

# **Collin College**

## **Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program**

### **Information Session**

**Although not required to take classes at the college, COVID vaccines are required by our clinical partners. So, it is required for all LVN clinical rotations. Medical waivers may be accepted by clinical facilities and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.**

**Collin College Nursing Department does not accept applicants who previously were unsuccessful in other nursing programs.**

# Vocational Nursing Webpage

[www.collin.edu/departments/lvn/](http://www.collin.edu/departments/lvn/)

# What is an LVN / LPN?

- LVN is a Licensed Vocational Nurse (in Texas & California)
- LPN is a Licensed Practical Nurse (all other US States)
  
- They are the same.
- They take the same NATIONAL exam for licensure.
  
- Can move from State to State and apply for licensure to another State without re-taking the licensing exam. (License Reciprocity)

# LVN Workplaces

SNFs / Nursing Homes

Assisted Living Facilities

Memory Units

Surgery Centers

Prison / Jail

Home Healthcare

Hospice

Doctors' Offices

Insurance Companies

Acute Care Hospitals

Long-Term Acute Care Hosp (LTAC)

Dialysis Centers

Psychiatric Hospitals

Substance Abuse Facilities

Clinics/ Free-standing ERs

Adult & Child Daycare Center

School nursing

Rehabilitation Hospitals

# Average LVN Salaries in Texas

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)) - May 2023

Nursing Homes/Skilled Nursing Facilities	\$58,440
Home Health / Hospice	\$56,370
Medical-Surgical Hospitals	\$51,360
Assisted Living Facilities	\$56,830
Psychiatric/Substance Abuse Facilities	\$55,740
Physician Offices	\$49,660
Outpatient Care Centers	\$61,610
Insurance Companies	\$65,170

# **Program Accreditations / Approvals**

- Texas Board of Nursing (TBON)
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

# General Program Information

- Program is **FULL TIME**
- 12 consecutive months
- Four days per week (Mon. through Thursday)
  
- At school/clinical/studying  
50–55 hours per week
  
- Scheduled times vary  
(Mostly 8 AM to 5 PM for classes)  
(most clinical days start at 6:15 am and end at 3:30 pm)

# General Program Information

- Only limited amount of absences or tardies are allowed.
  - If you have dependent children or dependent parents, you must have two (2) reliable care providers to handle these people during your school days.
- Reliable transportation is needed.
- Uniforms are worn everyday.
- Professional appearance
- Proper hygiene is expected

# **A+P Information**

Biology 2404 is a pre-program requirement.

Applicants can be actively taking BIOL 2404 while applying to the program. Admission ranking points are given for the grade received.

In order to be accepted into the program BIOL 2404 must be completed with C or better.

# A+P Information

There are **NO** time restrictions on A+P courses for the LVN Program or for the LVN-to-RN Bridge Program.

There **is** a **5 year** time restriction for the traditional ADN-RN Program.

# A+P Information

If a student has already taken **BOTH** BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 (A+P I & II) and passed with a grade of C or better, BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 will be substituted for the BIOL 2404.

Admission ranking points are given for the grades received.

# Requirements for Acceptance

- Apply online (and) be accepted to Collin College
- TEAS Exam ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com))
- Complete the VN Program application- the application will be available online ([www.Collin.edu/departments/lvn/](http://www.Collin.edu/departments/lvn/))
- Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines:
  - Deadline for August 2025 Wylie Admission is **May 16, 2025**
  - Deadline for August 2025 Plano Admission is **May 16, 2025**
  - Deadline for Spring 2026 Allen Admission is **September 5, 2025**
  - Deadline for Spring 2026 Celina Admission is **September 5, 2025**

# **TEAS Entrance Exam**

Register at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)

May take exam anywhere it is offered.

(Collin College has testing center)

There are 4 sections of the exam:

Reading, Math, English Language, and Science

# TEAS Entrance Exam

**Study guides** for the TEAS exam can be purchased through the ATI website, in major bookstores, on Amazon, or second-hand bookstores

- Check-out at public/college library

Tutoring is available via the tutoring center for all Collin College students free-of-charge.

Practice exams are available for a fee on the ATI website.

# TEAS Entrance Exam

TEAS scores must be **within 12 months** of the VN Program application period.

An applicant may take the TEAS exam **TWICE** (2 times) during each application period to increase scores, if desired.

The BEST score on each section will be used for ranking/ admission selection points.  
We do NOT use the composite score.

# TEAS Reading Section

Time limit = 64 minutes

Content tested:

Key ideas and details of story

Integration of knowledge and ideas

Minimum score required for admission consideration is **60%**

# TEAS Math Section

Time limit = 64 minutes

Content tested:

Numbers, decimals, fractions

Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division

Algebra (solve for X), Geometry (shapes, angles)

Measurements (metric and British)

Minimum score required for admission  
consideration is **60%**

# TEAS Language Section

Time limit = 28 minutes

Content tested:

Grammar, spelling, vocabulary

Proper sentence structure

Minimum score required for admission  
consideration is **50%**

# **TEAS Science Section**

Time limit = 63 minutes

Content tested:

Human anatomy & physiology

Physical science

Scientific reasoning

There is no minimum required score in science  
but admission ranking points will be added  
for science scores > 60%

# Student Selection for Admission

Student selection is done via a point system.

TEAS reading score

TEAS math score

TEAS language score

TEAS science score

A+P grade(s) – **Must include transcript for points**

- **If @ Collin, unofficial / If other college, official**

# Student Selection for Admission

**EXTRA admission points** are given for:

U.S. Military Service

- Must submit a copy of DD214 member form with application

CNA Certification

- Must submit a copy of current CNA certification with application

RMA or CMA Certification

- Must submit a copy of current RMA or CMA certification with the application

EMT Certification

- Must submit a copy of current EMT certification with application

Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)

- Must submit a copy of current CPhT certification with application

Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)

- Must submit a copy of current CPT certification with application

# **Wait-List Applicants**

If an applicant passes the Reading, Math, and Language sections of the TEAS exam with minimal scores or higher but does NOT have enough ranking points to be selected in the initial acceptance process, the applicant may be placed on a wait list.

If an initially accepted applicant does NOT accept his spot (or) does not produce the necessary documentation in the required time (or) does not attend the orientation session, a candidate from the wait list will be selected in ranking order to fill that spot.

# **Rubric for ADMISSION POINTS**

See the LVN webpage for awarded number of points for each category

# Requirements for Admission

- 1) Written documentation from TX Board of Nursing after an FBI criminal background check is completed.  
(Fingerprinted, photographed)
  - If criminal history is present, applicant should start to gather and make copies of court, lawyer, and/or police documents pertaining to the crime(s).
  - If the TBON requests documents to determine eligibility for licensure, the applicant must send all requested documents ASAP (overnight mail) to Austin, TX

**(Check the Texas Board of Nursing website for Licensure Eligibility details.)**

# Requirements for Admission

- 2) Immunizations: proof of vaccine  
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis B
- 3) Tetanus (Tdap) in last 10 years
- 4) COVID-19 vaccine series (required by clinical sites)
- 5) TB testing within one year showing (-) for TB

# **Requirements for Admission**

- 6) CPR for the Professional Rescuer card  
from American Heart Association only
- 7) Proof of accident/health insurance
- 8) Drug testing is done on acceptance and  
randomly throughout the school year

**Application Period for  
Wylie and Plano  
1/26/2025 through 5/16/2025**

**Deadline for Wylie and Plano's  
Admission:**

**May 16, 2025**

**Submit applications online**

Applicants will be contacted by e-mail once selections have been determined.

# Program Layout Wylie and Plano Fall Admit

**Preprogram Requirement:** BIOL 2404 (4 credits)

## **Initial FALL Semester**

Foundations of Nursing (3 credits)

Applied Nursing Skills (5 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness (5 credit)

Clinical I (2 credit)

**TOTAL = 15 credits**

## **Spring Semester**

Applied Nursing Skills II (4 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness II (5 credit)

Clinical II (3 credit)

Mental Illness (2 credits)

**TOTAL = 14 credits**

## **Maymester (on McKinney Campus)**

Maternal/Neonatal Nursing **TOTAL = 2 credits**

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## **Final Summer Semester**

NCLEX-PN Review (2 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness III (5 credit)

Clinical III (3 credit)

**TOTAL = 10 credits**

**Total Program Credits = 45**

# Program Layout

## Celina and Allen: Spring Admit

**Preprogram Requirement:** BIOL 2404 (4 credits)

### **Initial Spring Semester**

Foundations of Nursing (3 credits)

Applied Nursing Skills (5 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness (5 credit)

Clinical I (2 credit)

**TOTAL = 15 credits**

Maymester -

**Maternal / Neonatal Nursing Total = 2 credits**

### **Summer Semester**

Applied Nursing Skills II (4 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness II (5 credit)

Clinical II (3 credit)

**TOTAL = 14 credits**

### **Final Fall Semester**

NCLEX-PN Review (2 credit)

Nursing in Health and Illness III (5 credit)

Clinical III (3 credit)

Mental Illness (2 credits)

**TOTAL = 10 credits**

**Total Program Credits = 45**

# **Estimated Program Cost**

Collin County Resident (>12 months):

**\$ 8,700** (everything included)

Texas Resident but Outside of Collin County:

**\$11,000** (everything included)

**THESE ARE EXTIMATED COSTS.  
COSTS MAY INCREASE AT ANY TIME.**

For questions about financial aid:

<http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/financialaid/>

# Admission Process

- Step 1: VN Program Information - online
- Step 2: Apply to Collin College via [www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu)  
Must have a CWID # and collin.edu e-mail address to apply
- Step 3: Register and pay for TEAS exam at any site offered.
- Step 4: Take the TEAS exam. Print out the official ATI scores for **all 4 sections**. Applicant must ensure that ALL 4 sections of the TEAS scores are included with the VN application. We do **NOT** use the composite score.

# Admission Process

Step 5: Go to [www.collin.edu/departments/lvn/](http://www.collin.edu/departments/lvn/) to find the application.

Fill out the VN application online. All accompanying documentation must be uploaded with the application. No photographs or screenshots will be accepted.

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- A+P Transcripts: Official transcript if taken outside of Collin College
  - Proof of military service – if applicable
  - Proof of RMA or CMA, CAN, EMT, CPhT, or CPT certification

# Admission Process

Step 6: Applicants will be ranked on a point system according to TEAS scores and bonus points for completed A+P, military service, and certifications

Step 7: ALL accepted applicants MUST attend an **ORIENTATION Session** before the start of classes.

Instructions will be sent with the letter of acceptance.

# Nursing Progression Options at Collin College

LVN-to-RN Bridge Program: Requires 6 pre-requisite courses after LVN  
1 year  
Meets 2 days per week

RN-to-BSN Program: Requires Texas core course completion  
All on-line  
1 year full-time (or) 2 years part-time

# General Contact Information

## Nursing Division Office

**Nursing Career Coach: Sandy Suvannachakkham: email:**  
[ssuvannachakkham@collin.edu](mailto:ssuvannachakkham@collin.edu)

For any general program questions  
or issues with application submission:  
E-mail Sharon Thomas [SThomas@collin.edu](mailto:SThomas@collin.edu)  
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