



Midland College

Dear Prospective Licensed Vocational Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program at Midland College! Choosing a career in nursing is a meaningful decision, and we're honored that you're considering beginning this journey with us.

Included in this packet is important information about the LVN program's admissions process, eligibility requirements, and expectations. We encourage you to review the materials thoroughly, as they are designed to answer most of your initial questions.

Please note the following key information:

- The LVN program admits students once per year, with classes beginning each Fall.
- The application deadline for Fall admission is July 7.
- Clinical site assignments vary each semester and may require some travel.
- Due to limited clinical space, class sizes are capped, so submitting a complete application on time is essential.

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, the licensing examination for vocational nurses. Successful completion of the exam qualifies you to begin a rewarding career as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) — an essential role in today's healthcare system.

If you have any questions after reviewing the packet or would like to learn more about the program, please feel free to contact me. I'm here to help and support you as you take this exciting first step toward a career in nursing.

We look forward to receiving your application and hope to welcome you to the Midland College LVN Program!

Warm regards,

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LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

DISCLAIMER

This is a **competitive admission program** — meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance. All information in this packet is subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

Midland College's mission is to provide quality education, workforce development, and enrichment opportunities, fostering both personal and professional growth.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Midland College's Vocational Nursing Program is a 12-month curriculum leading to a level II certificate of completion. Courses are completed in two 16-week academic semesters and a 13-week summer semester. Classes begin each August and end the following August.

The Vocational Nursing program is fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. The program includes classroom and laboratory work on campus, as well as clinical experiences at various area health care facilities. The Vocational Nursing Program is offered in Midland at the main campus and in Fort Stockton at the Williams Regional Technical Training Center (WRTTC). Classes use interactive video technology to link to both campuses.

[Certificate Plan: Licensed Vocational Nurse](#)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE ADMISSION

- [Apply to Midland College](#) and meet all general admission requirements.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING BACKGROUND CHECK

- Submit the [Texas Board of Nursing Background Check](#): To be eligible for admission to the nursing or vocational nursing programs and to sit for the licensing exam, the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) requires a criminal background check. This process involves fingerprinting through MorphoTrust and is conducted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the FBI. Background check results must be received before you submit your program application. Since processing from the BON can take up to two months, it is important to **complete this step well in advance** of application deadlines.

Important: Carefully review all information on the form before submitting. Errors in your name, address, or other details can delay your results or prevent the BON from processing your background check. After submitting this form, the Nursing Department will email you with further instructions within 5 to 10 business days. After completing the fingerprint process, you will receive a letter or a "blue card" with your background check results. Include a copy (not the original) in your application packet.

- **Further Action or Questions:**



If you receive additional information requests from the Texas Board of Nursing or have questions about a specific situation—past or present—that may impact your background clearance (such as an arrest or disciplinary action), please consult:

- [FAQs for Students](#)
- [Texas Administrative Code](#)
- [Declaratory Order](#)

ACADEMIC TESTING

- Take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS, Version 7). You may take this exam up to three times with a 30-day waiting period in between attempts.
- Minimum required score: Basic.
- If you have achieved a "Basic" score, you may continue to retake the test for a higher score, as additional admission points are awarded for exceeding this level.
- Do not send the scores directly to Midland College. Print your transcript and include it in your application packet.
- Learn more and schedule your test here: [Midland College Testing Services](#).
- Additional Testing Methods: For alternative testing options, such as virtual exams, visit [TEAS Exam Information](#) | [Exam Registration](#).

CPR REQUIREMENT

Complete the Basic Life Support course through the American Heart Association with an expiration date of later than application date. This is the only course that is accepted.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

All applicants must be TSI complete or exempt in reading, writing, and math. This will be listed on your transcript.

Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Certification

Applicants must have a current CNA Certification. Applicants must provide a copy of the certification found on the Texas Health and Human Services website.

COREQUISITE COURSES

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. Courses may be retaken for a higher grade, and the highest grade will be considered for admission points.

- VNSG 1320 Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health – Must be completed within the last five years. If the course is more than five years old, it must be repeated. Course substitutions are:
- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I **AND** BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II (Grade for both courses are averaged to determine admission points)
- BIOL 2404 Human Anatomy and Physiology (This is a refresher course and can only be taken after other A&P courses have expired)
- HPRS 1106 Medical Terminology – Must be completed within the last two years. If the course is more than two years old, it will have to be repeated.



Important Recommendation

Although VNSG 1320, Anatomy & Physiology and HPRS 1106, Medical Terminology are not considered true prerequisite courses and may be taken in the first semester of nursing school, it is highly recommended that you take them before applying to the program. Finishing them beforehand will reduce your workload and will significantly improve your admission points. See “Admission Points Worksheets” below for more detail.

Optional Extra Credit Admission Points

Additional points toward admission may be earned by providing proof of certification from an accredited body or college in the following areas:

- Phlebotomy – 2 points
- Other healthcare filed certifications (such as Med Aide)– 1 point

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

As part of the admissions process, applicants must complete the **Student Information Form** and include it in their application packet. This form provides the program with essential contact and demographic information.

IMMUNIZATIONS

According to [Texas law](#) and our partner clinical sites, all students are required to have the following immunizations before participating in patient care:

- Hepatitis B (2 or 3 shot series)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella – MMR
- Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses
- Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis – TDAP (must be within the last 10 years or a new one is required)
- Bacterial Meningitis (if applicable per Texas requirements and if age 22 and younger)
- Tb and Flu vaccines annually – May be done **after** acceptance into the program

Submitting your application is a two-step process. Step one:

- Create a CastleBranch account (or access an existing account) by following the directions below.
- Upload CPR certificate, Immunization record, and CNA license to **CastleBranch** before the application deadline.
- Proceed to paper document submission (listed under “Application Process & Checklist” section below).
- **Failure to upload proper documentation and ensure all criteria are met will result in an incomplete application that will not be considered for admission.**

Note: For returning applicants, CastleBranch accounts will remain active. Please update any information.



Midland College - Health Sciences

How to Place Order

Welcome to myCB

To place your order go to:

midland.castlebranch.com

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**



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For the purposes of admission to the Program, an international student is defined as a student who did not graduate from a high school in the United States.

All international students must demonstrate English language proficiency by taking and passing **either**:

- **TOEFL iBT** (\$225.00),
with minimum scores of:

TOEFL Overall Score	79
TOEFL Reading Score	18
TOEFL Listening Score	20
TOEFL Speaking Score	20
TOEFL Writing Score	17

- **Duolingo English Test** (\$59.00),
with minimum scores of:

DuoLingo Overall Score	110
DuoLingo Reading Score	110
DuoLingo Listening Score	110
DuoLingo Speaking Score	110
DuoLingo Writing Score	110

Official score reports must be printed and included in your application packet.



APPLICATION PROCESS & CHECKLIST

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PERIOD

The application submission due date is July 7. If the deadline falls on a Friday-Sunday, it will be moved to the next business day. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered for admission. These documents must be submitted in addition to the documents uploaded to CastleBranch.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Place the documents listed below in a 9x12 envelope labeled with your name, phone number, and “LVN” on the front.
- Submit in person or by mail (must be postmarked by 5 days prior to application deadline).
- In-person submissions must follow Midland College business hours.
- Only complete applications will be reviewed for admission, and all required documents must be turned in together. Please note that emailed or individually submitted documents cannot be accepted. While not required, we encourage you to schedule an appointment with the Program Chair prior to submitting your application. During this time, she will go over your application with you to make sure everything is complete before submission. Reaching out by phone or email ahead of time is the best way to ensure a convenient appointment time.

Mail or place in the drop box outside of Room 208 in the Davidson Family Health Science Building:

Midland College Nursing Department
Room 208, Davidson Family Health Sciences Building
Midland College
3600 N. Garfield
Midland, TX 79705

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Student Information Form
- ☐ ATI TEAS results (Proficient or higher)
- ☐ *Unofficial* College transcripts verifying course completion and TSI complete or exempt status –
TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR ENVELOPE!
- ☐ TOEFL or DuoLingo Scores (if applicable)
- ☐ Texas Board of Nursing Blue Card or Clearance Letter (submit a copy, not the original)
- ☐ Any extra certificates to be considered for optional admission points

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THEIR APPLICATION FILE IS COMPLETE.

SELECTION PROCESS AND POINTS WORKSHEET

SELECTION PROCESS

- **Class Size:** Approximately 30 traditional students
- Applicants are ranked by **total admission points**, including extra credit admission points. In the event of a tie, cumulative GPA will be used.
- Admission decisions are emailed approximately two weeks after application deadline.



LVN PROGRAM ADMISSION POINTS WORKSHEET

Use this checklist to ensure steps have not been missed.

The application deadline is July 7 at 5:00pm
or the following business day if it falls on a Friday-Sunday.

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

A complete application must be submitted in a sealed 9x12 envelope with your name, phone number, and "LVN" on the front and must include the following:			
Unexpired Documents Included in Packet		Yes	No
ATI TEAS Score sheet:	Basic Proficient Advanced Exemplary		
Official or unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended			
Criminal Background Check Blue Card or Letter			
TSI Complete			
TOEFL or DuoLingo (if applicable)			

Extra Admission Points You Can Earn		
<i>For the following courses A = 4, B = 3, C = 1</i>	Grade	Points
VNSG 1320: Anatomy & Physiology		
HPRS 1106: Medical Terminology		
TEAS Score above Basic:		
• Proficient (5 points)		
• Advanced (8 points)		
• Exemplary (10 points)		
Phlebotomy Certificate from an accredited college or program (2 points)		
Medication Aide Certificate from an accredited college or program (1 point)		
Total:		
Items must be uploaded to Castle Branch after creating your account (note what the * says)		
	American Heart Association BLS card, not expired *must be uploaded by application date	
	All immunizations listed in application requirements *must be uploaded by application date	
	CNA Certification, not expired. Must be the license certificate, not just a course completion document *must be uploaded by application date	
	Flu and Tb can be obtained after acceptance into program but *must be uploaded by first class date	
	Proof of health insurance *must be uploaded by first class date	

PROGRAM COSTS & CLINICAL CLEARANCE

PROGRAM COST

Estimated Tuition & Fees: \$7,710 (2025–2026 in-district rates; higher for out-of-district, out-of-state, and international students).

- Scholarships and financial aid available. Contact Financial Aid at (432) 685-5511 or visit [Financial Aid](#).

CLINICAL CLEARANCE

Clinical participation is an essential part of every program. To stay enrolled and progress once admitted, students must complete and maintain the following:

- **American Heart Association BLS certification** (must stay current throughout the program)
- **Proof of health insurance** (must be active while in the program) This must be uploaded to CastleBranch by the first day of each semester.
- **Flu vaccine** (required every year)
- **TB screening** (or chest X-ray clearance if you've had a positive test before, required every year)
- **10-panel drug screen** (must be negative; will be done each semester and may be repeated randomly)

PHYSICAL & TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. For information and inquiries regarding Midland College's non-discrimination policies, go to: <https://www.midland.edu/about/tix/index.php>.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

At Midland College, our goal is to prepare you to become a safe, competent, and compassionate nurse. To do this, all students must be able to meet certain technical standards that reflect the skills and abilities needed in both the classroom and clinical settings. These standards are not meant to discourage you, but to ensure that you are fully prepared for the responsibilities of nursing practice and patient care. If you have a documented disability and believe you may need accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services so we can work with you on available options.

1. Observation and Sensory Skills

- Be able to see, hear, touch, and smell to gather information about patients.
- Recognize changes in a patient's condition, such as skin color, sounds, or odors.

2. Communication

- Communicate clearly in English with patients, families, and the healthcare team.
- Read, write, and document accurately in medical records.
- Understand verbal and nonverbal cues, even in stressful situations.



3. Motor and Physical Abilities

- Perform physical tasks such as turning, transferring, or helping lift patients.
- Use fine motor skills to perform tasks such as starting IVs, giving injections, or operating equipment.
- Respond quickly in an emergency, including performing CPR.
- Have the stamina to work 8–12 hour shifts in clinical settings.

4. Cognitive and Critical Thinking

- Collect, organize, and apply information to make safe clinical decisions.
- Calculate medication dosages accurately.
- Prioritize multiple responsibilities and adapt to changes in patient needs.

5. Behavioral and Emotional Stability

- Manage stress and remain calm in urgent or emotional situations.
- Show compassion, integrity, and respect for others.
- Accept feedback and make necessary changes in behavior or performance.

6. Professional and Ethical Standards

- Protect patient privacy and confidentiality at all times.
- Demonstrate accountability, reliability, and honesty.
- Respect individual and cultural differences.
- Follow all professional standards set by the Texas Board of Nursing.

7. Health and Safety Requirements

- Maintain personal health that allows you to meet program and clinical demands.
- Follow infection control and safety practices.
- Keep all required immunizations, health screenings, and certifications up to date.

Reasonable accommodations may be available through Midland College **Disability Support Services**. Visit: [Accommodation Services](#).



ACCREDITATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Midland College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award certificates, associate, and baccalaureate degrees.



For questions regarding accreditation, contact:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097
(404) 679-4500
www.sacscoc.org

The LVN program is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). For inquiries about program approval, contact:

Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 305-7400

PROGRAM CONTACT

Dr. Jennifer Swendsen, Program Chair
 lvn@midland.edu
 (432) 685-4594

LICENSURE INFORMATION/STATEMENT

To be eligible for an initial Texas nursing license by examination, a nursing student must have graduated from a nursing program approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) or an equivalent program, passed the NCLEX examination, and successfully passed a criminal background check and the Texas Jurisprudence Exam. You must apply for licensure through the Texas BON and meet all requirements to be granted a permanent license. Completion of the Nursing program does not guarantee you will be eligible for licensure.

Any questions regarding the impact of a previous criminal or disciplinary matter should be directed to the [Texas Board of Nursing](#).

CERTIFICATE PLAN

Fall Semester

HPRS 1106 Essentials of Medical Terminology, 1-hour
VNSG 1320 Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health, 3-hour
VNSG 1405 Health Science, 4-hour
VNSG 1304 Foundations of Nursing, 3-hour
VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills, 3-hour
VNSG 1260 Clinical I, 2-hour

Total Semester Credit Hours - 16

**VNSG 1320 & HPRS 1106 may be taken before nursing classes begin for priority points into the program*

Spring Semester

VNSG 1301 Mental Health and Mental Illness, 3-hour
VNSG 1230 Maternal-Neonatal Nursing, 2-hour
VNSG 1329 Medical-Surgical Nursing I, 3-hour
HPRS 2200 Pharmacology for Health Professionals, 2-hour
VNSG 1361 Clinical II, 3-hour

Total Semester Credit Hours – 13

Summer Semester

VNSG 1205 NCLEX-PN Review, 2-hour
VNSG 1119 Leadership & Professional Development, 1-hour
VNSG 1234 Pediatrics, 2-hour
VNSG 1332 Medical Surgical Nursing II, 3-hour
VNSG 2363 Clinical III, 3-hour

Total Semester Credit Hours – 11



STUDENT INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Name _____

Other Last Names Used _____

Date of Birth _____ MC Student ID # _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

Phone _____ Relationship _____

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The information requested in this section is **optional** and will not be used in the admission decision process. Responses are collected for reporting and statistical purposes only. Choosing not to provide demographic information will not affect your eligibility for admission or participation in the program.

Age _____

Gender _____

Race:

_____ American Indian or Alaska Native
_____ Asian
_____ Black or African American
_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
_____ White

Ethnicity:

_____ Hispanic or Latino
_____ Not Hispanic or Latino

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION