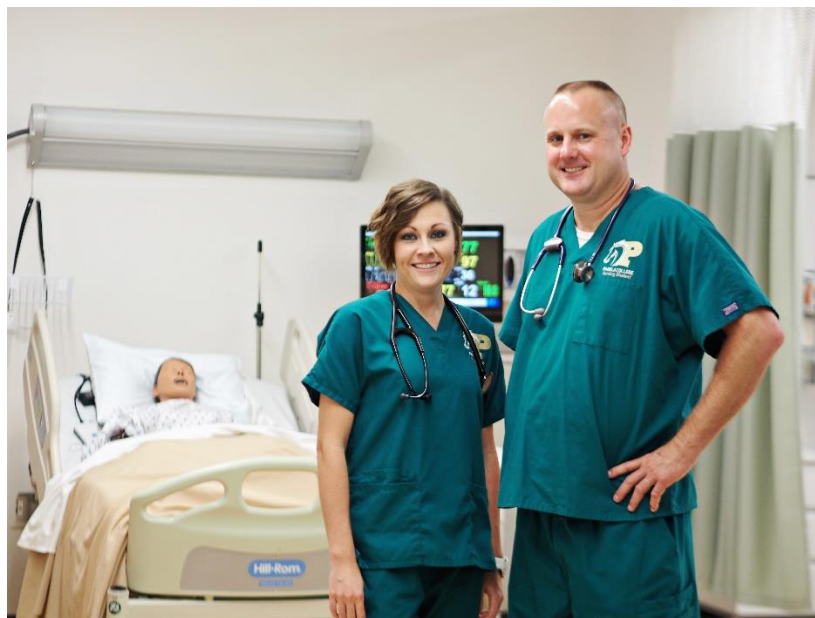




Associate Degree Nursing

Preparation for Application



The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) is a “closed” program and requires additional application and acceptance into the program. Admission to Panola College does not guarantee admission to specific courses or programs of study. The conditions for admission to the ADN program and the LVN-RN Hybrid Transition option are outlined online in the current *Panola College Catalog*.

Because the nursing profession requires a high level of performance with a strong academic background and critical thinking, nursing students are held to a higher admission standard than students enrolled in general academic classes.

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Thank you for considering the Panola College Associate Degree Nursing program!

This program is a closed program in which you must apply during the application period to be considered. Enrollment is limited. Currently, we accept 40 students into each of the fall and spring cohorts. We do not keep a “waiting list”, so if you are not accepted the first time, you will be required to apply again during the next application period. All documents of applicants who are not admitted are safely destroyed, so it is your responsibility to reproduce the required (and updated) documents when re-applying. The program, after being accepted, is a 2 year program with summers off.

This Preparation Packet outlines the requirements you need to complete before the application period. Please read the entire packet, as it will answer most, if not all, of your questions.

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Apply to Panola College

You must be fully accepted to Panola College before applying to the nursing program. The online application is found [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding applying to Panola College, you may contact Admissions at admissions@panola.edu, or 903-693-2038.

After being accepted, you will receive your Panola College Student ID number and Panola College Student email address. Please memorize or keep these handy, as these are important items in the application process and throughout your nursing school experience.

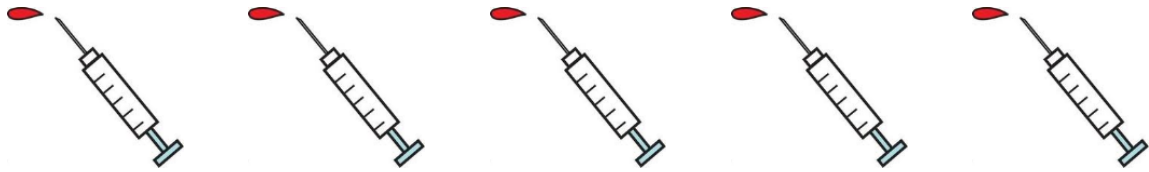
Submit Official Transcripts

You must submit official transcripts from each college you have attended, even if the courses are not required for the nursing program. Please do this in plenty of time, as the official transcripts must be evaluated after they are received. The evaluation process can take up to two weeks during busy times. You will need to follow up with Admissions to request a copy of the transcript evaluation. The transcript evaluation is different from the transcript itself.

Visit with an Academic Advisor (optional)

If you are unsure if you have all the required courses and need to visit with someone face to face to go over your documents, you may schedule an appointment with an academic advisor ahead of time. Please give yourself plenty of time in case you need to take another class in order to qualify, as our admission period is after the semester has already started. To schedule an appointment, please call 903-693-2048.

Immunizations



The chart on the next page shows the immunizations and health requirements you must submit if you are selected for the program. There will be a deadline assigned and given to you in a packet once other preliminary requirements are met. We publish this list here so you will be aware in plenty of time to get records together and/or make appointments to get it done at your convenience. Be aware that the deadline is the deadline. No exceptions. Please know that some requirements take longer than others, for example, titers and TB skin tests. In the case of titers, the results are what needs to be submitted by the deadline, not just proof that you had it drawn. And if the result is negative, another shot is required as proof that another series has been started.

To qualify for an application, as far as immunizations are concerned, you only need to bring a copy of the positive titer results for Hepatitis B. If you are not complete with the series, or if the titer is negative, you will just need to show proof that you are currently in progress with the series of 3 shots, and that you are on time with them. You are expected to continue with the series of shots, followed up by the titer, in the time schedule listed on the chart. Be gathering, but do not submit, the other requirements until you are asked to do so.

Always keep a copy of your immunizations, as we will not return them to you.

If you are accepted into the program, you must keep your immunizations current in order to attend clinicals or simulation. If you do not understand a requirement, it is up to you to ask, as ignorance is no excuse. Periodically we may send a “friendly reminder” email of immunizations coming due/past due. **DO NOT DEPEND ON IT.** It is up to you to know when they are due.

Do not have a titer drawn early! We give you 5 additional days to allow time for the results to come back, and/or if the due date falls on a weekend or holiday. If the lab you go to takes more time than normal, please let us know and, as long as you had the titer drawn on the appropriate day, and you get a statement from the lab with an estimated date for the results, we will accommodate you.

complete?		date requirement was met	date emailed	titer result - circle one	if a 2nd series is needed:		
					date requirement was met	date emailed	titer result - circle one
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Test · negative skin test within 1 year (must include date administered, date read, and measurement in mm) <i>OR</i> · if positive results, either chest xray results or TB questionnaire signed off by HCP stating that patient shows no signs of TB						
	2. Flu vaccine: each fall · due by October 15 each year	year 1					
		year 2					
		(if applicable) year 3					
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Varicella antibody titer* if result is negative, a booster must be given immediately, and another titer 30 days after booster			pos / neg	2nd titer if needed		
	booster (if needed)						pos / neg
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Hepatitis B: this is a series of 3 shots, given as follows:				2nd series if needed:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	· dose #1						
<input type="checkbox"/>	· dose #2 one month after dose #1						
<input type="checkbox"/>	· dose #3 six months after dose #1						
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Hepatitis B antibody titer* drawn 30 days after dose #3. if result is negative, you must get another series of shots, and then another titer 30 days after #3 shot. If still negative, you are considered a non-converter.			pos / neg	2nd titer if needed		
							pos / neg
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) · two vaccines spaced 30 days apart <u>OR</u> · positive titers for Measles (Rubeola) and Mumps	shot #1 OR measles titer		pos / neg	(if applicable): 2nd titer if needed		
		shot #2 OR mumps titer		pos / neg			
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Rubella antibody titer* if result is negative, a booster must be given immediately, and another titer in 30 days			pos / neg	2nd titer if needed		
							pos / neg
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertussis): within 10 years						
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Physical Examination · within 6 months (please download and print the one page physical exam form from the online ADN Handbook on our website. It must be completed and signed by a medical professional.						

Prerequisite Courses

Complete four prerequisite courses (per the degree plan) with a 2.5 or higher grade point average AND a minimum grade of “C” in each course. All lab courses must have been taken in the same semester and at the same school as the lecture portion of the course. No more than 2 courses may be in progress when applying.

BIOL 2401 – Anatomy and Physiology 1 (both lecture and lab)

BIOL 2402 – Anatomy and Physiology 2 (both lecture and lab)

BIOL 2420 – Microbiology (for science or non-science majors) (both lecture and lab)

PSYC 2301 – General Psychology

Other Courses

The following courses must be completed before a degree can be earned. It is recommended that you have them complete before application in order for the points (points are explained under “How we choose”) to count, increasing your chances of making it into the program. However, you do have time during the summer sessions to complete these.

ENGL 1301 – Composition I

PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth & Development

Creative Arts – see the catalog for the list to choose from

How to Apply

Before you can make your appointment to apply, you will need to be fully admitted to Panola College, be TSI complete, and have the following in hand (check off as you obtain them):

Official HESI A2 scores. Scores must be less than 5 years old. Test may only be taken twice.*

Minimum Scores are as follows:

Reading = 80

Math = 80

Grammar = 75

Lab results for positive Hep B surface antibody titer, or, proof of series in progress.

(if applicable) Transfer Transcript Evaluation completed by Student Success office. This is different from an official or unofficial transcript. This is needed if you attended a college other than Panola, even if just one course, and even if it is not a course needed for the degree you are applying for.

(if applicable) Your Panola College unofficial transcript. You will print this out yourself, on white paper, from Campus Connect. If you cannot gain access, you may contact Student Services to find out your login information, but do not ask them to print it out for you. If you do not have a printer, you can use one at the Library.

(if applicable) If you have attended a professional nursing school, a Verification of Good Standing Form from the Chair or Dean of the Nursing Department. (not needed if you attended a VN school and completed it)

Once you have all of the above, you are ready to make your mentoring appointment, where you will fill out your application in your mentor's office. The appointment will take approximately 30 minutes. You are required to bring a copy of everything listed above, if applicable. If you fail to bring everything, you will be asked to leave and make a new appointment after obtaining the item(s) you were missing. Bring your list of questions, as this is the time to get all the answers you need in order to be sure this program is a fit for you.

To schedule your appointment, fill out the "Request A Mentoring Appointment" form, found on our website. The application period for starting spring semester is September 1 – October 1. The application period for starting fall semester is February 1 – March 1. Please plan to apply early in the month. No appointments will be scheduled for the last day of the application period, as this is a "walk-in" only day, and applicants will be seen in the order in which they arrive, potentially waiting several hours as mentors become available. There will be a cut off arrival time on that day.

*A student can re-take HESI A2 if their test is over 2 years old. A student may re-take HESI A2 if their test is less than 2 years old only if they have earned their LVN AFTER the dates of the test. All three sections must be taken on the same test date. After taking the test twice and not earning the minimum scores, you may meet with the Chair of Nursing to complete a Performance Improvement Plan by contacting Katie Davis at 903-694-4019. After the plan is complete, permission may be granted to re-test earlier than 2 years.

How We Choose

We accept students using a mathematical formula to compute an applicant's ranking score. Only applicants who have met all of the requirements will be considered. When the application deadline has passed, each application is reviewed by our Admissions Committee. The applications will be put in order from highest to lowest ranking score, and the top students will be offered a spot in the program until the class limit is met. The next highest ranking applicants will be offered an alternate position. The number of alternates is always just our best guess as to how many will be needed based on past applications periods. Finally, the lowest ranking applicants will be denied for this application period. A low score has a lot to do with having courses in progress or a low GPA. The following formula will be used to calculate your rank score (you do not have to figure your own score, we have a spreadsheet that will calculate it):

$(\text{GPA of 4 main prerequisite courses}) \times (\text{number of 4 main prerequisite courses successfully completed}) + (1 \text{ point if ADN "core" complete [all 7 academic courses]}) + (10\% \text{ of cumulative HESI A2 score}) + (1 \text{ bonus point for each lab science course taken only once AND taken at Panola College AND make an A}).$

Note: A degree plan course with a grade of "D" will **not** receive a point in the ranking.

You will be given a copy of your mentoring form to show how we came up with your score. If you see that there has been a mistake, you must notify us by the application deadline.

Criminal Background Check

At the same time applications are being reviewed, each applicants' information is sent to the Board of Nursing (BON) for them to check to see if you are already in their system for a criminal background check. They, or Identogo (the company that obtains the fingerprints and information), will then send an email to all applicants who are not in the system. This email will contain instructions for setting up your "fingerprints" appointment with Identogo. It is very important that you make this appointment as soon as possible, as you will be required to turn in the "blue card" or letter from the BON as part of the required documents needed to secure your spot in the program should you be selected or offered an alternate position. Waiting until you find out if you are accepted may be too late. If you get your criminal background check done, and it turns out that you were not accepted, or did not accept the position you were offered, the background check will already be in the BON's system, and you will not be required to do another one, unless the BON requires it.

If you were already in their system, be watching your mail for a blue card or letter from the BON if it has been over a year since you received one.

This is what the blue card will look like:



It is a postcard sized card, on light blue cardstock. Please keep this in a safe place until you are asked to submit it.