

ODESSA COLLEGE LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING (LVN) PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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Admission to Odessa College does not guarantee entry into the nursing program. The admission process is highly competitive and determined by specific criteria. Failure to submit a complete application or meet minimum qualifications will result in automatic disqualification from consideration.

The LVN has 2 pathways for traditional students.

The requirements, application process and expectations are identical for all LVN programs.

- **Full-Time Traditional Pathway:** A full-time, 1-year program offered **only at the Monahans and Andrews Extension Centers**.
- **Part-Time Extended Pathway:** An 18-month, part-time program offered on the Odessa College Main Campus.

LVN Nursing applicants are required to meet the following minimum requirements:

ADMISSION TO ODESSA COLLEGE:

- Must have a High School Diploma/GED or be enrolled at one of our dual credit eligible High School programs
- Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student. Complete the [Applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org) application if you are not currently an OC student.

GPA Requirement:

- Minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher for your application to be considered.
- All official transcripts for previous education must be on file with the Odessa College Records Office. After acceptance to Odessa College, unofficial transcripts are acceptable to the nursing department.
 - Foreign Students: Transliteration of all foreign coursework is required.
 - Transfer Students: Make sure to complete the "Evaluate my Transcript" form with the Records Office prior to submitting your nursing application.

REQUIRED TEAS TESTING:

Call Testing Center at 432-335-6620 for details and scheduling.

- Testing can be taken up to 3 times in a calendar year. It is highly recommended that there be a two-week waiting period before re- testing, however applicants may retest at their discretion. Additional attempts must be approved by the director.
- Applicants 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. Applications will not be accepted if minimum scores are not achieved.

Minimum Reading Requirement:	Minimum Math Requirement:
60%	60%

Pre-Requisite Courses:

We are an entry level program and have no pre-requisite courses for this program. We do recommend you complete Biol 2401 & 2402, if these courses have been completed with a “C” or better within the last 5 years from application time they will be eligible to be substituted for the VNSG 1405 Health Science course.

**Applicants are required to speak with a Success Coach for transcript review and academic planning prior to any course substitution.*

Additional Requirements

****Attendance at a Nursing Program Information Session is mandatory prior to submitting an application. Failure to attend a session will result in automatic rejection of your application. ****

It is **highly recommended** that applicants submit any healthcare items for clinical clearance with initial application. **see clinical clearance requirements below*

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION PROCESS & PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Full-Time Traditional LVN Program	
Application period:	May 1 st – June 1 st
Acceptance/Non acceptance notices sent	Late June/Early July
Mandatory Orientation	Early August
Start of Program	Late August
Completion of successful students	12 months 3 semesters, Late July
Dual Credit LVN Program	
Application period:	October 1 st – October 31 st
Acceptance/Non acceptance notices sent	Late November
Mandatory Orientation	Early January
Start of Program	Mid January
Completion of successful students	18 months/5 semesters, Late July
Dual Credit LVN Program	
Application period:	Spring of sophomore year, arranged by ISD
Interviews:	Spring of sophomore year, arranged by ISD
Acceptance/Non acceptance notices sent	Spring of sophomore year
Start of Program	Fall of Junior year
Completion of successful students	Summer after High School graduation

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

Location of traditional LVN programs

- **The traditional LVN program is offered on 2 campuses, Odessa College Andrews Extension and Odessa College Monahans Extension.**
- All applications are submitted to the traditional LVN program, after selection of students is made, each student is assigned to a campus based on availability of space and residential location.
- The **Part-Time extended LVN program** is offered on the Odessa College Main Campus.

Location of dual credit LVN programs

- The Dual Credit LVN program is offered on 3 campuses, Odessa College Main Campus in partnership with ECISD, Odessa College Andrews Extension in partnership with AISD, and Odessa College Monahans Extension in partnership with MWPISD.
- All interested applicants must meet with the guidance counselor's office on their home campus to discuss this opportunity.

Application Process:

- All traditional LVN applications must be completed and emailed to LVN@odessa.edu . No applications will be accepted in person. If accommodations are needed or for further instructions, you may email LVN@odessa.edu or contact the secretaries on either campus prior to the application deadline.
- Applications and documents will not be reviewed until after the application deadline. Please verify that your application is complete prior to submission. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted or considered.**

Post Admission Requirements:

Students are responsible for the following requirements AFTER accepting a seat in the program:

- **PROGRAM ORIENTATION:** a one-day in person orientation is mandatory. Failure to attend results in the forfeit of the applicant's seat in the program.
- **Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, and Lab Supplies** required for clinical. Students will receive information after acceptance.
- **CLINICAL CLEARANCE 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. Please contact the nursing department for un-vaccinated status.
- Maintenance of current CPR - Basic Life Support Certification (American Heart Associate, ONLY) After acceptance into class
- Clearance by acceptable Drug Screening at program admission, or upon return from break in enrollment, and additionally throughout the program. **These are scheduled by the program.**
- Clearance by physician to fulfill clinical duties. **These are scheduled by the program.**
- Completion of all HIPAA, and online or in person hospital orientations. **These are scheduled 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 upon acceptance. 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 Insurance coverage per clinical agreements at the time of attestation.
**all student records will be securely filed in the nursing department and may be shared with clinical affiliations, per audit requests.*

Application Point System

As part of the admission criteria, the point values for all nursing applicants will be totaled. A rank ordered list of nursing applicants by point total will be developed. The applicants with the highest number of points will be admitted into the nursing program each semester until all available spots are filled.

Points are calculated based upon the following criteria:

Grade Point Average (GPA):

GPA	Points Awarded
3.7-4.0	20
3.5-3.69	16
3.3-3.49	14
3.1-3.29	12
2.9-3.09	10
2.7-2.89	8
2.5-2.69	4
<2.5	Ineligible for admission

TEAS:

These scores are calculated based on your TEAS Math and Reading scores and will be scored as follows:

Math/Reading TEAS	
Score	Points Awarded
96-100	20
91-95	18
86-90	16
81-85	14
76-80	12
71-75	10
66-70	6
60-65	4
<60	Ineligible for admission

Additional Admission Considerations:

- Military service and/or training
- Completion of BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402
- Previous unsuccessful application attempts
- Successful completion of 6 or more college credits
- *The Odessa College Licensed Vocational Nursing program is licensed by the Texas Board of Nursing. Odessa College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity.*

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