



Commonly Asked Questions for the LVN/Military to ADN Program

Note: These questions and answers are to be used as a guide for information purposes. For a complete understanding of admission procedures or to learn more about the program, we encourage you to go to the website. There is also an information packet available on our website. For more detailed information, please attend a virtual zoom open house (dates/times are on the web page) or contact the program director.

1. How many times do you admit a year?

The program admits twice a year, fall and spring.

2. Is your program accredited?

The program is accredited by the college from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states.

3. Is the program approved by the Texas Board of Nursing?

The program has full approval from the Texas Board of Nursing.

4. What is the maximum number of students admitted per cohort?

The maximum number of students that can be accepted per cohort is thirty-five (35).

5. When does the program start?

For spring admission, usually the third week of January. For fall admission, usually the third week of August. See the Alamo Colleges Academic Calendar.

6. Can anyone apply?

You must be a licensed vocational nurse with at least one year of experience or if in the military, one-year of equivalent military training as an LVN. For example, a Navy Corpsman, Air Force Medic, or an Army Combat Medic. Military applicants must provide a copy of their JST for consideration before applying to the program.

7. How long is the program?

The program is one year in length, divided up into three semesters.

8. Are there pre-requisites required?

There are seven pre-requisites required to apply to the program: BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 2420, PSYC 2301, PSYC 2314, PHIL 2306 AND ENGL 1301. These must be completed by the time of application submission.

9. Do I need to be a student at St. Philip's College?

Yes, students must be admitted to St. Philip's College to apply to the program.

The requirements for admission into the St. Philip's College LVN/Military to ADN Mobility Program are in accordance with the Alamo Colleges admission policies, as well as admission policies of the LVN/Military to ADN program and policies specified by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. You must fill out an Apply Texas application for admission to the college. You must also be TSI College Ready. Speak with an academic advisor concerning these criteria. The advisor must fill out a form that needs to be submitted with the application.



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10. What is the cost of the program?

The total cost of the program for in-district is approximately \$12,00.00 and out of district \$16,900.00. The prices are expected to increase in Fall 2023.

11. Can I apply if I have not completed my pre-requisites?

You can apply anytime the window is open for applications. However, if an applicant is missing any prerequisites or is enrolled in a course, they will not be eligible to be admitted. Science courses must be completed PRIOR to applying with minimum grade of "C" or higher. Applicants must be successful with a minimum grade of "C" or higher for all pre-requisite courses.

12. I have taken nurses classes elsewhere, will my courses transfer?

No transfer credit will be given for RNSG nursing courses taken at another institution. All nursing courses must be completed at St. Philip's College.

13. Will my pre-requisites transfer if I took them somewhere else?

All non-nursing courses will be evaluated for credit by the Admissions Office. Please speak with a certified academic advisor.

14. Can military apply?

We do take military applicants. If military, must have training as Army Combat Medics, Navy Corpsmen, or Air Force Medics within the last 10 years and equivalent to an LVN training. Military applicants must provide their Joint Service transcripts as well as their DD214 for evaluation by the program director to qualify for admission. Applicants must be successful with a minimum grade of "C" or higher for any remaining courses.

15. Will I need my JST transcript?

Yes, military candidates will need to provide their JST transcript. Also, applicants will be required to submit official documents which validate clinical experiences in military medical-technical roles with application for consideration. Final decisions are made by the RN program director. Applicants must be successful with a minimum grade of "C" or higher for any remaining courses.

16. Can I get a CHEM 1405 waiver?

St. Philip's College does not offer chemistry waivers.



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17. How long do I need to be an LVN before applying?

Mandatory minimum 1-year LVN work experience (part time or full time), within the last 5 years (will be verified). LVN work experience must be obtained by start of the program. A resume will be required. All forms needed to apply can be found on the webpage.

18. Do I need to take the TEAS for admission?

Yes, all applicants are required to take the TEAS exam. You must obtain an overall score of 65% for admission.

19. When can I apply?

Official Application Filing Periods:

Fall Term

Apply: March 21 to May 31st

Spring Term

Apply: July 1st to September 30

If either date lands on a weekend, then the deadline will be the next business day.

20. Will I need to submit all my transcripts from all colleges I have attended?

Applicants are required to submit a copy of all official transcripts from prior colleges attended where credit has been granted for any courses or a degree earned. Note: Official transcripts are needed for admission to the college as well as the application for the ADN admission. If an applicant attended any Alamo college, they will need an official transcript for application purposes, including St. Philip's College. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted and applications will be considered incomplete if submitted for consideration.

21. How do you calculate GPA for admittance?

The admissions department will calculate cumulative GPA based on transcripts submitted and course grades earned. Verification will also be made with Alamo Colleges GPA.

22. Can I submit my application without proof of all my immunizations?

ADN candidates are required to show proof of immunizations with applications. The form can be found on the website. Applicants are encouraged to take the form and any documents to their physician when obtaining their physical to have a current record for application purposes. Failure to do so will result in the student being dropped from the admission roster.



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23. Are drug tests and background checks required at the time of applying or after acceptance?

Once a student is conditionally accepted into the program, a student will be given information for completing background checks as well as fingerprinting along with a deadline. The applicant must wait for an acceptance letter with instructions on how to complete these steps.

24. Do we mail in the application or do we hand deliver it?

All applications will be submitted online. We are no longer accepting mailed in applications. Please review the information packet for instructions. All forms needed for submission are on the LVN/Military to ADN Mobility program website. No other forms will be accepted.

25. Do I have to repeat my science courses?

Science courses must have been completed within 5 years if transferred from another college or university or seven years if completed at SPC. The application deadline will be the guiding factor.

26. Are any of the courses in the program online?

This program is a face to face program. There are no online courses at this time.

27. Are there weekend or evening classes/clinicals?

There are no evening or weekend courses for this program at this time.

28. Does your program offer a refresher?

The St. Philip's College LVN/Military to ADN program does not offer a refresher course.

29. If I am a military candidate, can I complete the program if I am stationed outside of San Antonio?

If you are still currently serving in the military, you will need to provide a letter from your Company Commander stating that you are available to attend day classes and that you are not pending any Disciplinary action (ex. Article 15). You will need to be present for classes and all clinical.

30. Do applicants have to resend transcripts to the nursing department or is this information able to be pulled from student record?

Students must submit official transcripts for all colleges attended to the nursing department for admission. Admission to the college is separate and you would need to speak to admissions on what is needed to apply to St. Philip's College.



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31. Where can I register for the TEAS exam?

Review materials and registration information are available at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register> and the online product store. You may also speak with an academic advisor.

32. Who can I contact for further questions about the program?

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