

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the deadline for applying for the next class?

Deadline for application & requirements - **October 1**; program begins in January.

Is there an application fee for the VN Program? And, what other expenses will I incur prior to the VN Program application deadline?

No application fee is required for the VN program. However, other expenses may be incurred prior to the VN Program application deadline, such as the following (Prices listed are as of November 2020; prices are subject to change.):

TSI Assessment	\$12 \$12 – TSI Assessment Retake
CastleBranch Account	\$35 – Medical Document Manager
Criminal Background Check - Fingerprinting	\$35
ATI TEAS test	\$87
ATI TEAS transcript (if test taken at another institution)	\$27
EDUC 1300 (if completed prior to the program)	In County - \$300 Out of County - \$453
BON Eligibility Review transferred to Enforcement Dept	\$150
MMR (2 required)	\$20/immunization
Varicella (2 required)	\$20/immunization
Hepatitis B (3 required)	\$20/immunization
Tdap	\$20

What are the course prerequisites for the Vocational Nursing Program?

No course pre-requisites are required for the VN Program.

What courses can be taken prior to enrollment in the Vocational Nursing Program to lighten the courseload?

EDUC 1300 (or SDEV 0301) [Learning Frameworks] is required of students who have less than 13 hours of college credit and can be taken prior to admission in the VN program.

Additionally, academic courses such as the following, can be substituted in place of certain VNSG courses:

BIOL 2404 or BIOL 2401 and 2402 [Anatomy & Physiology] (acceptable if taken within the past 5 years),

BIOL 1322 [Nutrition and Diet Therapy] (acceptable if taken within the past 5 years),

PSYC 2301 [General Psychology] and PSYC 2314 [Lifespan Growth & Development] (acceptable if taken within the past 7 years),

HPRS 2300 [Pharmacology] is also a program support course (acceptable if taken within the past 3 years) which can be taken prior to admission in the VN program.

Can I submit an application even though my immunizations or ATI TEAS test are not complete?

Yes, please do. However, all of your immunizations and testing must be complete by the appropriate application deadline.

What if I had a criminal conviction as a juvenile – do I have to report it?

Yes, the Board of Nursing requires you to reveal all eligibility issues. The Board of Nursing may deny licensure to individuals who answer “yes” to the following questions:

1) No Yes *For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:

- A. been arrested and have any pending criminal charges?
- B. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- C. been convicted of a felony?
- D. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- E. received deferred adjudication?
- F. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- G. been sentenced to serve jail, prison time, or court-ordered confinement?
- H. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- 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 or offenses previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing on an initial licensure or renewal application.)

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 that 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 may subject your license to a disciplinary order and fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character. (See 22 TAC §213.27)

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 the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is 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 any conduct that raises issues of character and fitness.

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 ever 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 *In the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with or treated or hospitalized for Schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, Antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder which impaired or does Impair your behavior, judgment, or ability to function in school or work?

(You may answer “No” if you have completed and/or are in compliance with TPAPN for mental illness OR you've previously disclosed to the Texas Board of Nursing and have remained compliant with your treatment regime and have no further hospitalization since disclosure.)

5) 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?

*Pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code §301.207, information, including diagnosis and treatment, regarding an individual's physical or mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency and information regarding an individual's criminal history is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Texas Occupations Code §301.466.

Are night classes offered?

Night classes are not offered. However, some evening clinical experiences may be required to assure quality clinical learning opportunities.

Are online classes offered?

Online classes are offered for a limited few classes within the program. The majority of your courses including theory, labs and clinical are live instruction.

How much can I work while I attend school?

We encourage students to limit their working to less than 20 hours a week. Students will need time to study and complete homework assignments.

Is there financial aid assistance available?

Financial aid is available in forms of grants, loans, and scholarships. Students are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid office for assistance. They may also visit the VC Financial Aid webpage for additional information

<http://www.victoriacollege.edu/financialaid>

What times/days are classes and/or clinicals?

Classes are Monday-Friday, 8 am-5 pm with clinicals generally starting at 6:30 am; times may vary.

Can I select my clinical sites because of childcare and/or transportation issues?

Students need to have made arrangements for childcare and transportation that would allow them to be at a clinical site by 6:30 am. Clinical placements are made by the program, not by student requests.

What other expenses will I incur if I am selected/accepted for admission to the VN Program?

Physical Exam	\$100
CPR Certification	\$90
Drug Screen (register with CastleBranch)	\$35
Two-Step TB Test (\$20/each – 2 are required) Or Quantiferon Gold Standard Test	\$40 \$73- \$125
Influenza Vaccine	\$30

Prices listed above are approximate based on current Victoria County Health Department or other vendor charges and are subject to change.