

# Associate Degree Nursing LVN to RN Transitional Entry Information Packet Grayson College

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## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

(If this packet is more than one year old, please request an updated packet by contacting [nursing@grayson.edu](mailto:nursing@grayson.edu))

### **Fall, 2020 Admission**

January 31, 2020: Last day to submit application and required paperwork

May 29, 2020: Last day to submit final spring semester transcripts

### **Spring, 2021 Admission**

May 1, 2020: Last day to submit application and required paperwork

September 4, 2020: Last day to submit final summer semester transcripts

**Required Program Courses  
LVN to RN Transitional Entry  
Degree Plan**

**Pre-Requisite Courses**

Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2401) – 4 semester hours  
Or  
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2301) – 3 semester hours and  
Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (BIOL 2101) – 1 semester hour

Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 2402) – 4 semester hours  
OR  
Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 2302) – 3 semester hours and  
Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (BIOL 2102) – 1 semester hour

Microbiology (BIOL 2420) – 4 semester hours  
Or  
Microbiology (BIOL 2320) – 3 semester hours and  
Microbiology Lab (BIOL 2120) – 1 semester hour

General Psychology (PSYC 2301) – 3 semester hours  
Lifespan, Growth & Development (PSYC 2314) – 3 semester hours  
Composition & Rhetoric I (ENGL 1301) – 3 semester hours  
College Algebra (MATH 1314) or Statistics (MATH 1342) – 3 semester hours

**Co-Requisite Course**

Creative Arts/Language/Philosophy/Culture Core - 3 semester hours  
(ARTS 1301; DRAM 1310; HUMA 1301: HUMA 1302; MUSI 1306; or PHIL 1301)

**Nursing Courses**

**Transitional Entry**

Transition from Vocational to Professional Nursing (RNSG 1227) – 2 semester hours  
Foundations for Nursing Practice (RNSG 1413) – 4 semester hours  
(Upon successful completion of RNSG 1227 and RNSG 1413, students will be awarded 11 credit hours for RNSG 1360, 1423 and 2404)

**Nursing 3**

Care of Clients with Complex Health care Needs (RNSG 2414) – 4 semester hours  
Clinical 3 (RNSG 2462) – 4 semester hours

**Nursing 4**

Integrated Client Care management (RNSG 2435) – 4 semester hours  
Clinical 4 (RNSG 2463) – 4 semester hours

Program prerequisite and co-requisite courses must be passed with a grade of “C” or better. Nursing courses must be completed in sequence, and each component (theory, skills lab and clinical) must be taken concurrently.

\*\*Degree Plan subject to change

## Admission Eligibility Criteria

**Clinical participation is an integral component to completion of required objectives of the nursing program. In order to participate in this clinical component, students must be able to meet the following requirements.**

### Physical / Mental Capabilities

- A. Visual acuity with/without corrective lenses to identify cyanosis, absence of respiratory movement in patients, and to read small print on medication containers, physicians' orders, monitors, and equipment calibrations.
- B. Hearing ability with/without auditory aids to understand the normal speaking voice without viewing the speaker's face and to hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, call bells from patients, and stethoscopic sounds originating from a patient's blood vessels, heart, lung, and abdomen.
- C. Physical ability to stand for prolonged periods of time, perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, lift at the amount required by the clinical agencies, and move from room to room or maneuver in limited spaces.
- D. Ability to communicate effectively in verbal and written form. Ability to speak clearly and succinctly when explaining treatment procedures, describing patient conditions, and implementing health teaching. Ability to write legibly and correctly in patient's chart for legal documentation.
- E. Manual dexterity to use sterile techniques, insert catheters, and prepare and administer medications by various routes such as Intravenous, orally, and Intramuscular.
- F. Ability to function safely under stressful conditions, adapting to ever-changing clinical situations involving patient care.

## **Program Accreditation Information**

The Associate Degree Nursing program at Grayson College is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Contact information regarding program approval and accreditation is as follows:

Texas Board of Nursing  
333 Guadalupe Street #3-460  
Austin, Texas 78701  
Ph: (512) 305-7400  
<http://www.bon.state.tx.us>

Accreditation Commission for  
Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE  
Suite 850  
Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
Ph: (404) 975-5000  
<http://www.acen@acenursing.org>

### **Clinical Participation Eligibility (Criminal Background Check policy)**

Based on clinical agency requirements, and in accordance with the Grayson College Health Science Criminal Background Check Policy, any student with the following criminal history will be required to obtain a Declaratory Order from the Board of Nursing **prior** to admission to the program.

- a. Felony convictions
- b. Misdemeanor convictions, misdemeanor deferred adjudications, or felony deferred adjudications involving crimes against persons (physical or sexual abuse)
- c. Misdemeanor convictions related to moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, theft under \$1,500, computer crimes of fraud, etc.)
- d. Felony deferred adjudications for the sale, possession, distribution, or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances

- e. Registered sex offenders
- f. OIG, GSA and Medicaid Sanctions
- g. Terrorist Suspect List
- h. Pending charges and warrants for arrest

The following convictions at any time in the past will constitute an ***absolute bar to participation in clinical rotations***. Criminal homicide; kidnapping and unlawful restraint; indecency with a child; sexual assault; aggravated assault; injury to a child; aiding suicide; agreement to abduct from custody; sale or purchase of a child; arson; robbery; aggravated robbery; conviction under the laws of another state, federal law, or the uniform Code of Military Justice for an offense containing elements that are substantially similar to the elements of an offense listed previously; felony conviction for theft which occurred within the previous five years and any other offense that a facility may impose.

Any student with a criminal history listed above will be required to obtain a Declaratory Order from the Board of Nursing prior to admission to the program. The student must inform the Program Director of the outcome of the petition for Declaratory Order by providing a copy of the clearance letter received from the Board of Nursing and the Declaratory Order with or without conditions received from the Board, or the letter of denial received from the Board.

## Admission Requirements

1. Application to Grayson College. (Online at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu).) It is recommended that you apply to the college first to avoid any delays in registration if accepted into the nursing program.
2. Application to the nursing program. (Circle Transitional Entry)
3. Completion of the information packet and documentation on the Verification Statement form.
4. Satisfactory completion of required pre-requisite courses. This includes A & P I & II, Microbiology, General Psychology, Child & Lifespan Development, English I, and Math (either college algebra or statistics). Science courses must have been passed with a grade of "C" or better).
  - Students will be ineligible for the nursing program if they have failed to earn a grade of C or better in the courses.
  - A written request for a **waiver** must be submitted for science courses taken greater than 3 attempts (including withdrawals). Please be aware that if you have attempted any one of the required science courses more than the 3 allowed attempts (including withdrawals) points will be based on the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt point scale.
  - All science courses must have been taken and completed within the past **10** years.
  - Science courses (both Anatomy and Physiology course & Microbiology) taken over 10 years ago **must** score a 75% or higher on the Anatomy and Physiology portion of the Evolve Admission test (HESI).
5. Evolve Admission test (HESI) score of 74.5 or higher. The applicant is allowed two attempts in a 12-month period; and there must be 5 years or less from time test was taken to the date of admission into the nursing program. Information on how to schedule the admission test, and required components are included in this packet.
6. College GPA (cumulative) minimum of 2.5. If the cumulative GPA is 2.4 or greater but below the 2.5 requirement, the applicant must submit a written request for a waiver.
7. Completion of required immunizations.

8. Proof of current licensure as a Vocational / Practical Nurse; employment as an LVN/LPN for one year is preferred but not required.
9. Letter from the employer indicating length of employment and job title.

### **Additional Information:**

The Grayson College ADN program facilitates the upward educational mobility for the licensed vocational/practical nurse by offering advanced placement into the ADN program. Students will receive credit awards for licensure as a LVN/LPN. A student who was previously unsuccessful in the Traditional ADN program at GC, but has satisfactorily completed a VN program with licensure, will only be allowed one attempt to complete the ADN program.

Of note, the ADN program is currently looking at curriculum and/or degree plan changes regarding the placement of TE students in the ADN program. As of July 2019, students will take hybrid courses (RNSG 1227 and RNSG 1413) during their first semester, and then transition in the ADN courses in the Traditional program. Possible changes for Fall 2020 and beyond include the removal of the hybrid courses (RNSG 1227 and RNSG 1413) and instead, place TE students directly into the Traditional program at the semester 2 level, with credit awards being provided for licensure as a LVN/LPN, and allow for the same type of progression as Traditional program students. This change will require approval by the college, and more information will be provided when available. For information or questions about this possible change, please speak to a Health Sciences Advisor.

### **Deadlines**

For admission to the Fall 2020 semester, the last day to submit an application and all required paperwork is January 31, 2020. The last day to submit final spring semester transcripts will be May 29, 2020.

For admission to the Spring 2021 semester, the last day to submit an application and all required paperwork is May 1, 2020. The last day to submit final summer transcripts will be September 4, 2020.

### **Application Process**

1. Submit required documentation for the college to Grayson College Admissions Office
2. Scan all required documents, listed below, to **one pdf** file and submit to the Nursing Program via email at [nursingadmissions@grayson.edu](mailto:nursingadmissions@grayson.edu). Scanners are available at Grayson College's library for student use if needed to submit their application.
3. The Nursing Program will not accept paper documents, only documents submitted electronically.

### **Required Documents**

Must be submitted prior to 4:00 pm on the deadline date, but **only** after passing the Evolve admission exam (HESI).

#### Turn in to the college:

1. Online application for admission to Grayson College
2. Official transcripts
3. Proof of meningitis immunization if applicable (refer to page 10, Required Immunizations).

#### Turn in to the nursing program (**submit to nursing admissions@grayson.edu**):

1. Nursing program application (circle Transitional Entry) (page 15)
2. Completed verification statement (page 16)

3. Documentation of required immunizations (page 10)
4. Unofficial copies of all transcripts; including Grayson College transcripts
5. Proof of Evolve admission test (HESI) scores; must be eligible score of 74.5% average.
6. Copy of current VN license with license number included
7. Transcript showing successful completion of a Vocational Nursing program
8. Letter from current employer stating length and type of employment

**Selection and Acceptance Procedure (Point system)**

1. Applications are reviewed for required documentation by the ADN Admissions Committee. Only those with complete files will be considered for admission. It is the responsibility of the applicant's to ensure their file is complete.
2. Applicants with incomplete files will be kept for one additional admission period unless additional time is requested in writing.
3. The number of students that can be admitted to the ADN program is limited by classroom and clinical space as well as availability of qualified faculty. Therefore, a selection procedure is used to identify candidates who are the most academically prepared.
4. Applicants with complete files will be evaluated for selection by a point system. Remember that a grade of "C" or better must be obtained in all required courses.
  - a. Required science courses include Microbiology and Anatomy & Physiology I & II

**\*Legend for 4 credit hour Science courses (A/P I, A/P II, & Microbiology) only:**

	1st Attempt	2nd Attempt	3rd Attempt
A	6	5	3
B	5	3	1
C	3	1	0

**Maximum = 18 points.**

Points are for each four credit hour science course. If separate theory and lab courses were taken, the student's points will be calculated for each component course:

**\*Legend for separated lecture (3 credit hours) and lab (1 credit hour) for above Science courses:**

	1st Attempt	2nd Attempt	3rd Attempt
A	3	2.5	1.5
B	2.5	1.5	0.5
C	1.5	0.5	0

- b. Required academic courses receive one (1) point for each course completed with a "C" or better. (English Composition I, General Psychology, Life Span Growth and Development, Creative Arts/Lang/Phil/Humanities elective, and College Algebra or Elementary Statistics.

- c. Evolve Admission Test (HESI) earns points according to the following criteria:
  - 89.5 – 100 = 3 points
  - 79.5 – 89.4 = 2 points
  - 74.5 – 79.4 = 1 point
  - < 74.4 = ineligible for admission into the transitional entry program  
(**Maximum = 3 points**)
- d. GC Service Area residency (**Maximum = 2 points**) Based on college criteria.
- e. The total maximum number of points that can be earned is **28 points** for Service Area residents and **26 points** for out-of-service-area residents.

Once all eligible applicants have been evaluated and ranked, students will be admitted from the highest ranking to the lowest, until all spaces are filled. If there are more eligible candidates than there are spaces available, a waiting list will be developed. Should spaces become available prior to the first class day, applicants will be notified.

- 5. Students with the highest points will be selected first. In the case where several applicants having equal points must be chosen for limited space availability, then selection will be decided by the Admission Committee and / or Program Director.
- 6. Applicants will be notified in writing (e-mail) regarding selection or non-selection.

#### **After Application Submitted**

- 1. Once an application is submitted, the applicant's name will be forwarded to the Texas Board of Nursing within 30 business days. After that time, the applicant will receive an e-mail from the Grayson ADN program with instructions for completing the fingerprinting process and the FBI/DPS background check **if required** by the BON. The majority of vocational licensed nurses, if licensed after July, 2006, will not be required to submit new fingerprints. If it is required, the ADN Program will notify the applicant via e-mail, as well as, Indentogo. However, even if fingerprinting is not required applicants will need to provide clearance from the Texas Board of Nursing (i.e. blue card, eligibility letter, etc.). This can be obtained by contacting the Texas Board of Nursing.
- 2. Complete a declaratory order, if needed, according to the Board of Nursing instructions.
- 3. For questions regarding the Criminal Background Checks please refer to the BON's website Frequently Asked Questions:  
[www.bon.texas.gov/faq\\_new\\_and\\_accept\\_student\\_STUDENT2.asp](http://www.bon.texas.gov/faq_new_and_accept_student_STUDENT2.asp)

#### **Final Acceptance Requirements (Following notification of acceptance)**

When an acceptance letter is received, instructions for the following will be included in the letter.

- 1. Attend a mandatory orientation day. Failure to attend the required orientation following acceptance will result in loss of admission to the program. Applicants will be eligible for one additional admission. Failure to attend orientation and / or classes following the second admission will result in ineligibility for any further admissions.
- 2. **On or before the day of orientation**, proof of eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN Examination with one of the following documents from the Texas Board of Nursing:
  - a) Blue Card stating eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-RN Examination
  - b) Operations Outcome letter
  - c) Enforcement Outcome letter

d) Eligibility Order

**The last day to provide a copy of the proof of eligibility is on the scheduled orientation day. If unable to provide by that date, please notify the program director of the specific circumstances.**

3. Pass a urine drug screen and an additional criminal background check. These are clinical requirements that will be completed at the beginning of the first clinical course.
4. Obtain CPR certification. (American Heart Association (AHA) BLS Healthcare Provider level. All CPR classes must include a skills performance check-off in the course.)
5. Obtain proof of a negative TB (tuberculosis) test or negative chest x-ray.
6. Obtain a physical exam (form provided with acceptance packet).
7. Complete any outstanding immunization requirements
8. Keep copies of immunization records, CPR certification, and health form because a document and immunization tracking company will be used (more information will be provided about this program during orientation).

**Technology Requirements**

Students enrolled in the Transitional Entry Program are required to access Canvas. Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) used for online, blended, and face-to-face classes at Grayson College. Canvas provides a method to deliver a variety of course content along with a means for faculty to interact with students. A computer with an internet connection is needed. Canvas may be accessed on campus, or off campus. Computers for student use are available in the Health Science Computer Lab, the Grayson College Library, and other campus computer laboratories. Library hours are posted on the Grayson College website and the Health Science Computer Lab hours are posted outside the lab each semester. Students will be oriented to the use of Canvas and other Health Science technologies at the beginning of each nursing course.



## Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility for Admission

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)  
333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, TX 78701  
Phone: 512-305-6802 [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us)

The Texas Board of Nursing requires applicants to apply and pay for the Department of Public Safety/Federal Bureau Of Investigation background check and fingerprint scan PRIOR to admission to any nursing program in the state of Texas. For Licensed Vocational Nurses licensed after July 2006, the fingerprinting and criminal background check may not be required. The ADN program will notify the applicant if fingerprinting is needed.

**\*\*\*IF YOU ANSWER “YES” TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW OR THE DPS/FBI BACKGROUND CHECK AND FINGERPRINT SCAN DETERMINE THE NEED, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF NURSING TO BEGIN THE DECLARATORY ORDER PROCESS.**

If you answer YES to any eligibility questions on the application, in addition to the Petition for Declaratory Order, you will need to include a statement to the BON explaining the events of the incident(s) and official court documents that show the disposition of the incident(s).

Results of the DPS/FBI Background check and fingerprint scan may prohibit final admission to the program until the Declaratory Order is received by the student from the Texas Board of Nursing. The student must inform the Program Director of the outcome of the petition for Declaratory Order by providing a copy of the clearance letter received from the Board and the Declaratory Order with or without conditions received from the Board, or the letter of denial received by the Board.

If you can answer yes to any of the following you must file a Petition for a Declaratory Order to determine eligibility to sit for the NCLEX®-RN exam following graduation.

- 1)  No  Yes 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 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 questions 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 the 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)  No  Yes Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- 3)  No  Yes Has any licensing authority ever refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- 4)  No  Yes Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? \*
- 5)  No  Yes Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder? \*
- If **“YES”** indicate the condition:  schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders  
 bipolar disorder  paranoid personality disorder  
 antisocial personality disorder  borderline personality disorder

\* Pursuant to Occupations Code 301.207, information regarding a person's diagnosis or treatment for a physical condition, mental condition, intemperate use of drugs or alcohol, or chemical dependency is confidential to the same extent that information collected as part of an investigation is confidential under the Occupations Code 301.466. If you are licensed as an LVN in the State of Texas and are currently participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses you may answer “NO” to questions #4 and #5.

## Required Immunizations

All students must submit a copy of the records of the following immunizations with a validation stamp or signature, a signed statement from a physician, or lab report indicating serologic confirmation. **Please note that some of these immunizations take up to six months to complete. Immunizations must be started in time to complete the series before the beginning of the semester. If unable to complete the series before the beginning of the semester, the applicant is not eligible for admission. Documentation of 1st and 2nd dose of Hepatitis B must be received by the second / final deadline.**

1. TETANUS/DIPHTHERIA/PERTUSSIS (Tdap) (Immunization)  
One dose of Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) immunization within the last 10 years.
2. MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA (MMR) (Immunization or blood test)  
If born after January 1, 1957 must have proof of two doses of the MMR vaccine administered on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday and at least 30 days apart – or - proof of serologic confirmation of measles, mumps and rubella immunity – or - serologic evidence of infection.
3. VARICELLA (Chickenpox) (Immunization or blood test)  
Serologic confirmation of varicella immunity – or – varicella vaccine - 2 doses are required 4-8 weeks apart.
4. HEPATITIS B (Immunization or blood test)  
Series of three hepatitis B vaccines – or – serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B
5. INFLUENZA VACCINE  
Annual influenza vaccination with the most up-to-date strains predicted on the basis of viral surveillance data is required. The flu vaccine required. Will be the seasonal flu vaccine that reflects the semester in which you will be enrolled in the nursing program.
6. MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE  
All on-campus college students who are under the age of 22 must have the meningococcal vaccination within the previous five years and at least 10 days prior to the first day of class.

Due to compliance with clinical facility requirements and Texas Department of Health recommendations, Grayson College Health Science programs may not waiver immunization requirements for any reason. If immunizations are not complete, application to the program must be delayed. Copies of records from physician's offices, public health department, public schools, other colleges and the military are acceptable. Students should provide a **copy** of the records. Please do not turn in the originals.

**HESI Admissions Exam**  
**Grayson College Associate Degree Nursing, Vocational Nursing,**  
**Radiologic Technology Programs**

The Grayson College Testing Centers (Main Campus in Denison and South Campus in Van Alstyne) administer the HESI Admissions Exam (HESI) for applicants to GCC Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and GC Vocational Nursing (LVN) programs.

**REGISTRATION for Main Campus Testing Location:**

- Monday through Friday testing dates and times can easily be arranged by appointment. Please call 903-463-8724 to set an appointment. You will need to bring a valid photo ID.
- Saturday dates are available on the Main Campus, but pre-registration is required. Please see the instructions and schedule below.

**REGISTRATION for South Campus Testing Location:** Pre-registration is required at our South Campus location in Van Alstyne. Please see the instructions and schedule below.

1	Make sure that the HESI Admissions Exam (HESI) is the correct test for the Health Science Program to which you will apply. It is your responsibility to sign up for the correct test and to know the admission deadline.
2	Register early – test dates fill up quickly.
3	Choose your desired test date carefully. Changes to your reservation will require a new test fee; there are no refunds – no exceptions.
4	Test fee is \$48.50 (\$45 test fee + 3.50 Register Blast fee). Have VISA/MasterCard ready. You may purchase a VISA Prepaid Card for an additional fee, if needed. Applicants may pay for the test at the Testing Center permitting that the applicant is playing with exact cash or check. If using a credit/debit card or applicant requires change to be made, the applicant will need to go to the Business Office first to make payment for the HESI test.
5	To register, go to <a href="http://www.registerblast.com/grayson">http://www.registerblast.com/grayson</a> and select HESI Admissions Exam (HESI). If applicant is unable to register online through the link, it is recommended that the applicant contact the Testing Center directly by e-mail at <a href="mailto:testing@grayson.edu">testing@grayson.edu</a> or sign-up in person at the Testing Center.
6	You will receive an email message from Register Blast showing your test date, time and location. Print it, and keep it for the test day.

**On test day, bring the following items:**

- Admission Ticket for Evolve Admission Assessment Exam (HESI)
- Confirmation of payment showing test date and time (emailed receipt from Register Blast)
- Photo identification (driver’s license, DPS ID card, passport, military ID card)

**NO CELL PHONES**

**TIME ALLOWED** There is a maximum of six hours allowed for testing. Most examinees will finish within 3-4 hours. Short restroom breaks are allowed (no food or smoking breaks).

**NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES** Cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, cameras, and other electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room.

**CALCULATOR USE** You may use the on-screen calculator. Do not bring your own calculator.

**STUDYING FOR THE TEST** Purchase the Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review at the GC bookstore or online at [www.elsevier.com](http://www.elsevier.com). Click on the *Store* tab. Click on *Health Sciences*. In the search box, type *Admission Assessment Exam Review*; click *SEARCH*. Select *Admission Assessment Exam Review* (paperback or e-Book).

**COMPONENTS OF THE EXAM** Applicants to GC’s Associate Degree Nursing Program will take the math, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, A&P, learning style, and personal style sections. The Learning Style and Personal Style sections are not included in the cumulative score but are used for advising purposes. (If you are applying to other institutions also, know which sections you need to take.)  
**\*Note: if your science courses are > 10 years, you must take the anatomy & physiology section of the test and score a minimum of 75% on the Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) section for your sciences to be considered.**

Math: Test items related to math concepts required when calculating drugs and solutions problems. Sub-scoring of the following categories is provided (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts such as Roman numerals, military time, etc.)
Reading Comprehension: Reading scenarios related to health care topics
Grammar: Use of English words related to sentence structure
Anatomy & Physiology: Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.
Vocabulary: Word comprehension – terminology of everyday English associated with health related issues
Learning Styles (recommended): Identifies individual learning style and prints test-taking and study tips best suited for the individual’s learning style and relates these recommendations to nursing curricula
Personal Style (recommended): Uses concepts related to introversion and extroversion to classify the student’s personality style. Explanations are printed at the conclusion of the exam to let the student know how to use his/her personality style to be successful in a nursing education program.

**PASSING SCORES**

GC Associate Degree Nursing	A cumulative score of 74.5% is needed for consideration for admission.  89.5-100 = 3 points, 79.5-89.4 = 2 points, 74.5-79.4 = 1 point
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**RETESTS** GC Health Sciences Dept. allows two testing attempts in a 12-month period.

**DISABILITIES** Students with disabilities may request special accommodations for testing. They must submit appropriate documentation to the GC Testing Center at least two weeks prior to the desired test date. Documentation will be reviewed by the Coordinator of Special Services, and the student will be notified of the result.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT TEST REGISTRATION** After carefully reviewing this information sheet, if you have questions about testing, please email [testing@grayson.edu](mailto:testing@grayson.edu). Do not call the Testing Center; all communications concerning Evolve are by email only.

### **LOCATIONS OF TESTING ON GC CAMPUSES**

Main Campus in Denison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Student Success Building

South Campus in Van Alstyne, Room SB-121

**PLEASE REMEMBER: When registering on Register Blast, be careful to choose the correct date/location – no refunds, no rescheduling.**

*We wish you success on your test!*

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Grayson College  
 LVN – RN Transitional Entry Program  
 Points Form

Student				Student ID/SS#			
Application Date		Desired Entry Date		Cumulative GPA			
LVN College				LVN License Expires	LVN Transcript		
Immunizations Complete	Yes	No	Date Admission Test Complete				

		Grades	No. of attempts/year taken	Points
<b>Science Courses</b> (Points awarded for 4 credit courses: A = 6 points B = 5 points C = 3 points) 1st attempt - see pg. 6 (Points awarded for each separate theory/lab course: A = 3 points B = 2.5 points C = 1.5 point) 1st attempt - see pg. 6				
BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2301 & 2101	A&P I (Pre-requisite)			
BIOL 2402 or BIOL 2302 & 2102	A&P II (Pre-requisite)			
BIOL 2420 or 2421 or BIOL 2320 & 2120 or BIOL 2321 & 2121	Microbiology (Pre-requisite)			
<b>Other Requirements</b> (Points awarded: A, B, or C = 1 point)				
MATH 1314 or 1342	College Algebra or Elementary Statistics (Pre-requisite)			
PSYC 2301	General Psychology (Pre-requisite)			
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development (Pre-requisite)			
ENGL 1301	Composition & Rhetoric I (Pre-requisite)			
Creative Arts, Language, Philosophy, Culture Core	ARTS 1301; DRAM 1310; HUMA 1301; HUMA 1302; MUSI 1306; PHIL 1301			
ADN Admission Test	89.5 – 100 = 3 points 79.5 – 89.4 = 2 points 74.5 – 79.4 = 1 point < 74.4 = not eligible			
	Reading		Grammar	
			Vocab/Gen. Knowledge	
				Math
Residency	GC Service Area = 2 points	Bryan Co., Fannin Co., Grayson Co., Marshall Co.		
Date				<b>Total Points</b>



HEALTH SCIENCE DIVISION  
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Following Acceptance  
Recent Snapshot Required

Circle Program Desired:

Associate Degree Nursing (RN)  
Medical Laboratory Technology  
Vocational Nursing (LVN)

Dental Assisting  
Radiology Technology  
RN to BSN

Emergency Medical Services  
Transitional Entry (LVN to RN)

Date Applied: \_\_\_\_\_ Desired Entry semester / year: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box City County State Zip

Telephone #1: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #2: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address Relation

Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

List of All Colleges Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Applications are not automatically “held over” from one official application filing period to the next. Students who are not selected for admission the semester for which they apply or students declining the acceptance for that semester must keep their file active by submitting updated information and return a letter of intent during the next filing period to be considered for the next admission opportunity. **All inactive files will be purged.**

With respect to the admission and education of students; with respect to the availability of student loans, grants, scholarships and job opportunities; with respect to the employment and promotion of teaching and non-teaching personnel; and with respect to the student and faculty activities conducted on the premises owned or occupied by the College, Grayson College shall not discriminate either in favor of or against any person on account of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, or disability. Grayson College does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities it operates.

Inquiries concerning the application of title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or to the Office of Civil Rights. Title IX Coordinator is the Vice President of Student Services.

Grayson College 6101 Grayson Drive Denison TX 75020-8299 903-465-6030 Fax 903-415-2523

Submit To: [nursingadmissions@grayson.edu](mailto:nursingadmissions@grayson.edu)



Grayson College  
LVN to RN Transitional Entry Program

Verification Statement

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)      SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the information regarding application requirements, selection, and acceptance into the ADN program:**

- Degree Plan
- Physical / Mental Capabilities
- Clinical Participation Eligibility (Criminal background check)
  
- Minimum Admission Requirements
  - Generic requirements
  - Deadline dates
  - Completion of DPS/FBI Criminal Background Check
  - Required Documents
    - Selection and Acceptance Procedure (Point system)
    - Copy of BON correspondence from Criminal Background Check (if required)
    - Final Acceptance Requirements
    - Technology Requirements
  
- Eligibility for Licensure
  
- Required Immunizations
  
- Evolve Admission Assessment Exam (HESI)
  
- Application for Admission form
  
- Admission Points Form

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit with other required admission documents**

**This checklist is for you.** Please utilize it to your advantage. We will not review files upon submission, as it is the applicant's responsibility to know what he/she has or has not turned in.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application to Grayson College
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of Grayson College Orientation (if required)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Application to Grayson College Transitional Entry (LVN to RN) Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official college transcripts turned in to Grayson College Admissions Office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies of all college transcripts turned in to Grayson College LVN to RN Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of HESI Admission Exam and scores submitted to LVN to RN Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of all Pre-Requisite Courses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Immunizations must be started in time to be completed by the deadline.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of LVN/LPN License
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter from Employer

\_\_\_\_\_ Hep B Series:  
Date of #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of #3 \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** Date of Titer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ MMR Series:  
Date of #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** Date of Titer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Varicella Series  
Date of #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
**OR** Date of Titer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Meningococcal (Under the age of 22, must have had within previous 5 years and at least 10 days before classes start)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) LVN to RN Transitional Entry Program**

### **How many points do I need to have to get accepted into the program?**

Every year the number of points needed for admission varies, depending on the number of applicants, and the average number of points they have earned. In recent years, the minimum number of points needed to be considered for acceptance in the program has ranged between 22 – 24 points. This number may increase or decrease this year.

### **How do I complete the Criminal History Background check?**

Once you have submitted your application, the ADN department will notify the Texas Board of Nursing within 30 days of receiving the application. The BON will then notify the ADN program if you are required to submit fingerprints. After this time, the Grayson ADN department will send you an e-mail with the instructions for how to obtain your fingerprints for the criminal history background check.

### **When will I be notified regarding selection to the nursing program?**

Notification of selection to the nursing program and instructions for completing your fingerprinting and background check is done by e-mail. We strive to send the e-mails within six weeks of the final transcript deadline. It is critical to provide an accurate e-mail address on the application and keep the nursing department aware of any changes.

### **I took some of my pre-requisite and co-requisite courses at another college with a different course numbering system. Will you accept those courses?**

After you have enrolled in the college, you can make an appointment to meet with an academic counselor who can review your transcript to determine which courses are equivalent to the courses we require at Grayson College.

### **How are Science course points determined?**

The Anatomy and Physiology courses and Microbiology course may be either a 4 hour combined theory and lab course or separate 3 hour theory and 1 hour lab courses. Points for a four hour combined lecture / lab science class are awarded as follows: if you make an A in the four hour class, you will be awarded 6 points for the class; if you make a B, you are awarded 5 points, and if you make a C, you are awarded 3 points. Total maximum points for science courses = 18.

Students who take separate 3 hour theory and 1 hour lab courses will receive equivalent points, based on the separate course grades. Points for separate lab/theory courses are awarded as follows: if you make an A in the three hour lecture, you will be awarded three points. If you make an A in the one hour lab, you will be awarded 3 points. If you make a B in the three hour lecture, you will be awarded 2.5 points and if

you make a B in the one hour lab, you will be awarded 2.5 points. Likewise, if you make a C in the three hour lecture, you will be awarded 1.5 points and if you make a C in the one hour lecture, you will be awarded 1.5 points. Total maximum points for science courses = 18.

### **How is residency status decided?**

The ADN program uses the definition for service area residency described in the online College Policy & Procedure manual. A resident is a student who resides in the Grayson College Service Area and who has been a resident of Texas for the twelve months preceding the date of registration.

### **Do I have to take all the pre-requisite and co-requisite courses before being admitted to the program?**

No. You are only required to complete the pre-requisite courses. However, because admission is competitive, the more co-requisite courses you have completed, the more admission points you will receive.

### **I am taking some courses during the Spring semester and applying for Fall admission. Can I get points for those courses?**

Yes. Points for those courses taken during the Spring semester will be counted toward your Fall admission as long as unofficial transcripts are turned in by the final Fall admission deadline date. Likewise, courses taken during the Summer semester may count toward Spring admission if the transcripts are turned in by the final Spring admission deadline date.

### **I am taking some courses during the Fall semester and am applying for Spring admission. Can I get points for those courses?**

No. Unfortunately, there is not sufficient time after the fall semester ends to select a new class. Selection must occur during mid-semester in the fall semester, therefore this does not allow for use of fall semester courses in the points system.

### **Can I take the Admission test somewhere besides Grayson College?**

Yes. You may take the Evolve Admission test (HESI) at another college or testing facility. Make sure you take all the sections of the test required by Grayson College, and submit the results by the deadline, along with all your other application information.

### **I have already taken a different admission test for LVN school. Will you accept those test scores instead of the Evolve Admission test scores (HESI)?**

No. At the present time we only accept scores for the Evolve Admission test (HESI). The applicant is allowed two attempts in a 12-month period and must have been taken within the last 5 years.

**I have copies of my transcripts and have reviewed the information packet. May I go ahead and submit an application?**

No. You must complete and pass all required components of the Evolve Admission test (HESI) before submitting an application to the program. Once you have passed the admission test you may make application to the program and submit all required paperwork.

**Once I am enrolled in the nursing courses, how many days a week will I be in class?**

The Transitional Entry class consists of two different classes which are taken one day a week. You will then join the third semester students in Nursing 3 the next long semester. Once you are enrolled in nursing 3 and 4 you should plan to be in class or clinical approximately four days a week. There are approximately 5 hours of lecture content, 1-3 hours of lab class, and 12-15 hours of clinical per week.

**Are there services available to assist students with various needs based on race, creed, gender, national origin, or disability?**

Professionally trained counselors are available to all students and are prepared to assist students in achieving success. A wide variety of counseling and support services are available. For example, a Foreign and ESOL Student Advisor is available to assist international students with a wide variety of needs. Members of the Choctaw Nation should contact a Choctaw Nation representative available on campus to assist with learning about opportunities available.