

Odessa College Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program Admissions Guide

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Program Overview

Admission to Odessa College does not guarantee entry into the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program.

Admission is competitive and based on specific criteria. Applications that are incomplete or do not meet minimum qualifications will not be considered.

Odessa College offers two LVN pathways for traditional students. Requirements and expectations are identical for all LVN programs:

- **Full-Time Traditional Pathway** – 12-month program offered at the **Monahans and Andrews Extension Centers**.
- **Part-Time Extended Pathway** – 18-month program offered on the **Odessa College Main Campus**.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Admission to Odessa College (ApplyTexas application required if not currently enrolled).
- High School Diploma, GED, or active enrollment in a dual credit eligible high school.
- Completion of the HESI A2 Entrance Exam (in-person testing only).
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Attendance at a Nursing Program Information Session (mandatory prior to application).

HESI A2 Testing

Beginning Spring 2026, all nursing applicants must take the HESI A2 exam prior to applying. In Person Testing is required for admission.

- Schedule through the Odessa College Testing Center at 432-335-6620.
- Testing may be completed twice per academic year with at least 30 days between attempts.
- Scores are valid for 2 years. Highest score will be used; sections cannot be combined (“superscored”).
- Minimum required score: 72% in Reading, Grammar, and Math.
- **Exams taken remotely or virtually will not be accepted.**

GPA Requirement

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 to be considered. GPA will be calculated from college coursework for students with two or more college-level classes; otherwise, high school GPA will be used. GED holders will be assigned a GPA of 2.5. Official/Unofficial transcripts must be sent with application submission.

Application Process

Applications must be completed and emailed to LVN@odessa.edu. No in-person submissions will be accepted.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applicants are encouraged to include all clinical clearance documents with their submission.

Application Deadlines

Program	Application Period	Orientation	Program Start
Full-Time Traditional	May 1 – June 10	Early August	Late August
Part-Time Extended	October 1 – 31	December	January
Dual Credit LVN Program	Spring of Sophomore Year (arranged by ISD)	Spring of Sophomore Year	Fall of Junior Year

Selection Criteria and Point System

Admission is based on a point system that includes GPA, HESI A2 scores, and additional considerations.

Applicants with the highest total points will be selected until program capacity is met.

GPA Scoring:

GPA Range	Points
3.7 – 4.0	10
3.1 – 3.69	8
2.9 – 3.09	6
2.7 – 2.89	4
2.5 – 2.69	2

HESI A2 Scoring (per subject):

Score	Points Awarded		
	Math	Reading	Grammar
95-100	10	10	10
88-94	8	8	8
83-87	6	6	6
78-82	4	4	4
72-77	2	2	2
<72	Ineligible for admission		
<u>Bonus points awarded for critical thinking:</u>			
Score	Points awarded		
951-1000	6 points		
900-950	5 points		
851-899	4 points		
800-850	3 points		
<800	0 points		

Additional considerations may include:

- Military service and/or training
- Completion of BIOL 2401 & 2402
- Previous application attempts
- Completion of six or more college-level courses

Post-Admission Requirements

After accepting a seat in the program, students must complete orientation, clinical clearance, and all required documentation.

Failure to complete these steps may result in forfeiture of program admission.

Clinical clearance includes:

- Current immunizations (TD/Tdap, MMR, Hepatitis B, Varicella, Influenza, COVID-19 as required)
- Negative TB screening (initial and annual)
- Current CPR certification (American Heart Association – BLS only)
- Drug screening and physical exam clearance
- Completion of HIPAA and hospital orientations
- Criminal background check via Texas Board of Nursing
- Proof of health insurance

Dual Credit LVN Program

The Dual Credit LVN Program follows the same admission requirements and standards as the traditional LVN programs.

It is offered in partnership with area ISDs and located on three campuses: Odessa College Main Campus, Andrews Extension, and Monahans Extension. Interested students must meet with their high school counselor to apply.

Program Accreditation and Disclaimer

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