved testing site including the assessment center at the El Centro campus Paramount Building. The approximate cost of the HESI test at various Dallas College testing centers is \$50.00. HESI A² testing is also available online at a cost of approximately \$70.00. Email 5tests@dcccd.edu for instructions.
3. **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.**
4. HESI A² testing appointments at the El Centro campus fill quickly. Applicants are encouraged to schedule their HESI A² several weeks prior to an application filing deadline. **Note: Score sheets may not be available for download from the Elsevier website for 2-3 days. Do not assume that you will have your score sheet to submit with application materials if you test on the application deadline date.**
5. The **HESI A² Study Guide** is available at various bookstores including the Follett Bookstores. A [HESI A2 Prep course](#) is periodically offered at Dallas College campuses. Contact ceadmissionsregistraton@dcccd.edu for dates and times of the prep course.
6. **There is no limit on the number of times an applicant may take the HESI A² test for application to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement “bridge” program.** If the applicant desires to retake the HESI A², **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 recorded scores.
7. Before retesting, the applicant is encouraged to review the study guide and/or enroll in the HESI A² prep course to prepare for the retest opportunity.

E. SurScan

Applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing program are required to have a current physical examination, specific immunizations, a tuberculosis screening, and BLS (Basic Life Support) CPR certification. The School of Health Sciences utilizes SurScan, a medical record management company, to verify these requirements. Applicants submit this documentation directly to SurScan who will verify the completeness of the immunization requirements. no later than the application filing deadline. Failure to submit this documentation and be complete with these requirements by the application deadline will result in disqualification of the applicant. You must upload a copy of your current license into SurScan.

Important Note: Some of the immunizations require multiple doses on a specific timeline over several months. Therefore, potential applicants to this program should begin their immunizations at least six to seven months prior to the application deadline. Additional proof of immunizations including titers may be required by hospital clinical sites.

For more information on SurScan and this process, see [Immunization Requirements](#).



Dallas College - Student

Drug Screening, Background Check, Immunization
Verification
Registration Information

- www.surscan.com

Register

- Click on Register button on top left hand corner
- Client Code : DALLAS COLLEGE
- When you get to the select program section chose

Select Program

- Adult Cardiac Sonography
- Certified Nurses Aide (CNA)
- Computed Tomography
- Dental Assisting
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- EKG Technician
- EMS - EMT
- EMS - Paramedic
- Health Information Technology
- Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
- Mammography
- Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Front Office
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- MRI
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy Assistant

Select Program

*Confirm your program

Select Program

Submit

If you have issues with payment, it is usually the bank not recognizing your zip code associated with your card. Please make sure you have the correct zip code for your card.

General Inquiries and Issues:

If you experience any issues please feel free to contact SurScan at either **clientservices@surscan.com** or **972.633.1388**.

Immunization Verification Inquiries and Issues:

If you experience any issues for immunization records please feel free to contact SurScan at either **records@surscan.com** or **972.633.1388 ext. 107**.

F. LVN-RN Advanced Placement Program Application Materials Submission Spring 2023 Selection Process

Read the following instructions carefully.

After completing the LVN-RN Advanced Placement Prerequisite Courses, the five designated sections of the HESI A² test, and uploading the required physical exam, immunization, license, and CPR certification documentation to SurScan, the student is ready to submit their application materials. **Incomplete application materials will be disqualified.**

The application materials must be scanned and emailed to AlliedHealthAdmissions@dcccd.edu as pdf documents by the application filing deadline.

Application materials must include the following to be considered complete and valid:

1. A completed **LVN to RN Advanced Placement program Application** and the signed **Statement of Student's Responsibility forms**.
2. The **HESI A² score sheet** indicating achievement of a **minimum score of 80 or higher on each of the five required sections**.
3. **A screenshot of your Dosage Calculation exam indicating a score of 90% or higher.**
4. **A photocopy of your Texas Driver License or Texas ID card and Social Security card.**
5. **Documentation of a current Texas L.V.N. license.**
6. **If a member of Phi Theta Kappa, include a photocopy of your official Phi Theta Kappa membership card/certificate (if applicable).** Note: Submitting the PTK number or any other statement of membership is not accepted.

Note: Applicants are solely responsible for ensuring that their current official transcripts from ALL PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (excluding Dallas Colleges) are submitted to studenttranscripts@dcccd.edu or Admissions – Eastfield campus, 3737 Motley Dr., Mesquite, TX 75150 prior to applying to a Dallas College health sciences program. Official transcripts must have a print date no earlier than three years prior to the anticipated entry to a health sciences 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 SurScan.

Once application materials are emailed to the Allied Health Admissions Office, additional materials cannot be added in later emails.

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 Spring 2023 semester admission:

August 1 – August 31, 2022

Notification letters are mailed by October 15, 2022.

Official application filing period for Fall 2023 semester admission:

February 28, 2023 – March 22, 2023

Notification letters are mailed by May 31, 2023.

Complete application materials must be emailed to AlliedHealthAdmissions@dccd.edu by the application filing deadline. Application materials are not accepted in person or by conventional mail.

Late Application Guidelines

If all applicants on the qualified ranked list for a specific application filing period are accepted and space remains in that LVN-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-RN Advanced Placement class.**

LATE filing for Spring 2023 semester admission (if necessary):

September 1 – October 31, 2022

Notification emails are sent by November 30, 2022

LATE filing for Fall 2023 semester admission (if necessary):

March 23 – May 31, 2023

Notification emails are sent by July 1, 2023

The table below illustrates the ranking process for a sample group of applicants:

Example of Point Award Ranking Process

	Cumulative GPA on 5 Prerequisite Courses (Max. 5 pts.)	Support Course Grades (Max. 9 pts.)	RNSG 1301, <u>OR</u> RNSG 1311, <u>OR</u> SPAN 1300 (Max. 2 pts.)	HESI A ² Scores on each section (Max. 20 pts.)	PTK (Max. 1 pt.)	Courses toward BSN programs (Max. 14 pts.)	Total Points (Max. 56 pts.)	Cumulative Score on all five required sections of HESI A ² (tiebreaker)
App #1	3.80 = 5 pts.	BIOL 2402-A = 3 pts. BIOL 2420-A = 3 pts. Humanities-A = <u>3 pts.</u> TOTAL PTS. 9 pts.	RNSG 1301 = 1 pt. SPAN 1300 = <u>1 pt.</u> TOTAL PTS. 2 pts.	Reading 97.26 = 4 pts. Grammar 96 = 4 pts. Vocab/GK 100 = 4 pts. Math 98 = 4 pts. A/P 96 = <u>4 pts.</u> TOTAL HESI PTS. 20 pts.	PTK = 1 pt.	14 courses from the list on page 10	51	487.26
App #2	3.38 = 4 pts.	BIOL 2402-A = 3 pts. BIOL 2421-C = 0 pts. Humanities-A = <u>3 pts.</u> TOTAL PTS. 6 pts.	RNSG 1301 = 1 pt. SPAN 1300 = <u>1 pt.</u> TOTAL PTS. 2 pts.	Reading 96 = 4 pts. Grammar 100 = 4 pts. Vocab/GK 100 = 4 pts. Math 96 = 4 pts. A/P 98 = <u>4 pts.</u> TOTAL HESI PTS. 20 pts.	PTK = 1 pt.	12 courses	45	490
App #3	3.54 = 5 pts.	BIOL 2402-B = 2 pts. BIOL 2420-B = 2 pts. Humanities-A = <u>3 pts.</u> TOTAL PTS. 7 pts.	RNSG 1301 = 1 pt.	Reading 88 = 2 pts. Grammar 90 = 3 pts. Vocab/GK 93 = 3 pts. Math 98 = 4 pts. A/P 100 = <u>4 pts.</u> TOTAL HESI PTS. 16 pts.	None	14 courses	43	469
App #4	3.23 = 4 pts.	BIOL 2402-A = 3 pts. BIOL 2420-A = 3 pts. Humanities-A = <u>3 pts.</u> TOTAL PTS. 9 pts.	RNSG 1301 = 1 pt. SPAN 1300 = <u>1 pt.</u> TOTAL PTS. 2 pts.	Reading 100 = 4 pts. Grammar 96 = 4 pts. Vocab/GK 98 = 4 pts. Math 88 = 2 pts. A/P 97 = <u>4 pts.</u> TOTAL HESI PTS. 18 pts.	None	8 courses	41	479
App #5	4.00 = 5 pts.	BIOL 2402-B = 2 pts. BIOL 2420-B = 2 pts. Humanities-A = <u>3 pts.</u> TOTAL PTS. 7 pts.	RNSG 1311 = 1 pts.	Reading 92 = 3 pts. Grammar 98 = 4 pts. Vocab/GK 96 = 4 pts. Math 85 = 2 pts. A/P 100 = <u>4 pts.</u> TOTAL HESI PTS. 17 pts.	PTK = 1 pt.	11 courses	41	471

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 all of the ranking criteria factor into the point award ranking process.

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For example, Applicant #1 has a cumulative HESI A² score of 455.26 on all five sections combined with points awarded for the score on each section, has a GPA of 3.80 on the five prerequisite courses, has completed all three support courses with a grade of “A” in each, has completed both the optional pharmacology and Spanish courses, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and has completed all 14 of the additional courses toward the various BSN programs for a point total of 51. You will note that Applicants #4 and #5 have the same final point total of 41; however, Applicant #4 has a higher combined HESI A² score of 479 as opposed to Applicant #5’s combined HESI A² score of 471 which breaks the tie between them.

Therefore, if there were only four spaces available in the LVN to RN Advanced Placement program, Applicants 1-4 would be accepted to the program.

Applicants may improve their points ranking by: 1) repeating one or more of the five 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 “B” or higher; 3) completing the Spanish and pharmacology or pathophysiology courses; 4) repeating one or more sections of the HESI A² to earn a higher score and subsequently additional points; and 5) completing one or more of the 14 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) to improve an applicant’s competitiveness in the ranking process rests solely with the applicant.

I. Notification of Acceptance

All applicants to the LVN-RN Advanced Placement program receive a notification email indicating their acceptance status. A student who receives an acceptance email is required to return a confirmation form within a specified timeframe to verify their intent to accept the offered space at the designated campus.

Application materials 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 may reapply during the next application filing period.

Program guidelines are subject to change. Students are responsible for insuring they have the latest program information packet from:

[LVN-RN Advanced Placement information packets/information sessions](#)

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Curriculum Overview – LVN to RN Advanced Placement Program
Spring 2023

PREREQUISITES:			LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	EXT. HRS.	CONT. HRS.	CR. HRS.
RNSG 1008	Dosage Calculation (non-credit course)		0	0	0	0	0
ENGL 1301	Composition I		3	0	0	48	3
BIOL 2401	Applied Anatomy and Physiology		3	3	0	96	4
PSYC 2301	General Psychology OR						
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development		3	0	0	48	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra OR						
MATH 1342	Elementary Statistics		3	0	0	48	3
RNSG 1301	Pharmacology OR						
RNSG 1311	Pathphysiology		3	0	0	48	3
Total Hours:			15	3	0	288	16
SEMESTER II							
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II		3	3	0	96	4
BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors		3	4	0	112	4
RNSG 1144	Nursing Skills II		0	4	0	64	1
RNSG 1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health		4	0	0	64	4
RNSG 2362	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse		0	0	12	192	3
Total Hours:			10	11	12	528	16
SEMESTER III							
RNSG 1160	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse		0	0	4	64	1
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing		2	0	0	32	2
RNSG 2208	Maternal/Newborn Nursing and Women's Health		2	0	0	32	2
RNSG 2161	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse		0	0	4	64	1
RNSG 2201	Care of Children and Families		2	0	0	32	2
RNSG 2160	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse		0	0	4	64	1
Total Hours:			6	0	12	288	9
SEMESTER IV							
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adults		4	0	0	64	4
RNSG 2360	Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse*		3	0	12	192	3
RNSG 2121	Professional Nursing: Leadership and Management		1	0	0	32	1
Humanities or Fine Arts Elective			3	0	0	48	3
TOTAL HOURS:			8	0	12	288	11
GRAND TOTAL:						=====	52

A minimum grade requirement of "C" or better is required for ALL the courses in the Associate Degree Nursing program.

NOTE: Students enrolling in this program who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should consult an advisor regarding transfer requirements and the transferability of these courses to the four-year institution of their choice.

*RNSG 2360 Clinical-Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse is the capstone course for this award.

After a student completes semester IV, an additional 8 credit hours will be awarded for RNSG 1413, RNSG 1105, and RNSG 1360 to complete the required credit hours for the degree.

General Information

1. The Dallas College LVN to RN Advanced Placement program accepts a class of approximately 30* students each Fall and Spring semester at the El Centro campus.

The School of Health Sciences reserves the right to make changes in program enrollment capacity and to determine the minimum enrollment to offer the class each fall or semester.

2. Students enrolled in the Dallas College 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. If 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.
3. 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.
4. Applicants to the health sciences programs must submit physical examination and immunization documentation to SurScan no later than the program application deadline. Download more information at [Physical Exam and Immunization Requirements](#).

The physical examination must be on the **official physical form** and must have been documented no earlier than 12 months prior to the application deadline. The specific immunizations and screenings are indicated on the health form. **Note: Additional proof of immunizations including titers may be required by hospital clinical sites.**

IMMUNIZATION, CPR, AND PHYSICAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

The immunization requirements on this form are REQUIRED of all individuals applying to the School of Health Sciences program.

All Vaccine/Immunization records must include full dates i.e. month/day/year & health care providers' signatures. Health care provider initials may be considered sufficient if the document is on a health care provider's letterhead including the name & address of the practice.

Immunization records should include date administered, vaccine administered, injection site, specific dose, route, vaccine manufacturer, lot number, and expiration along with provider and student information. Lab reports required on all titers. Based on clinical placement requirements, a titer may be required after an initial equivocal or negative result and repeat series of vaccinations.

School records will NOT be accepted. Immunization records submitted without thorough documentation will not be accepted at any clinical site and students will be required to repeat vaccines or obtain titers in lieu of vaccines if applicable.

1. **1. MMR**
 - a. Documentation of 2 vaccines **or** positive Immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibody titers to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and Rubella.
 - b. If titer is negative or equivocal, series must be repeated.
 2. **Varicella**
 - a. Documentation of 2 vaccines **or** positive Immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibody titers to Varicella.
 - b. If titer is negative or equivocal, series must be repeated.
 3. **Tdap**
 - a. Documentation of vaccine within the past 10 years.
 4. **Influenza Vaccine (Seasonal Flu)**
 - a. Documentation of current seasonal flu vaccine by October 1st.
 5. **Hep B (Students involved in Direct Patient Care)**
 - a. Hepatitis B series (2 or 3 dose) (Hepatitis A/B combo series accepted) **AND**
 - b. Positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer. If Hep B vaccine documentation cannot be found, a positive titer will be sufficient.
 - c. If titer is negative or equivocal, series must be repeated and a 2nd titer is drawn; upload results of both titers and vaccination proof.
 6. **TB Testing**
 - a. TB skin test, QuantiFeron Gold (blood test) or T-Spot is accepted.
 - b. If screen results are positive (+), those results and documentation of a chest x-ray is required and must be negative for active disease.
 - c. TB screening must be within 12 months of program application and must be updated every year.
5. All applicants must be certified in BLS – Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers CPR certification. CPR certification from the American Heart **Association** (AHA), Red Cross, or Military-approved mechanism is the only approved CPR course and must be face-to-face or hybrid training. Completely online courses are not accepted. Some clinical sites may only accept AHA CPR cards. A photocopy of the front and back of the card must be submitted to SurScan no later than the program application deadline. The CPR certification must not expire prior to the anticipated program start date and must not expire during a semester when enrolled in the program. CPR courses are available at each Dallas College campus, the American Heart Association, various hospitals, independent instructors, etc.
 6. Proof of current personal healthcare insurance coverage is required for all health sciences students. **If documentation of coverage is not submitted to SurScan with immunization records, proof of coverage must be submitted in SurScan 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. Information on college student policies and rates can be found at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>. 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: <http://augeobenefits.com/nsna/home.php>
 7. Many of the LVN-RN Advanced Placement Prerequisite Courses, in one of the Application Eligibility Categories are offered online. See the presentation [Getting Ready for Online Learning](#) to see if you are a good candidate for online learning.

8. Criminal Background Check / Drug Screening

After acceptance to their respective health science program, all students are required by the Dallas/Fort Worth Hospital Council member facilities to undergo a [Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen](#) prior to beginning their clinical experience. Students are responsible for all charges incurred for these screenings which is handled by SurScan.

Results of these screenings are forwarded to the School of Health Sciences for review to verify that a student is eligible to attend clinical rotation. These screening results become the property of the School of Health Sciences and will not be released to the student or any other third party.

A clinical affiliate/facility reserves the right to remove a student from the facility for suspicion of substance use or abuse including alcohol. The clinical affiliate/facility 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 affiliate/facility reserves the right to expel a student from their facility.

Note: Should a student who has been accepted to a Health Sciences 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 program. A positive drug screen will prevent the student from reapplying to the nursing program two years.

9. 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 regarding 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.texas.gov.
10. The Dallas College Associate Degree Nursing program has also collaborated with BSN nursing programs at several Texas universities. Students in the Dallas College Associate Degree Nursing program will graduate as "core complete" with 60 credits hours. Completion of the 60-credit hour nursing program coupled with 60 additional credits in a BSN program will result in a true 120 credit hour Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. All RN-BSN articulation programs are offered online, have no local residency requirement, and offer automatic acceptance to Dallas College nursing graduates.
11. Please contact the office below for assistance:

Nursing Admissions
Allied Health Admissions Office
301 North Market Street Room P-101
Dallas TX 75202
Telephone: 972-860-5001
Email: AlliedHealthAdmissions@dcccd.edu

Electronic transcripts are sent directly to:

studenttranscripts@dcccd.edu.

Mailed official transcripts are sent directly to:

Admissions – Eastfield campus
3737 Motley Drive
Mesquite, TX 75150

Estimated Expenses for the LVN-RN Advanced Placement “Bridge” Program

	Dallas County Resident	Out of County Texas Resident	Out of State/ Country Resident
Prerequisite Tuition/Textbooks (16 cr. hrs.) *	\$ 1,343.00	\$ 2,239.00	\$ 3,279.00
CPR Certification	65.00	65.00	65.00
Physical Exam and Immunizations**	225.00	225.00	225.00
HESI A ² +	50.00	50.00	50.00
SurScan	112.00	112.00	112.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,795.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,691.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,731.00</u>
Semester II			
Tuition/Textbooks (16 credit hours)	\$ 1,264.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 3,200.00
HESI Mid-Curriculum Final Exam	87.00	87.00	87.00
Board of Nurse Examiners screening fee	100.00	100.00	100.00
Uniforms (approx. cost of 2 sets/jacket)	150.00	150.00	150.00
Name Tag (2)	20.00	20.00	20.00
Shoes (approximate cost)	60.00	60.00	60.00
Stethoscope (approximate cost)	35.00	35.00	35.00
Bandage scissors (approximate cost)	8.00	8.00	8.00
Watch with second hand (approximate cost)	40.00	40.00	40.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,764.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,660.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,700.00</u>
Semester III			
Tuition (9 credit hours)	\$ 711.00	\$ 1,215.00	\$ 1,800.00
HESI Final Exam	87.00	87.00	87.00
Total	<u>\$ 798.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,302.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,887.00</u>
Semester III			
Tuition (11 credit hours)	\$ 869.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 2,200.00
HESI Testing Fees	69.60	69.60	69.60
Pearson Vue NCLEX	200.00	200.00	200.00
NCLEX Review of your choice	275.00	275.00	275.00
NCLEX-RN License Fee	139.00	139.00	139.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,552.60</u>	<u>\$ 2,168.60</u>	<u>\$ 2,883.60</u>
Total Estimated Program Expense	\$ 5,909.60	\$ 8,821.60	\$ 12,201.60

* Tuition now includes RNSG 1008 and textbook costs. These and other fees are subject to change. See official catalog for tuition table. A [Tuition Payment Plan](#) option is available in fall and spring semesters.

** Estimated cost of physical exam and immunizations.

+ Online HESI A2 testing is \$70.00 with an additional fee for short notice testing.

Other costs to consider: Personal health care insurance coverage, transportation and parking at 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 to prepare for program application. It is not part of the application materials which are emailed to AlliedHealthAdmissions@dcccd.edu.

1. Download an [LVN-RN Advanced Placement information packet and view the online information session](#).
2. Complete an application for college admission and consult an academic advisor as needed for TSI counseling, placement testing, etc.; complete any developmental courses as may be prescribed from test scores.
3. Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities to studenttranscripts@dcccd.edu or Admissions – Eastfield campus, 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150. Transcripts/diplomas from private nursing schools and technical schools must also be submitted.
4. If needed, request Educational Plan/transfer evaluation of prerequisite or support courses taken at other colleges with the Health Sciences Admissions Office.
5. Complete the following five prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 or higher and at least a grade of “C” in each:

<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1301	<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2401	<input type="checkbox"/> RNSG 1301 or RNSG 1311
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1314 or MATH 1342	
6. Complete the required Dosage Calculations course (continuing education).
7. Complete the HESI A², scoring a minimum of 80% on all required sections of the test.
8. 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2402	<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities elective _____
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2420 or BIOL 2421	
9. If time allows prior to the application filing deadline, complete SPAN 1200, RNSG 1301 or RNSG 1311 and additional courses toward the UTA Professional Pathways RN-BSN program.
10. Create a SurScan account. Download the [Physical Exam and Immunization requirements](#), see a physician or healthcare clinic for a physical examination, immunizations, TB screening, etc., and obtain BLS CPR certification.
11. Submit physical exam form, immunizations, TB screening documentation, and photocopy of front and back of CPR card to SurScan prior to application filing deadline.
12. Compile the following complete application materials:

<input type="checkbox"/> Completed “Bridge” application and signed Statement of Students’ Responsibility forms.
<input type="checkbox"/> Scanned photocopy of a Texas Driver License or Texas ID card and Social Security card.
<input type="checkbox"/> Official HESI A ² score sheet (minimum score of 80% on each of the five required sections).
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter from supervisor/employer verifying 6 months recent employment.
<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of a current Texas LVN license
<input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of your official Phi Theta Kappa membership card/certificate (if applicable).
<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of any request for course substitution forms.
13. Email the above materials to AlliedHealthAdmissions@dcccd.edu with the subject line **“LVN-RN Bridge Nursing Application Materials”** by the application filing deadline.
14. Ranking of applicants is completed and notification emails are sent.