**CERTIFIED NURSES AID TO LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING**
**BRIDGE PROGRAM**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**SPRING 2027 & SUMMER 2027 & FALL 2027**
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This document is reviewed and updated each semester

Thank you for your interest in the Licensed Vocational Program (LVN) Program at Vernon College.

- **LVN Day/Re-admission Programs** consists of 12 months of full-time study beginning in January continuing through December.
- **LVN Re-entry Day Program** consists of full-time study beginning in January.

**LVN Day Program**
**Deadlines for testing, nursing application/documentation submission, & selection:**

| *Program Campus/ Center Locations: | Testing & Application Opens: | Testing & Application Deadline: | Grades Posted: | Class Selected After Grades Post and by: | Start Date: |
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| **Spring Start**<br>Century City Center (CCC)<br>Vernon Campus (VER) | October 5, 2026 | 12/01/2026 | Fall Grades 12/14/2026<br>Dec. Mini Grades 1/11/2027 | Priority Selection 12/18/2026<br>Final Selection 1/12/2027 | January 13, 2027 |
| **Summer Start**<br>Century City Center (CCC) | First week of February 2027 | 4/9/2027 | 5/10/2027 | Priority Selection 4/16/2027<br>Final Selection 5/14/2027 | June 1, 2027 |
| **Fall Start**<br>Century City Center (CCC) | First week of February | 7/2/2027 | 8/9/2027 | Priority Selection 7/23/2027<br>Final Selection 8/13/2027 | August 18, 2027 |

To ensure completion of all necessary steps to apply for the LVN Day Program as a new, re-admission, or re-entry applicant, students are advised to utilize the Vernon College Home Page, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Student Checklist, and LVN Pathways Page.

**Vernon College Home Page**
**Career and Technical Education Program Student Checklist**
**Licensed Vocational Nursing Pathways Page**

***Students enrolling in the spring LVN Program cohort will have the option to attend courses in Wichita Falls/Century City or Vernon. Classes will be taught via distance learning modalities (ITV and/or Teams). Students will be required to attend classes on site.**

The LVN curriculum involves 4 days a week each semester for classroom, lab, and/or clinical experience. **Required semester credit hours (SCH) may fall below the full-time financial aid requirement of 12 SCH and may affect your disbursement.** The LVN Day Program requires 5 semester credit hours (SCH) of prerequisites, 7 SCH of related requirements, and 36 SCH of nursing/VNSG courses (see catalog for degree requirements). All prerequisites, related requirements, and additional courses **must be completed** with a grade of C or higher.

**Prerequisites**: required prior to enrollment in the first semester:

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| ☐ | 3 hours | BIOL 2301 | Anatomy & Physiology I* |
| ☐ | 1 hour | BIOL 2101 | Anatomy & Physiology I Lab* |
| ☐ | 1 hour | LEAD 1100 | Workforce Development with Critical Thinking |

**Related Requirements**: are recommend to be completed prior to acceptance and may allow a student to have additional points on the Vernon College Admission Point System Calculation (APSC) Rubric. Related requirements are not required prior to acceptance and may be taken concurrently with nursing curriculum:

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| ☐ | 3 hours | BIOL 2302 | Anatomy & Physiology II (Concurrently with Semester I)* |
| ☐ | 1 hour | BIOL 2102 | Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (Concurrently with Semester I)* |
| ☐ | 3 hours | PSYC 2314 | Lifespan Growth and Development (Concurrently with Semester II) |

**Additional Courses**: are not required but may allow a student to have additional points on the Vernon College Admission Point System Calculation (APSC) Rubric:

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| ☐ | 3 hours | BIOL 2320 | Microbiology for Non-Science Majors * |
| ☐ | 1 hour | BIOL 2120 | Microbiology for Non-Science Majors Lab* |
| ☐ | 3 hours | MATH 1314<br>MATH 1342 | College Algebra or MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics or<br>Elementary Statistical Methods |

*BIOL 2301 Anatomy & Physiology I with lab, BIOL 2302 Anatomy & Physiology II with lab, BIOL 2320 Microbiology with lab (not required) courses must be taken no more than ten years prior to the first class day after admission to the program.

Class/clinical days are Monday through Thursday with times ranging from 6:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. depending on the semester and required courses. Summer semester require longer hours.

## LVN Checklist:

☐ **Advising Appointment**: all nursing students are recommended to schedule an advising appointment with a nursing advisor. This link is posted under "Nursing Advising" on the LVN Pathways Page.

☐ **LVN Program Admission Point System Calculation (APSC):** review the APSC sheet posted on the LVN Pathways page for review. Selection is based on the number of applicants, applicant ranking according to the APSC system**,** and receipt of application documentation by the application deadline.

☐ **Entrance Exam Scores (HESI A2)**:

- Applicants must take the exam at an approved on-site testing center. Remotely proctored exams are not valid.
  - Vernon College Testing Center Appointment
    Student is allowed 2 appointments between the two testing locations for Vernon College**.** Added appointment dates students create beyond the closest two scheduled dates will be removed. A student failing to appear for a scheduled appointment will result in using 1 of their 2 attempts for the Vernon College Testing Center. Any scheduled appointments that are not canceled within 48 hours during the business week will count as a student attempt**.**
  - Prometric On-site Testing Center
    Elsevier official copy of the HESI exam results must be requested by applicant to be sent directly to the nursing department for approval. A fee may apply.
- Exam must cover Math, Reading Comprehension, and Anatomy/Physiology only.
  - **Recommended** passing composite score is 70
    - Students scoring <70 will only be considered if positions are available after evaluation of those with the recommended score of >70
  - **Required** composite score is 55 overall.
- Applicants may repeat the exam 1 time only (2 attempts total) within 12-month period.
- Exam scores can be no more than 12-months old on the first day of program classes.

☐ **Online Nursing Application**: Please refer to the chart above for general instructions for submission. All applicants are required to have a Vernon College e-mail address to submit application. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is filled out in its entirety and all documentation is uploaded.**

- "My VC" student account and address will determine the APSC "Resident of County Service Area" point value. See APSC requirements posted on the pathways page.

☐ **Documentation Requirements:** Students are required to upload a copy of all documentation with their nursing application prior to submission (where applicable).

- HESI A2 Exam Score
- Proof of Valid Certificate or Licensure
- Proof of Military Service and/or Spouse
- Re-admission Letter of Explanation (re-admission students only)
- Re-entry Letter of Explanation (re-entry students only)

☐ **Nursing Department Confirmation of Application & Notification of Status Process Email:**
Applications are not valid until applicants receives a confirmation of application & notification of status process email by the nursing department. Confirmation email will be sent to the student email. Vernon College nursing programs accepted students may be required to travel to fulfill class, lab, and/or clinical competencies and may be more than or approximately 1 hour from class location.

## LVN Selection:

Selection is based on the number of applicants, applicant ranking according to the **Vernon College LVN Program Admission Point System,** available classroom/clinical space, receipt of application paperwork in the LVN Department by the application deadline, teacher/student ratios, Board of Nursing (BON) recommendations, accreditation status, and other factors will determine the acceptance of the students.

Seating is limited. Failure to submit required documentation by the application deadline may result in lower ranking. Because the selection date is dependent upon many variables, the date may vary each semester.

The department will e-mail all students a notification letter identifying their application status after the selection date. Students who are not selected into the program this year or who decline a position must re-apply to be considered for the next cohort.

LVN applicants are reviewed in order of application groups:

- LVN New applicants and ADN Generic applicants
- LVN Re-admission applicants
- LVN Re-entry applicants

All student acceptance to the nursing program is tentative, pending final review of program requirements and completion of eScreen (drug screening) with negative results.

**LVN Re-admission Students Additional Checklist:**

LVN Re-admission to the Nursing Program assumes that the applicant is eligible to return to Vernon College. Selected applicants are required to retake all nursing courses.

- ☐ **LVN Re-admission Letter of Explanation**: r**e-admission students are required to upload a letter of explanation with the nursing application.** This letter will be addressed to the Admission and Review Committee. Students must explain the reason(s) for non-completion of the program in a previous attempt and their plan to avoid similar issues in the future (be specific).

**LVN Re-entry Students Additional Checklist:**

LVN Re-entry to the Nursing Program assumes that the applicant is eligible to return to Vernon College. Selected applicants may not be required to retake all nursing courses. This will be determined by the Admission and Review Committee and finalized by the Director of Nursing.

- ☐ **LVN Re-entry Letter of Explanation**: **re-entry students are required to upload a letter of explanation with the nursing application.** This letter will be addressed to the Admission and Review Committee. Students must explain the reason(s) for non-completion of the program in a previous attempt and their plan to avoid similar issues in the future (be specific).

**LVN Re-admission & LVN Re-entry**: students with a failure of one course in the previous enrollment, the Two Failure/Two Attempt Rules continue to apply. The initial failure will count as the 1st failure and, if a student fails a course in the new enrollment, it will count as the 2nd failure and will result in dismissal/administrative withdrawal from the program. Re-admission and re-entry will be granted no more than one time.

**Student Record After Selection:**

**If selected, a Canvas Course invitation will be sent to your Vernon College email address. S**tudents are required to accept the Canvas course invitation in a timely manner. Detailed information will be posted to prepare the student for the first day of class.

**The Vernon College Nursing Programs recommend that accepted students purchase a device to use for program testing.**

**All program students are required to purchase a device for use with Nursing Central.**

**Electronic devices are used in clinical and classroom settings.**

- **Classroom Courses**
  - Devices: must be a **laptop**
    - Windows
      - Device Requirements:
        Windows 7, 10, or newer 32-bit and 64-bit). Note: ARM-based Windows processors (like Surface Pro X) are generally not supported.
    - Mac
      - Device requirements:
        macOS X 10.8 or newer

    - Devices <u>Not Compatible</u>
      - Android Phones
      - iPhones
      - iPad
      - Chromebook
      - Amazon Fire Tablet

- **Nursing Central for Clinical Applications** (select one device)
  - Android
    - Tablet
      - Device Requirements
        - Android device running OS 9.0 or higher
  - Apple IOS
    - iPad
      - Device Requirements
        - iPad device running iOS 14 or higher

  - Devices <u>Not Compatible</u>
    - Android Phones
    - iPhones
    - Amazon Fire Tablet