

GALVESTON COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Application Deadline April 15th, 2024

Application Instructions: Please read ***carefully*** and follow ***all*** instructions:

1. If you are not currently a Galveston College student, you must apply for admission to Galveston College following the guidelines in the General Catalog. Along with the application to the College, submit Official Transcripts from all universities and colleges you have attended to the **Office of Admissions, 4015 Avenue Q Galveston, Texas 77550.**

The Galveston College application is ***separate*** from the one required by the Vocational Nursing Program. Applicants will be considered for admission for the Nursing Department ***after*** students are admitted to Galveston College.

2. Submit the attached application for admission to the Department of Nursing in the Regents Hall of Galveston College by ***April 15th, 2024***. This application is formatted for download from the Nursing Department webpage and completion on your computer (except for your signature). Once completed, print, sign, and submit the application. Hard copy applications are also available from the Nursing Department. **For a complete application, please submit: Photocopy of valid ID or driver's license, all college transcripts, CastleBranch summary page reflecting uploaded immunizations/ background summary page, valid TEAS test scores.**

The VN application for admission will be evaluated on the following basis:

- Achieve a GPA of 2.7 or higher. If at the time you apply, you have grades in any courses that are part of the VN program, the GPA of those grades must be at least 2.7. Grades that are not part of the VN program will not count in the GPA
 - All pre-requisite courses must be completed by the Spring semester. Non college level math courses must be within 5 years of program start (this includes the TSI); college level math courses will not expire. RNSG 1201 or VNSG 1201 Pharmacology may be taken within 24 months of admission.
 - TEAS Entrance Exam: Minimum of 58 cumulative score on the TEAS Exam. Visit ATI for more information at www.atitesting.com . Please note, the exam **MUST** be taken prior to the application deadline and may only be taken twice per admission period.
 - Admission criteria are listed on the Galveston College website in the Nursing section and in the General Catalog.
3. Obtain a clear background check from the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON). Once you apply to the nursing program, your name will be sent on a list to the (TBON). You will be sent instructions by the TBON to schedule an appointment for fingerprinting. Once your fingerprints and background check have been cleared you will receive a BLUE CARD (postcard) from TBON. You must bring this card to the Department of Nursing where a copy will be made and the original will be returned to you. You can also take a picture of the front and back of the blue card and send it by email to Dyone Little at: dlittle2@gc.edu.

If you have had any prior criminal convictions or have been treated for certain mental illnesses (see list below) you may be required by the TBON to submit a Petition for a Declaratory Order of eligibility, which will determine your eligibility to take the licensure examination upon completion of the nursing program.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions you may be required to submit a Petition for Declaratory Order (https://www.bon.texas.gov/forms_declaratory_order.asp).

1. Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
2. Do you have an investigation or complaint pending on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?
3. Have you, in the last 5 years, been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
4. FOR ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSE, INCLUDING THOSE PENDING APPEAL, HAVE YOU:
 - Been arrested and have a pending criminal charge?
 - Been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - Been convicted of a felony?
 - Pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - Received deferred adjudication?
 - Been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - Been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court ordered confinement?
 - Been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - Been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - Been subject of a court-martial: Article 15 violation: or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?
5. Have you ever had any licensing (other than a nursing license) or regulatory authority in any state, jurisdiction, country, or province revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew or otherwise discipline any other professional or occupational license, certificate, nurse aide registration or multi-state privilege to practice that you held?
6. Are you currently suffering from any condition for which you are not being appropriately treated for that impairs your judgment or that would otherwise adversely affect you ability to practice nursing in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?
7. Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
8. Are you currently a participant in an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program? (this includes all confidential programs).

9. Have you ever been granted the authority to practice nursing in any country, state, province, or territory?
4. The Petition for Declaratory Order may take several months, so begin work on this as soon as you receive instructions from the Board of Nursing to do so. Once you receive the official letter of eligibility from the Board of Nursing, you **MUST** bring the letter to the Nursing Department and we will make a copy for your permanent file and return the original to you.
5. Admission to the VN Program is contingent upon successful completion of a Criminal Background check via CastleBranch. To place your order go to:
<https://portal.castlebranch.com/gf14>

GALVESTON COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

Responsibilities and standards in nursing practice are determined by the Texas Board of Nursing, national accreditation guidelines, and clinical agencies. Additionally, as described in various clinical evaluation tools and course guidelines, students **MUST BE** able to provide safe patient care.

Technical Standards for Nursing Practice: Nursing is a practice discipline and successful completion of the nursing program requires that students demonstrate ability to effectively and safely perform several essential skills. ALL students are assessed in practice labs and clinical practicums throughout the program to confirm adherence to the technical standards, with or without accommodations.

Intellectual Requirements: Critical thinking is an important part of clinical judgment needed to provide safe patient care. Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, and quickly analyze information in order to apply complex information in the classroom and clinical settings.

Gross and Fine Motor Requirements: Nursing students must be able to provide general care (including preparing medications and administering treatment and completing patient assessments). For example, students must be able to perform basic life support (CPR), function in an emergency situation, and have the ability (within reasonable limits) to assist a patient in moving, such as from the chair to the bed. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Must be able to see marking on syringes to be able to administer medications. Must be able to hear blood pressure, heart, lungs and bowel sounds.

Observation Skills: Student nurses must be able to observe patients accurately to assess their condition and perceived signs of disease and response to treatments through physical examination, including visual images, auditory information (patient voice, heart tones, bowel sounds, and lung sounds), and palpable changes in certain organs and tissues.

Communication Requirements: Nursing students must be able to communicate effectively with patients, staff, physicians, and family members, verbally and in a written format. Students must be able to process and accurately convey information about the patient's status to faculty, staff, and other healthcare providers in a timely manner.

Social and Behavioral Requirements: Student nurses must possess sufficient mental and emotional health to exercise good judgment, promptly complete assessments, and function in what can be a physically and emotionally demanding dynamic environment. Nursing students must be able to demonstrate compassion, empathy, and concern for others while maintaining a mature, sensitive, and effective relationship with patients, families and other professionals.

**GALVESTON COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

- Completion of ALL items on this application; incomplete applications **will not** be considered.
- Remember you may be contacted by phone, email or regular mail during the application process. **The Nursing Department must have your current contact information.** If you phone, address, or email changes, please contact the department immediately at: (409) 944-1396. **Your PERSONAL e-mail address is required.**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden

GC Student ID#	Personal E-Mail Address	GC E-Mail Address

Work Phone	Cell Phone

Mailing Address (this is the address that I want to use for all correspondence from the Nursing Department)

Street, P.O. Box, Route, Apt.	City	County	State	Zip Code

Permanent Address

Street, P.O. Box, Route, Apt.	City	County	State	Zip Code

Emergency Contact Information

Name	Phone
Address, City, State, Zip Code	

List all colleges attended, with dates of attendance, prior to applying to the nursing program:

College/University	Degree or Certificate Awarded	Dates Attended / Graduated

List any degrees awarded at the baccalaureate or higher level:

Degree	Major	Institution	Year Awarded

Are you active-duty, military, or vet? Yes No

Have you ever been enrolled in another nursing program? Yes No

If yes, which program: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Date of Pre-Nursing Orientation: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

REQUIRED CORE AND PRE-REQUISITE COURSES FOR VN STUDENTS

Course	Semester	Year	Grade	Location (Campus)
*ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I (BIOL 2401)				
*Essentials of Medication Administration (VNSG 1227)				
*SATISFY TSI MATH REQUIRMENTS AT GALVESTON COLLEGE				

***All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entrance into the VN program.**

Science and non-college level math courses must be within 5 years of program start (this includes the TSI). There's no expiration date for a college level math course.

No grade lower than a "C" is accepted.

Texas Board of Nursing

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

DOB: _____

SS# _____

Last 4 of DL/ID: _____ EXP DATE: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

House Bill 1508 Statements

ADN and VN Nursing Program:

The Galveston nursing programs are approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. Students may pursue an Associate of Applied Science degree or a Vocational Nursing Certificate.

All students applying to the Galveston College Department of Nursing are informed in writing that **IF** they have ever been **ARRESTED** for anything they Must complete a Declaratory Order (Rule § 213.30) from the Texas Board of Nursing.

All students applying to the Galveston College Nursing program must successful complete a criminal background check prior to admission in to the program.

Additional information regarding entrance into the Galveston College Nursing program can be found in the Student Nurse Handbook. Refer to <https://www.gc.edu/programs-and-courses/workforce-programs/nursing/>.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____



Galveston College - Nursing & Allied Health
How to Place Order

Welcome to my 






To place your order go to:

<https://portal.castlebranch.com/GF14>

Package Name (if applicable)

PLACE ORDER → **SELECT PROGRAM** → **SELECT PACKAGE**

To place your initial order, you will be prompted to create your secure myCB account. From within myCB, you will be able to:

-  View order results
-  Upload documents
-  Manage requirements
-  Place additional orders
-  Complete tasks

Please have ready personal identifying information needed for security purposes.

The email address you provide will become your username.

Contact Us: 888.914.7279 or servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com

Required Immunizations

Immunizations are required for all students and must be completed before starting school.

TETANUS TOXOID, REDUCED DIPHTHERIA TOXOID AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS (Tdap): All students must have one dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), then a Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) booster every 10 years thereafter

MEASLES (Rubeola or red measles): If you were born in or after 1957, you must have either documentation of **two** doses of measles or **two** doses of MMR vaccine (separated by at least 30 days) after 12 months of age **OR** a titer result adequate to indicate immunity. If you were born before 1957, one dose is required **OR** a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

MUMPS: If you were born in or after 1957, you must have either documentation of **two** dose of mumps or MMR vaccine after 12 months of age **OR** a titer result adequate to indicate immunity. If you were born before 1957, one dose is required **OR** a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

RUBELLA (German Measles): **Required for all students.** You must have either documentation of **one** dose of rubella or MMR vaccine after 12 months of age **OR** a titer result adequate to indicate immunity.

NOTE: Some clinical sites are only accepting titer results. If you have the vaccine and titer please provide both results.

VARICELLA (Chickenpox): Beginning with new students incoming for Summer 2013, if you know you have had Chicken pox disease, you must have proof of a positive Varicella titer to confirm disease **OR** have proof of **two** Varicella vaccine immunizations. **Recently some clinical sites are only taking the proof of two immunizations or a titer result. If you have a titer result please send to us as well.**

HEPATITIS B: A series of **three** immunizations **and** documentation of a positive titer 4-6 weeks after the third immunization. (The second immunization is given 4 weeks after the first and the third at least 8 weeks after the second and 16 weeks after the first. It takes a minimum of 4 months to complete the series of three immunizations).

TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST (PPD): You must have a skin test and reading or a onetime Quantiferon gold blood test within 6 months of enrollment. TB skin tests are also required on an annual basis while enrolled. All current students with a negative TB result who had the Quantiferon gold test will no longer need annual testing unless they had new known exposure to TB or traveled to TB prone areas.

OR if you have a history of a positive PPD:

CHEST X-RAY: Required **ONLY** if there is a history of a positive PPD test reading. You must provide documentation of the date of the positive PPD and a negative chest x-ray taken after the date of the reported positive PPD. **Note:** Some clinical sites are requiring a CXR every year after a positive PPD reading. Students would be responsible for the cost of the CXR.

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