

Summer 2009

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Lamar State College - Port Arthur Associate of Applied Science Upward Mobility Nursing Program. This nursing program was developed to meet the unique learning needs of the experienced LVN/LPN. It is designed to provide sound educational experience, insure competence in nursing, and achieve the LVN/LPN goal of career advancement to the Registered Nurse level with minimal duplication of educational preparation.

This advisement packet is designed to answer common questions, outline program requirements, and provide you with the following items:

1. Application and procedure for admission to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program.
2. Information about the required health exam.
3. Guidance to obtain financial aid.
4. Program of study and nursing course descriptions.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. If you have any questions, please call the Allied Health Secretary at 984-6356 (1-800-477-5872 ext. 6356). I am available at LSC-PA by calling 984-6354 (1-800-477-5872 ext. 6354). The faculty and I look forward to receiving your application.

Thank you,

Janet R. Hamilton, RN, MSN
Upward Mobility Nursing Program Director

Lamar State College - Port Arthur Upward Mobility Nursing Program

The Associate of Applied Science Upward Mobility Nursing Program at Lamar State College-Port Arthur (LSC-PA) is a competency based course of study designed to prepare its graduates to take the state board examination (NCLEX-RN) to become Registered Nurses.

NOTE: STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO WORK WHILE IN THE UPWARD MOBILITY NURSING PROGRAM ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE ALL NON-NURSING COURSES THAT APPLY TO THE UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM PRIOR TO TAKING THE CORE NURSING COURSES!!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program at Lamar State College-Port Arthur is a two-phase process. During Phase I, the student must complete the following steps:

- I. Complete the application process for general admission to Lamar State College-Port Arthur.
- II. Complete the application process for the Upward Mobility Nursing Program.
 - A. Step One: Complete the application packet. The following forms should be completed and mailed with the required documentation to:

Upward Mobility Nursing Standards Committee
Lamar State College-Port Arthur
P.O. Box 310
Port Arthur, TX 77641-0310

1. Application to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program
2. Copies of official transcripts to include:
 - a. Copies of Nursing Program Transcript from State Board approved Vocational/Practical Nursing Program
 - b. Copies of transcript(s) of all college work completed
These must arrive in the Allied Health Department prior to the review of applications by the faculty. ***No application will be reviewed unless all transcripts and transcript evaluations are submitted.***
3. Report verifying that the student has satisfied the THEA requirements (unless the student is exempt prior to admission)

The new name for the TASP Test is the THEA Test. The content of the THEA Test is the same as the former TASP Test. The THEA Test has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, under Senate Bill 286, Texas Education Code, Section 51.3062: Texas Success Initiative, for use by Texas institutions of higher education as an assessment instrument for entering students. The THEA Test provides the diagnostic data required by this legislation.

- The THEA Test must be taken before enrolling in any college-level coursework.
- WHO IS EXEMPT FROM TAKING THE TEST? There are exemptions. It is important that you check with the advising office before you register for the THEA Test.
- For further information about whether and when you must be tested, please contact the advising office at 984-6183, 984-6184 or 984-6185.

4. Evidence of current CPR certification
 5. Current LVN/LPN license number and renewal date
 6. Program Applicant Interview
 7. Employment/Work History
 8. Survey
- B. Step Two: Successfully complete BIOL 2401 and 2402 (BIO 143 and 144), BIOL 2420 (BIO 245), RNSG 1300 (RNSG 1215), and RNSG 1311 with a minimum grade of C, and COSC 1301 or ITSC 1401 with a minimum grade of C within the last four years.

The student must maintain a "C" or better in ALL nursing and science courses and an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average to graduate and be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Please note that all nursing courses (RNSG) require a minimum score of 75 for a grade of "C."

- C. Step Three: Provide a reference from the person who most recently supervised your nursing practice.

This reference request is mailed directly to Lamar State College-Port Arthur by the person selected by you to complete the form.

LVN TO RN ADMISSION RATING SCALE

NOTE: This page is for your information only. PLEASE DO NOT TURN IN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION. It documents the procedure in which we calculate your admission rating score for the purpose of admission into the Upward Mobility Nursing Program. Do not include this page with your application.

During Phase II of the admission process, students who have completed Phase I are ranked according to their scores on the 17-item Admission Rating Scale (see below). This scale has been developed by the Upward Mobility Nursing Standards Committee composed of nursing faculty. The goal of the Upward Mobility Nursing Standards Committee is the selection of the best qualified applicants. The applicants with the highest scores will be admitted to the program. Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an open access institution. All slots will be filled with the most qualified applicants available in any given admission period. NOTE: If a course is repeated, then the points for that course will be averaged on the admission rating scale.

COURSE	GRADE(S)	POINTS
BIOL 2401 (BIO 143) Human Anatomy & Physiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
BIOL 2402 (BIO 144) Human Anatomy & Physiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
COSC 1301 Micro-Computers I or ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers A = 12/16 B = 9/12 C = 6/8 0 points if > 4 years		
BIOL 2420 (BIO 245) Introductory Microbiology A = 16 B = 12 C = 8		
ENGL 1301 (ENG 131) Composition A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
SPCH 1315 (COM 131) Public Speaking A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
HECO 1322 (HEC 138) Principles of Nutrition A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
PSYC 2301 General Psychology [PSYC 2312 (PSY 236) Adult Development and Aging will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester] A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development [PSYC 2308 (PSY 234) Child Psychology will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester] A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities) A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment A = 8/12 B = 6/9 C = 4/6		
RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology A = 12 B = 9 C = 6		
LVN/LPN Work Experience (1 point for each year –max. 3 pts.)		
Repeated science course(s) – Subtract 5 points		
Repeated VNSG course(s) – Subtract 5 points		
Repeated RNSG course(s) – Subtract 5 points		
Total GPA - VN School (4 points for 4.0 GPA, etc.)		
Total Score		

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 1, 2009

All applicants who have complete files are notified of acceptance or rejection by May 29, 2009. If you do not receive a letter, please contact Donna Wolfe. Please, DO NOT CALL BEFORE June 1, 2009. Every time we have to answer the phone delays getting the letters in the mail.

HEALTH EXAM

After acceptance into the Upward Mobility Nursing Program, students are required to have a physical examination at their own expense by the physician of their choice. Immunizations are available at the Port Arthur Health Department. The exam and any required immunizations must be completed before students begin their clinical.

A new regulation of the Texas Department of Health requires that each student complete the Hepatitis B vaccination series prior to contact with patients. It takes six months to complete the series so students who have not had the vaccinations should get them as soon as possible.

STUDENT POLICY REGARDING HIV STATUS

Effective September 1, 1991, the State of Texas bill, HB 7, imposed on all Texas health care professionals various requirements designed to prevent the transmission of HIV from health care workers to their clients. Under this law, health care workers include "individuals in the course of training or educational program in the health professions." Thus, the law applies to all the nursing students at Lamar State College - Port Arthur during the time they are involved in client care.

It is each LSC-PA student's responsibility to understand the legal and professional/ ethical ramifications of the law and to comply with the law's requirements. In general, the law requires that all health care workers adhere to Standard Precautions and that individuals with exudative lesions (draining sores) or weeping dermatitis (reddened areas that leak clear fluid) refrain from direct client care and the handling of client equipment and devices used in invasive procedures until the condition resolves. To insure that all students are familiar with Standard Precautions, a course in Standard Precautions is included in the nursing program.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

At the time of acceptance into the LSC-PA Upward Mobility Nursing Program a student must undergo a criminal background check. This is completed through the organization designated by the Allied Health Department and at the student's expense. This background check is required by the clinical facilities which provide direct patient care experience to LSC-PA students. This ensures uniform compliance with Joint Commission standards pertaining to human resource management. Successful completion of a background check does not guarantee licensure or employment after graduation. Full acceptance into the nursing program is contingent upon satisfactory results.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Students are required to maintain malpractice insurance during the nursing program. At the time of acceptance a student must submit the required fee (money order) along with the acceptance reply form.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid consists of several programs funded by federal and state governments to help college students defray expenses while attending college. The types of financial aid available at LSC-PA are:

Grants - Money awarded that is not repayable

Work Study - Money the student earns through employment at the college

Out-of-state students, please note that guaranteed student loans are NOT available at LSC-PA! To apply for financial aid you must complete and mail the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provided by the College Scholarship Service to determine if you are eligible for aid. The form is available in the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Anyone who will need financial aid should obtain application forms from the Financial Aid Office at Lamar-Port Arthur and **APPLY for it NOW**. It takes approximately eight weeks to process the financial aid application so you should **APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** Do not wait until you are accepted into the program or your money will not arrive in time for registration.

Students are expected to meet established standards for academic progress to remain eligible for financial aid. Complete information about those standards is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Lamar State College - Port Arthur
Upward Mobility Nursing Program
LVN to RN Curriculum Outline

<u>Pre-requisite courses:</u>	CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 2401 (BIO 143) Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 2402 (BIO 144) Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment (NURS 2310)	2 or 3
RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology (NURS 2340)	3
BIOL 2420 (BIO 245) Introductory Microbiology	<u>4</u>
	17-18 TOTAL
<u>Summer I Semester</u>	
COSC 1301 Micro-Computers I or ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers	3-4
HECO 1322 (HEC 138) Principles of Nutrition	<u>3</u>
	6-7 TOTAL
<u>Summer II Semester</u>	
RNSG 1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs	4
RNSG 1260 Clinical (RN Nursing)	<u>2</u>
	6 TOTAL
<u>Fall Semester</u>	
RNSG 2514 Care of Clients with Complex Health Care Needs	5
RNSG 2361 Clinical (RN Nursing)	3
ENGL 1301 (ENG 131) Composition	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3
[PSYC 2312 (PSY 236) Adult Development and Aging will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester]	
SPCH 1315 (COM 131) Public Speaking	<u>3</u>
	17 TOTAL
<u>Spring Semester</u>	
RNSG 2535 Integrated Client Care Management	5
RNSG 2362 Clinical (RN Nursing)	3
RNSG 1207 Nursing Jurisprudence	2
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development	3
[PSYC 2308 (PSY 234) Child Psychology will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester]	
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities)	<u>3</u>
	16 TOTAL

62-64+8*=70-72 Total Program Hours

+ Art, Literature, Humanities, Music, Philosophy and/or Foreign Language

* 8 Hours of Nursing Credit for basic nursing skills related to Medical-Surgical conditions, care of childbearing families and care of children is granted after passing RNSG 1423 and RNSG 1260.

The student must maintain a "C" or better in ALL nursing and science courses and an overall 2.0 Grade Point Average to graduate and be eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Please note that all nursing courses (RNSG) require a minimum score of 75 for a grade of "C."

Lamar State College-Port Arthur is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, or ethnic origin.

UPWARD MOBILITY NURSING PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology

Course Description: Basic principles of pathophysiology emphasizing nursing application. Topics include principles of homeostasis related to body systems. Factors that contribute to altered physiological functioning of each body system and interrelationships among selected pathophysiological processes are explored. The implications for nursing practice of common physiological alterations and pathophysiological processes throughout the lifespan are examined.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II
Nursing Major

RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment

Course Description: Development of skills and techniques required for a comprehensive health assessment of clients across the lifespan: pediatric, adult and geriatric. Includes assessment of clients' health promotion and maintenance, illness and injury prevention and restoration, and application of the nursing process within a legal/ethical framework.

Prerequisites: BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology I & II
Nursing Major

RNSG 1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs

Course Description: Introduction to the profession of nursing including the registered nurse's role with emphasis on health promotion and primary disease prevention across the life span; essential components of the nursing health assessment; identification of deviations from expected health patterns; application of a systematic, problem-solving process to provide basic nursing care to diverse clients across the life span; and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The course is designed for licensed vocational/practical nurses who seek an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing in the first semester of the Upward Mobility Nursing Program. The course presents major concepts basic to the curriculum and organizing framework to assure orientation to nursing as a professional endeavor. The attitudes, knowledge and skills of the registered nurse are emphasized, thereby facilitating the transition from LVN/LPN to Registered Nurse. Using an integrated approach and building upon the foundation of fundamental knowledge and skills the LVN/LPN already has, the concepts of stress-adaptation, human needs, therapeutic communication, growth and development through the life cycle, safety, and wellness/illness are explored for people of all age groups. Theoretical content is implemented in the clinical environment.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nursing License
Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program or Administrative Approval
RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment; RNSG 1301 Pathophysiology;
BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II; BIOL 2420 Intro to Microbiology

Co-requisite: RNSG 1260 Clinical

RNSG 1260 Clinical - Nursing (RN Training)

Course Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.

Prerequisites: Vocational Nurse Licensure
RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment; RNSG 1311 Pathophysiology;
BIOL 2401 & 2402 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II; BIOL 2420 Intro to Microbiology

Co-requisite: RNSG 1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs

RNSG 2514 Integrated Care of the Client with Complex Health Care Needs

Course Description: Application of a systematic problem-solving process and critical-thinking skills to provide comprehensive nursing care to diverse clients/families across the life span with complex health care needs including, but not limited to, complex childhood/adolescent diseases, complicated perinatal care, acute mental illness, complex perioperative care, serious adult health problems and health issues related to aging. Emphasis is on tertiary disease prevention, in health maintenance/restoration and collaboration with members of the multidisciplinary health care team. Topics include the role of the nurse as client advocate and coordinator of care and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The course requires recognition and response to all aspects of client's needs in the face of crises. Continuing with the integrated approach, the concepts of growth and development, therapeutic communication, stress-adaptation, safety, and wellness-illness are further explored for individuals of all age groups.

Prerequisites: RNSG 1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1260 Clinical

Co-requisite: RNSG 2361 Clinical

RNSG 2361 Clinical - Nursing (RN Training)

Course Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.

Prerequisites: RNSG 1423 Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs
RNSG 1260 Clinical

Co-requisite: RNSG 2514 Care of Client with Complex Health Care Needs

RNSG 2535 Integrated Client Care Management

Course Description: Application of client assessment skills, critical thinking, and independent nursing interventions to care for diverse clients/families throughout the life span whose health care needs may be difficult to predict. Emphasis is on collaborative clinical decision-making, nursing leadership skills, and client management. Topics include the significance of professional development, trends in nursing and health care, and applicable knowledge, judgment, skills and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. The concepts of growth and development through the life-cycle, safety, therapeutic communication, stress-adaptation, wellness-illness, and professionalism are further elaborated.

Prerequisites: RNSG 2514 Care of Client with Complex Health Care Needs
RNSG 2361 Clinical

Co-requisite: RNSG 2362 Clinical

RNSG 2362 Clinical - Nursing (RN Training)

Course Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experiences. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary.

Prerequisites: RNSG 2514 Care of Client with Complex Health Care Needs
RNSG 2361 Clinical

Co-requisite: RNSG 2535 Integrated Client Care Management

RNSG 1207 Nursing Jurisprudence

Course Description: A course in nursing jurisprudence and ethics with an emphasis on personal and professional responsibility. Study of laws and regulations related to the provision of safe and effective nursing care.

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LICENSURE

The Texas Board of Nursing has identified certain circumstances that may render a potential candidate ineligible for licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Texas. The Board provides individuals the opportunity to petition the Board for a Declaratory Order as to their eligibility in accordance with Article 301.257 of the Nursing Practice Act.

If you are required to answer “**YES**” to any of the following questions, you must complete the Declaratory Order process. **Processing your Declaratory Order may take 6 to 12 months, or longer, after you provide all required documentation and depending on your circumstance.** Once all requested documents have been received, you will be notified that the Petition has been transferred to the Enforcement Department for review.

- For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
 - A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
 - B. been convicted of a felony?
 - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
 - D. received deferred adjudication?
 - E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
 - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
 - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
 - H. been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
 - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
 - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)

NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses: While expunged or sealed offenses, arrests, tickets, or citations need not be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character.

NOTE: Orders of Non-Disclosure: Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t. Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of the Gov’t. Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about that criminal matter.

- Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- Has **any** licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- *Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?
- *Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

**** If you are licensed as an LVN in the State of Texas and are currently participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses you may answer “NO” to these two questions.***

To obtain a copy of the Declaratory Order, go to the Texas Board of Nursing website at: www.bon.state.tx.us. On

the BON home page, click on "Download other Paper Applications and Forms". Click on the "Declaratory Order Form" located under the "Candidates for Licensure" section. However, please note you must request a Fingerprint Card Packet. The completed Fingerprint Card must be sent in with your Declaratory Order.

TEXAS NURSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAM

In addition to passing the NCLEX-RN, graduates are required to pass the Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Exam to obtain RN licensure. Information is available on the Texas Board of Nursing website at: www.bon.state.tx.us.

MATH COMPETENCY

Upward Mobility students are required to demonstrate competency in medication administration. They must pass a written medication administration competency evaluation with a minimum score of 90. This exam is administered during the course RNSG 1423-Introduction to Professional Nursing for Integrated Programs. Students have two opportunities to achieve a score of 90. Students who do **NOT** achieve a **90** on the second medication administration competency evaluation are **NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN THE PROGRAM.** Students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW DOSAGE CALCULATION** prior to the program. Drug Calculations Process & Problems for Clinical Practice by Meta Brown and Joyce Mulholland is a workbook that provides a good review of dosage calculation. The computer lab in the Allied Health Building has tutorial programs available on medication administration. Also, VNSG 1227 - Essentials of Medication Administration is a course on dosage calculation that is offered at LSC-PA. Contact the Coordinator of the Vocational Nursing Program if you wish to enroll in this course.

6. What are the important ways that you have changed in the last 5 years?

7. What do you see yourself doing in the next 10 years?

8. Describe 2 things that you have done in your lifetime of which you are most proud.

9. What is there in your overall background that you believe will enable you to succeed in the AD program?

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell me?

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EMPLOYMENT/WORK HISTORY

Start with your present or last job. Include military service assignments and volunteer activities. You may exclude organization names which indicate race, color, religion, gender, national origin, handicap, or other protected status.

1. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

2. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

3. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

4. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

5. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

6. Employer: _____
Telephone: _____ Address: _____
Job Title: _____
Supervisor: _____
Dates of Employment: From _____ To _____
Reason for Leaving: _____

**Lamar State College - Port Arthur
UPWARD MOBILITY NURSING PROGRAM**

Reference Request

Date _____

_____ is requesting that you provide a letter of reference
(Student Name)

for consideration for admission to the Upward Mobility Nursing program. Please complete the form by rating the applicant in comparison to other Licensed Vocational Nurses with whom you have worked. After completing the form, return it to the address shown at the end of the form. Thank you for your valuable contribution.

I have known the applicant for ____ years, ____ months. The circumstances under which I have known the applicant are:

Please place a check in the box that matches the rating you would give the applicant on the following chart:

Personal Attributes	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Intellectual Capacity					
Writing Ability					
Oral Communication Skills					
Problem Solving Skills					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Motivation to Learn					
Perseverance in Adversity					
Likelihood of Success as a Registered Nurse					
Quality of Client Care					
Ability to Get Along with Others					
Dependability, Attendance					

Circle the number on the chart below that reflects your overall impression of the applicant in comparison to other LVNs you have known.

EXCEPTIONAL	UPPER 1/3	MIDDLE OF THE GROUP	LOWER 1/3	UNACCEPTABLE
5	4	3	2	1

Please make any comments that you think would assist faculty members in the decision of admitting the applicant to the Upward Mobility Nursing Program. (If more space is needed, attach an additional sheet.)

COMMENTS:

Signature: _____

Name : _____

Printed or Typed

Position/Title: _____

Address: _____

Please send form to:

**Standards Committee
Upward Mobility Nursing Program
Lamar State College - Port Arthur
P.O. Box 310
Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310**

**RECORD OF COURSE COMPLETION
LVN TO RN TRACK**

(You (the student) must complete this form and attach supporting transcripts.)

Please name the college, the semester you took the course, and the grade you made in each of the following courses.

NOTE: For each course you have completed, you (the student) must attach a transcript documenting your grade and course completion even if you completed all or part of your coursework on the Lamar State College-Port Arthur campus.

NAME:	S.S.#		
COURSE	COLLEGE	SEMESTER	GRADE
BIOL 2401 (BIO 143) Human Anatomy & Physiology			
BIOL 2402 (BIO 144) Human Anatomy & Physiology			
COSC 1301 Micro-Computers I or ITSC 1401 Introduction to Computers MUST BE LESS THAN 4 YEARS SINCE TAKING COURSE			
BIOL 2420 (BIO 245) Introductory Microbiology			
ENGL 1301 (ENG 131) Composition			
SPCH 1315 (COM 131) Public Speaking			
HECO 1322 (HEC 138) Principles of Nutrition			
PSYC 2301 General Psychology [PSYC 2312 (PSY 236) Adult Development and Aging will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester]			
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development [PSYC 2308 (PSY 234) Child Psychology will be accepted only if taken before the fall 2009 semester]			
+Elective (Fine Arts or Humanities)			
RNSG 1215 or RNSG 1300 Health Assessment			
RNSG 1311 Nursing Pathophysiology			
Total GPA - VN School (4 points for 4.0 GPA, etc.)			

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VOLUNTARY SURVEY

Government agencies **require** periodic reports on the sex, ethnicity, handicap, veteran and other protected status of applicants. This data is for analysis and possible affirmative action only.

Check one:

Male _____ Female _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Check one of the following:

Race/Ethnicity Group:

White _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____

American Indian/Alaska Native _____

Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Other (Specify) _____

Check if any one of the following are applicable:

Vietnam Era Veteran _____ Disabled Veteran _____ Handicapped _____