

**SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN) PROGRAMS  
REGISTERED NURSE (RN) AND BRIDGING TRANSITION (LVN OR PARAMEDIC TO RN)  
1401 College Ave Levelland, TX (806) 716-2391**

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We are excited that you are interested in becoming a nurse and have a passion to serve others. The South Plains College nursing program has successfully graduated many nurses that serve our local healthcare community. The RN program is a two-year degree plan. The LVN or Paramedic to RN Bridging Transition program is a three-semester program. Students that successfully complete the Associate Nursing Degree (Registered Nurse) or (Bridging Transition) program are then eligible to apply to take the State Board Exam (NCLEX) for Registered Nurse Licensure.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing programs

**Complete the following before submitting an application for admission to the nursing program:**

- Apply for Admission with South Plains College online at:  
<https://apply.southplainscollege.edu/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/welcome.aspx>
- Be TSI compliant in all areas with the college.
- Apply for financial aid. Detailed financial aid instructions are available at  
[https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/paying-for-school/financial\\_aid.php](https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/paying-for-school/financial_aid.php)
- Complete the required prerequisites for the nursing programs. **\*\*See page 3 for details.**
- Complete the TEAS, nursing entrance exam. Contact the Testing Center at  
<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/testing/TEASscheduleRN.php> to schedule TEAS exam. TEAS study guide and resources: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas>. For testing questions, contact the testing center at 806.716.2368 or email [testing@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:testing@southplainscollege.edu).
- Have a computer with webcam and internet access while enrolled in the nursing program.
- Have reliable transportation for attending clinical sites, simulation lab times, and class time.
- Complete nursing application packet and return before application deadline.  
**\*\*See application instruction section on page 2.**
- If you have been unsuccessful in other nursing programs, a letter of good standing is required. The previous nursing program will need to email a letter of good standing to  
[jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu).

**Additional requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing program (RN)**

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
- Have a minimum prerequisites GPA of 2.6 or better. \*\*

**Additional requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Bridging Transition program (LVN or Paramedic TO RN)**

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA and prerequisite GPA of 2.7 or better. \*\*
- Have a minimum of 1 year experience working as a LVN or Paramedic.

**\*\* If prerequisite GPA is below the requirement a conditional acceptance may be granted. The admission committee will review individual applications for potential acceptance.**

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**Application Instructions:**

Applications for the nursing programs may be picked up at the SPC Allied Health Nursing Department Building, or by sending an email to [jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu), or by completing the fillable online application at

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/healthoccupations/nursing/adn-new.php>

Return completed application, passing TEAS exam scores, and official high school and college transcripts (if SPC Admissions does not have transcripts on file, transcripts will need to be submitted with nursing application) on or before the application deadline.

- ✓ Contact the nursing department at 806.716.2391 for the application cycle deadline.
- ✓ NO late applications will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS
- ✓ We do NOT require recommendation letters.
- ✓ Must include a valid, legible, email on application, you will be notified at the email provided of acceptance or denial into the program within 3-4 weeks after the deadline.

**To return all the information you can:**

Submit in person at the Allied Health Nursing Department Building  
202 Clubview Dr.  
Levelland, TX 79336

To submit by mail the application must be postmarked on or before the deadline. Mail to:  
South Plains College Nursing Department  
1401 S. College Ave Box W  
Levelland, TX 79336

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Fowler at 806-716-2391 or email at [jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu).

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**PREREQUISITE INFORMATION**

**Prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing Registered Nurse (RN) program:**

- ✓ **English 1301** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.
- ✓ **Anatomy & Physiology 1 (Biol 2401)** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program. \*
- ✓ **Anatomy & Physiology 2 (Biol 2402)** must be completed with a “C” or better. A&P2 can be enrolled in during the application cycle. Course must be successfully completed by the end of the application cycle semester. \*
  - \* Science prerequisites A&P1 (Biol 2401) & A&P2 (Biol 2402) must NOT have more than 1 “C” in the courses.
  - \* Anatomy & Physiology courses expire after 5 years. Failed Anatomy & Physiology courses may only be repeated 3 times.

**Prerequisites for the Bridging Transition (LVN or Paramedic to RN) program:**

- ✓ **English 1301** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.
- ✓ **Anatomy & Physiology 1 (Biol 2401)** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program. \*
- ✓ **Anatomy & Physiology 2 (Biol 2402)** must be completed with a “C” or better. A&P2 can be enrolled in during the application cycle. The course must be successfully completed by the end of the application cycle semester. \*
  - \* Science prerequisites A&P1 (Biol 2401) & A&P2 (Biol 2402) must NOT have more than 1 “C” in the courses.
  - \* Anatomy & Physiology courses expire after 5 years. Failed Anatomy & Physiology courses may only be repeated 3 times.
- ✓ **Psyc 2314 Lifespan Human Growth and Development** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.
- ✓ **Humanities** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.

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**TEAS TESTING INFORMATION**

**TEAS requirements for RN:**

The minimum score for the **TEAS RN** exam in English, Math, and Reading is a 58.7 and the Science with a minimum of 50.0.

**TEAS requirements for Bridging Transition (VN or Paramedic to RN):**

The minimum score for the **TEAS BRIDGING TRANSITION** in English, Math, Reading and Science is a 58.7.

- \* TEAS exam scores expire after one year from completion.
- \* TEAS exam can be repeated up to 4 times in a testing cycle.

**ADDITIONAL TESTING FOR THE BRIDGING TRANSITION (LVN or Paramedic to RN) PROGRAM**

- \* ATI Critical Thinking exam will be required for the Bridging Transition program. Scores above 50% will receive additional points added to their application. This exam can be scheduled with the TEAS exam.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

- If coming from an English-speaking country scores may be waived
- Non-US resident students are required to demonstrate English Proficiency by taking one of the following English language exams.

Evidence of proficiency on the English language is required and can be satisfied by submitting results from the:

- Test of English as a Foreign language (**TOEFL**)
- International English Language Testing Service (**IELTS**)
- Duolingo English Test (**DET**)
- Manchester Exam (**MEXAM**)
- or by completing the highest level in an English as a Second Language (**ESL**) program

Minimum score for the TOEFL is **550** (paper exam), **213** (computer exam), or **79** (internet-based exam), for **DET** the minimum score is **100**, for **MEXAM** the minimum score is **400**, and for **IELTS**, the minimum score is 6.5 for the academic version, general training results are not acceptable.

The **TOEFL**, **DET**, **MEXAM**, and **IELTS** scores are only valid for 2 years.

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**PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
ENGL 1301*	College Composition I ..... 3
BIOL 2401*	Anatomy & Physiology I ..... 4
BIOL 2402**	Anatomy & Physiology II ..... 4

\*These courses must be successfully completed before applying for the nursing program.  
 \*\* A&P 2 (Biol 2402) can be enrolled in during the application cycle.

**GENERIC (RN) \*\*NO SUMMER CLASSES OFFERED\*\***

**FRESHMAN YEAR**

First Semester    \*\*Accepted classes start each Fall and Spring semesters\*\*

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Human Growth & Development ..... 3
RNSG 1413	Foundations for Nursing Practice..... 4
RNSG 1205	Nursing Skills I ..... 2
RNSG 1201	Pharmacology ..... 2
RNSG 1160	Clinical-Nursing (RN Training) ..... 1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

Second Semester

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health ..... 4
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing ..... 2
RNSG 2121	Professional Nurse Leadership and Management ..... 1
RNSG 1144	Nursing Skills II ..... 1
RNSG 2460	Clinical Nursing II – RN Training ..... 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

**SOPHOMORE YEAR**

Third Semester

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health ..... 4
RNSG 2201	Care of Children & Families..... 2
RNSG 2461	Clinical Nursing III – RN Training ..... 4
Humanities	Humanities ..... 3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

Fourth Semester

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1146	Legal and Ethical Issues for Nursing ..... 1
RNSG 2130	Professional Nursing Review & Licensure Preparation ..... 1
RNSG 2432	Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health ..... 4
RNSG 1251	Care of Childbearing Family ..... 2
RNSG 2462	Clinical Nursing IV – RN Training ..... 4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

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**PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR LVN or PARAMEDIC to RN BRIDGING TRANSITION PROGRAM**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
ENGL 1301*	College Composition I.....3
BIOL 2401*	Anatomy & Physiology I .....4
BIOL 2402**	Anatomy & Physiology II .....4
PSYC 2314*	Lifespan Human Growth & Development .....3
Humanities	Humanities .....3

\*These courses must be successfully completed before applying for the nursing program.  
 \*\* A&P 2 (Biol 2402) can be enrolled in during application cycle

**Bridging Transition Information (LVN or PARAMEDIC to RN)**

<u>Fall Transition First Semester</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1327	Transition to Professional Nursing ..... 3
RNSG 2213	Mental Health..... 2
RNSG 1205	Nursing Skills 1..... 2
RNSG 1244	Nursing Skills 2..... 2
RNSG 1301	Pharmacology ..... 3
RNSG 2260	Clinical Nursing I – RN Training ..... 2
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>14</b>

<u>Spring Transition Second Semester</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health .....4
RNSG 2221	Professional Nurse Leadership and Management .....2
RNSG 2201	Care of Children and Families .....2
RNSG 1251	Care of Childbearing Family .....2
RNSG 2161	Clinical Nursing III – RN Training.....1
RNSG 1210	Community Nursing OR RNSG 1211 Nursing Pathophysiology .....2
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>13</b>

  

<u>Summer Transition Third Semester</u>	
<u>Course</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
RNSG 1246	Legal and Ethical Issues for Nursing .....2
RNSG 2130	Professional Nursing Review & Licensure Preparation .....1
RNSG 2432	Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health.....4
RNSG 2162	Clinical Nursing IV – RN Training .....1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>8</b>

The program and courses within the program are subject to approval and changes mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nursing. Upon successful completion of the transition program articulated academic credit will be given for RNSG 1413 and RNSG 1441. The total program hours are 60.

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Q: What are the hours once in the nursing program?

A: Depending on which nursing program you attend the class days and time will vary.

2. Q: Can I work while in the nursing program?

A: We do not advise students to work while they are enrolled in our nursing program, however that is ultimately the student's choice. Nursing school workload is heavy and difficult so if you choose to work, please plan accordingly, and stay organized and on top of your schoolwork.

3. Q: Can I take the nursing classes online or at night?

A: No. We do not offer any of our nursing classes online, at night, or weekends. The Bridging Transition program does have some online/hybrid courses.

4. Q: Can I take more classes a semester or during summer to get ahead and finish the program earlier?

A: No. Our program is set up based on a strict curriculum and there are no variances allowed from that curriculum. The Bridging Transition program does attend classes during the summer.

5. Q: Will my classes from another college transfer to SPC?

A: All non-nursing courses that were taken at Regionally Accredited College/University should transfer with no problem, but you will need to check with the registrar to be sure. If you are trying to transfer nursing courses into our program from another nursing program, you will have to discuss that with the Director of our program. The Director must look at the program and will review the completed courses to see if they will align with our curriculum and program outcomes. Courses should not be older than 6 months. On average most nursing courses will not transfer into our program because most course work does not align with our curriculum.

6. Q: If I am currently enrolled in, or planning to take my prerequisites am I still eligible to apply to the program?

A: Yes. If a student has successfully completed English 1301 and Biology 2401 (Anatomy & Physiology I) and is currently enrolled in Biology 2402 (Anatomy & Physiology II) at the time of application, they are eligible to apply to the ADN program. The Bridging Transition program all prerequisites must be completed or currently enrolled in prior application deadline.