



# NAVARRO COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **“Can I apply to the Vocational Nursing Program (LVN) and the Registered Nursing Program (A.D.N.) at the same time?”**

Yes. Separate applications can be made to both programs. Contact the A.D.N. Department Program Director if you are interested in making application to the A.D.N. Program. Eligibility for the Vocational Nursing Program is determined after taking the TEAS Test and meeting the other entrance criteria for the program.

### **“If I don’t get into the Vocational Nursing Program this year, can I reapply next year?”**

Yes. There is no limitation on the number of times application can be made to the Vocational Nursing Program, but applicants must retake the entrance examination (TEAS) each time they make application. You must also attend a mandatory Information Session during the application period. It is recommended that applicants take academic courses in the interim period to prepare you for the LVN and/or A.D.N. Program. Recommended courses are BIOL 2401 and 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology), and PSYC 2301 (General Psychology), PSYC 2314 (Lifespan Growth and Development).

### **“What is a typical week like in the LVN Program?”**

Vocational Nursing students attend class and/or clinical 5 days a week. Class days are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There are two Internet classes per semester. Clinical days generally start at 6:30 am and end at 2:30 pm. Some clinical rotations may be scheduled in the evening. Each student must plan to spend extra time outside class studying and preparing for exams, skills evaluations, and patient care. It is highly recommended that students do not have outside jobs during the week while in the LVN Program. Vocational Nursing students must also have reliable transportation for attendance in the clinical rotations. Reliable childcare is also a must for those students who have small children.



### **“How much will it cost to complete the Vocational Nursing Program?”**

Cost varies for each student depending on in-district and out-of-district fees. The estimated cost for calendar year is enclosed in the Information Session packet and is on the Vocational Nursing webpage to provide the interested student with an idea of the expenses that will be incurred during each semester. Financial aid is available and all applicants are encouraged to complete applications early and visit the Financial Aid Office at Navarro College for additional help. The Carl Perkins Center can also provide help to students who meet their criteria.

**“Will the Vocational Nursing Department retain my application file for next year if I do not get selected for admission this year?”**

No. The Vocational Nursing Department does not retain files from year to year. After the beginning of the Fall Semester, the files of all applicants not accepted for admission are destroyed. The department does not have adequate space to store these records from year to year.

**“What does it mean to be placed on the ‘alternate list’ for admission?”**

Applicants who meet the qualifications for an application to the Vocational Nursing Program and who submit all the required data by the required deadlines will be ranked for admission. Applicants who do not make the cut for the admission list to each campus will be placed on the “Alternate List”. Should a student who was accepted release his/her name from the class roster prior to the first class day, the “alternate” who is at the top of the list will be notified of an opening and given the opportunity to accept the entrance position.

Alternates are ranked according to their ranking points. Applicants on the “alternate list” are often notified of an opening with short notice and must be ready to make a decision regarding admission if called. Navarro College does not retain the “alternate list” after the 3<sup>rd</sup> class day of the entering semester; therefore, all prospective students on the alternate list who are not notified of acceptance must start the application process over for the next entrance period.

**“What is Nurse School Orientation?”**

Nurse School Orientation is a time of orientation for all entering Vocational Nursing students. It is held in July of each year on the Corsicana Campus. The purpose of the orientation is to provide entering students with the opportunity to meet their instructors and other students as well as gain information about the upcoming year. The one-day orientation is designed to prepare the new student for the rigorous schedule facing a nursing student and to give them the tools to be a successful student. Orientation is mandatory for all entering students.

