

Southwest Texas Junior College

School of Vocational Nursing Admission Requirements

Pre-Admission:

1. Application for admission to SWTJC and the VN Program
2. Official High School Transcript or GED certificate
3. Official transcript from all colleges/universities attended **other than** SWTJC
4. Take and **pass** all areas of the **THEA**
If THEA exempt due to an alternate test, you must provide documentation of acceptable scores. This applies to ACT, SAT, TAKS, ASSET, or COMPASS.
5. Three letters of reference (from instructors, employers, or co-workers) that speak to your character and work ethic.
6. Completion of the following courses with a grade of B or better:

Biology 2401 (Anatomy & Physiology I)	4 hours
Biology 2402 (Anatomy & Physiology II)	4 hours
(Anatomy & Physiology course(s) more than five years old must be repeated)	

Psychology 2301 (General Psychology)	3 hours
Psychology 2314 (Lifespan Growth & Development)	3 hours

7. A background investigation is required for all SWTJC Vocational Nursing Students prior to admission into the nursing program. **(Approximately May 30; we will notify you when)**

After the student applies for admission, the SWTJC School of Vocational Nursing will submit the student's name to the Texas Board of Nursing, and notify the student. Ten business days after the school submits the name, the student will make arrangements to have a fingerprint scanning appointment with **L1 Identity Solutions** using the originator number **(ORI) TX923490Z**. The student will pay L1 for both fingerprint scanning services (\$9.95) and the cost of the DPS/FBI background check (\$34.25). To make an appointment with L1 Identity Solutions go to <https://tx.ibtfingerprint.com>.

The Texas Board of Nursing will send the results of the DPS/FBI criminal background check to the student (clear background check, positive background check or request a petition for declaratory order, or correspond with any student who has a rejected fingerprint scan and request another scan).

As a condition of admission, SWTJC School of Vocational Nursing will **require the student to provide the School of Nursing with copies of all communications** regarding the student's status received from the Texas Board of Nursing.

8. The following are the requirements set out by the Texas Board of Nursing:
The Texas Board of Nursing requires the following questions to be asked of each applicant prior to licensure:
(1.) For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?
 - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
 - 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.)

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, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises question related to truthfulness and character.

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 subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of the 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.

- (2.) Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
 - (3.) Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
 - (4.) Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?*
 - (5.) Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?*
- If "Yes" indicate the condition:
- Paranoid personality disorder
 - Schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder
 - Antisocial personality disorder
 - Bipolar disorder
 - Borderline personality disorder

***If you answer "Yes" to any questions #1 - #5, you must provide signed and dated letter describing the incidence(s) that you are reporting to the Board.

*You may indicate "No" if you have completed and/or are in compliance with Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN).

All students are required to comply with Texas Board of Nursing rules and regulations in order to become licensed.

9. All application requirements must be completed and filed by April 1st. All requirements for admission, including successful background check with the Texas Board of Nursing, must be met in order to be considered for admission to the nursing program. The students will receive written notification of acceptance to the SWTJC School of Vocational Nursing.

Post Admission:

Students who have received a letter of acceptance will be required to provide the following documentation:

10. **A drug screening test** is required for all SWTJC Vocational Nursing Students. The results of the drug test will be sent directly to the School. The School of Nursing will schedule the date of the drug screening test. The student is responsible for payment at the time of the drug screening test.
11. **A physical exam** conducted by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant that demonstrates evidence of good physical and mental health (received within the last 6 months). The student is responsible for paying for the cost of the physical exam.
The exam must include the following documentation:
 - RPR, or VDRL
 - Tuberculin Test (PPD) or Chest X-ray
 - Hepatitis B Vaccine Series (series of three)
 - MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine)
 - Td Booster (administered within 10 years prior to start of nursing school)
 - Varicella (Chickenpox)
12. **Proof of current CPR** certificate for health care professionals.
13. **Proof of privately obtained liability insurance**, or the students must enroll in liability insurance program at SWTJC. The student is responsible for the cost of liability insurance.

Students must maintain a minimum grade of 80 in all nursing courses in order to remain in the program.

For further information contact:
Southwest Texas Junior College
2401 Garner Field Road
Uvalde, Texas 78801
830-591-7320



**VOCATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION
DEL RIO CAMPUS
Personal Reference**

Directions: Please complete the following form and return to Veronica Valerio at Southwest Texas Junior College, 2401 Garner Field Rd, Uvalde, Texas 78801.

Applicant's Name

Social Security Number

_____ has applied for admissions to the Vocational Nursing School and has given your name as a reference. We would appreciate any information that would be helpful in determining the applicant's aptitude for nursing. Please respond to the following statements:

Length of time acquainted with the applicant: _____

Relationship to the applicant: _____

Characteristics of the applicant that would be compatible with the role of the nurse:

Characteristics of the applicant that may conflict with the role of nurse:

If I or a member of my immediate family were ill and required the services of a vocational nurse, I would have enough confidence in this applicant to employ her/him after graduation from this school.
Yes _____ No _____

If your answer is no, please state why: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Name of Reference (Please Print)

Signature

Address

Date

City *State* *Zip*

Telephone Number



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EAGLE PASS CAMPUS
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Yes _____ *No* _____

If your answer is no, please state why: _____

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