

Odessa College Vocational Nursing Program

Fact Sheet

Pre-Admission Requirements:

- ✓ Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student (Complete the ApplyTexas application)
- ✓ Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required from most recent college work/high school work
- ✓ Submit all previous college/university/high school transcripts
- ✓ Complete TEAS test. The following minimum scores are required to apply to the LVN program
 - Overall- 54
 - Math- 60
 - Reading- 60
 - Dual credit applicants are advised to meet with their designated school counselor for TEAS/TSI requirements.
 - Testing can be taken up to 3 times in an application cycle. It is highly recommended that there be a two-week waiting period before re- testing. Additional attempts must be approved by the director.
 - Applicants Students can schedule a tutoring appointment by visiting www.odessa.edu/lrc, selecting “Schedule Tutoring Appointment” and choosing “TEAS English and Reading” or “TEAS Math” to meet with a tutor. TEAS workbooks are available for student use in the LRC as well.
 - Scores are valid for 3 years; highest scores will be taken
- ✓ Applicants are ***strongly encouraged*** to submit all health records listed in the post-admission section if they have them. This will assist with record keeping upon acceptance. Any missing items will not be required until after acceptance.

Additional Information:

- ✓ Applications accepted May 1st – June 1st each year for the traditional program. Applications for dual credit are organized through the ISDs during the early spring. Please contact your school counselor for more information.
- ✓ Program start dates: Fall term as per the Odessa College Academic Calendar
- ✓ The traditional program is offered at the Andrews Business and Technology Center and the Monahans Odessa College Center. Dual credit tracks are offered on the Odessa, Monahans, and Andrews campuses.
- ✓ There are no pre-requisite courses for the LVN program, however students having successfully completed Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIOL 2401 & 2402) by program application will receive 2 additional points toward their total application scores. ***BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 have to be completed within the last 3 years to receive credit, a “C” or better is required.***

Number of students accepted:

- ✓ Andrews- up to 36
- ✓ Monahans- up to 36
- ✓ Dual Credit Odessa- up to 25
- ✓ Dual Credit Andrews- up to 15
- ✓ Dual Credit Monahans- up to 10

*Number of students admitted may vary by term based on program instructional and clinical resources.

Post- Acceptance Requirements:

- ✓ Attend mandatory Nursing Orientation.
- ✓ Purchase uniforms, supplies and textbooks as required by the program.
- ✓ Authorize the Board of Nursing to conduct a criminal background check. This procedure is required for students to go the clinical facilities. Information regarding this process will be given at student orientation. Certain offenses on the student's background check, if applicable, may prevent them from receiving clearance as required by the nursing program, and may result in program dismissal. Click [here](#) to read information from the Texas Board of Nursing regarding licensure eligibility.
- ✓ Health clearance is required through physical examination for clinical participation. Details will be discussed in first semester.
- ✓ **Health Record Items:**
- ✓ Current American Heart Associate CPR (online CPR NOT accepted)- CPR has to remain current throughout the LVN program
- ✓ Provide proof of health insurance (must maintain through the program)
- ✓ Student may be responsible for any and all drug screens that are required during the program.
- ✓ Students will be expected to pay for the fees required for the Board of Nursing background checks, and registration and the national examination, in the 2nd and 3rd semesters of the program.
- ✓ Meet minimum immunization requirements:
 - Tetanus-diphtheria- 1 dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (TD) is required within the last 10 years. The booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis containing vaccine (Tdap).
 - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines-
 - Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (MMR Vaccine).
 - Students born on or after January 1, 1957 must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccinations of one dose of a mumps vaccine.
 - Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.
 - Serological confirmation is acceptable.
 - Hepatitis B Vaccine- students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus.

- Varicella Vaccine- students are required to have received one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine on or after the student's first birthday or, if the first dose was administered on or after the student's 13th birthday, two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine are required. Serological confirmation is acceptable.
- Flu Vaccine- current during every flu season (October-March).
- Negative Initial and Annual Tuberculosis Screening.
- COVID-19 vaccine. Students are required to be fully vaccinated or have an approved exemption. Please contact the nursing department for un-vaccinated status.

FAQs

- ✓ Length of the program?
 - The traditional program runs August to August each year. It is a 12-month program and consists of 3 long semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer). The program operates under the same holidays as the Odessa College Academic Calendar.
 - The dual credit program starts the fall of your Junior year and continues through the summer after HS graduation.
- ✓ Can I work during the program?
 - It is difficult for student to maintain good academic standing while working and attending nursing school. The program strongly discourages working full time during the program.
- ✓ Is financial aid available?
 - Financial aid and scholarship assistance are available to the students on a first-come, first-serve basis. Click [here](#) for contact information to the financial aid office.
- ✓ What is the job description of a Vocational Nurse?
 - The Vocational Nurse practices under the supervision of a Registered Nurse and/or a licensed physician and performs treatment and procedures to meet the clients needs. The Vocational Nurse uses the nursing process when providing care to individuals with common health problems. Employment opportunities are available in many different health care settings such as doctor's offices, hospital settings, home health, and specialty areas, to name a few.
- ✓ What is the average salary of a Vocational Nurse?
 - The 2021 median pay for LVN is \$48,070 for LVN in the United States.
 - *Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses: Occupational Outlook Handbook. Retrieved April 4, 2023, from <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/licensed-practical-and-licensed-vocational-nurses.htm>*
- ✓ What will be my license or certification upon completion?
 - Graduates who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate of completion from Odessa College and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN (licensure examination) endorsed by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners of the State of Texas.
 - Upon passing the NCLEX-PN graduates will be a Licensed Vocational Nurse for the State of Texas and are then able to practice as such under the Nurse Practice Act.

- ✓ What are my educational options after graduation?
 - Student's completing the program and passing the NCLEX-PN examination may apply to the Associates Degree Registered Nursing program with Odessa College.
 - Other educational opportunities exist, speak to the nursing faculty and or director for details.

More questions?

- ✓ Andrews Business and Technology Center- 432-524-4022
- ✓ Monahans Center- 432-335-6390

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