Partnership: Covenant School of Nursing
Lubbock Christian University

This partnership aligns perfectly with Covenant’s mission of teaching future nursing students to care for the whole person – body, mind and spirit – and by working with others such as LCU to improve health and quality of life in this community and region.

Covenant School of Nursing and Lubbock Christian University are the first to form a partnership of this type in the state of Texas. Both organizations would like to stress the word “Partnership”. This is not a merger because both entities will retain their own identity. We are forming a united front to benefit future nursing students. The Texas Board of Nursing has commended us for our innovative approach to helping students achieve a higher level of education. We are dedicated to providing future nurses the best education and real-world experience they can receive.

Quick Degree Overview

1. Begin by completing the 12 prerequisites listed in the chart on the next page.

2. Once enrolled in the last of those courses apply to Covenant School of Nursing before the application deadline. Prerequisites do not have to be complete to apply, but must be complete by your first day at CSON.

3. Once accepted at Covenant, you will complete the 2 year diploma program. You will need to take Stats, Genetics, Bible, and Intro to BSN in the summer sessions unless you have taken those approved courses before entering.

4. After graduation from CSON you receive a temporary license to work as a Graduate Nurse until you take the Texas Board of Nursing RN Licensure Exam.

5. After passing this exam and gaining employment (length of time is usually about 3 months) you will continue at LCU for your BSN.

6. The degree plan at LCU from RN to BSN is 2 semesters and is designed to fit into the schedule of a full-time working nurse. You take fewer courses at a time over a 6-8 week span until you have completed all classes. Upon completion of these requirements you graduate with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN).
Discover your calling at Covenant School of Nursing

All courses must be from a regionally accredited college or university to transfer into our program, and a minimum grade of “C” in each of the prerequisite courses is required. To qualify to apply you must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher in the prerequisite courses (we only count the prerequisites for your GPA). The Nursing Careers Counselor is available by appointment to applicants for academic guidance and consultation during the pre-nursing phase of completing these required courses.

To set up an appointment, email jonesd3@covhs.org or call 806.797.0955. CLEP credit is accepted for English I, English II, Spanish, Introduction to Psychology, Nutrition, US History, American Government, and an Elective. Dual Credit is accepted if it meets all the minimum requirements for regular transfer credit of prerequisites. Pre-nursing students attending classes full time should expect to complete the prerequisite courses in 3 semesters.

Entrance Exam

Each applicant must have a valid score submitted with application documents on or before the deadline (September 15th and March 15th) to be considered a candidate for admission. You can find our entrance testing information online at www.cson.covenanthealth.org. The entrance exam currently accepted is the Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V). This exam consist of the following 4 different sections: Reading, Math, English, and Science. To register for this exam download our registration form or email jonesd3@covhs.org to begin the process.
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*Both Human Anatomy & Physiology courses must be completed within the last five years according to start date and not application deadline.*

**The ELECTIVE is a required 3 hour class, but you can choose what class you would like to take. The electives listed above are suggestions of things available that we will accept and it is not required that you take those specific courses**
1. Will I be able to complete the CSON program and get my RN within 2 years just like the previous degree plan?

Answer: Yes, you will be able to obtain your diploma in nursing within 2 years of starting Covenant School of Nursing. You can then take the state licensure exam to become a Registered Nurse.

2. Will it take me longer to get my BSN at LCU then at another college or university?

Answer: No. By completing the program designed by CSON and LCU you have, on average, 15 fewer hours to complete the degree plan. These courses are: History 1302, Government 2302, Fine Arts, Humanities, and Sociology. This means you could graduate 1 semester earlier at this program.

3. Why did Covenant and LCU partner in the first place?

Answer: The partnership was formed in response to the Sunset Bill (HB 2426) passed in 2007, which requires programs that provide the initial registered nurse (R.N.) licensure to now also entitle the graduate to an academic degree.

4. What's the difference between a R.N. and a Bachelor Degree R.N. produced from this partnership?

Answer: A registered nurse (R.N.) without a bachelors degree is suitable for bedside nursing, but lacks further education in areas such as: research, community health, leadership/management, genetics, and statistics. With this new partnership we are combining the best of both. You receive over 1300 hours of clinical training as well as obtaining the last year of in-depth theory education.

5. Is this program more expensive than the typical BSN program since it is through private schools?

Answer: No, the cost break down of this program is extremely competitive and the last 2 semesters of the program you will be able to become employed as a registered nurse and be qualified for tuition reimbursement plans provided by health care facilities. For a detailed break down of the cost of our program with the partnership please visit our website at www.cson.covenanthealth.org.
6. How do I start this program when I have already taken prerequisite courses somewhere else?

Answer: Your prerequisites can be taken at any college or university accredited by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) to be automatically transferred to Covenant. If the program is not accredited by this association it is according to matching course descriptions as long as they are according to our minimum requirements.

7. When does the partnership go into effect?

Answer: The partnership starts for students beginning in January of 2012. These students must apply to Covenant School of Nursing by September 15th and turn in all items for the application (including the TEAS exam scores) to be considered.

8. How many hours can students work as a RN in the last few semesters while completing the LCU requirements?

Answer: Once completed with Covenant School of Nursing you can obtain employment and pass your state board exam. Within 2-3 months you begin the seamless transition to BSN at LCU. At this point most students work full time and complete their courses as a full time student. These courses are adapted to shorter periods with less classroom meeting time to allow for the working student.

9. Can a LVN still complete the transition program with the new partnership?

Answer: Yes, LVN students apply within the same application period as our regular students. Then according to acceptance they skip the first and possibly second semester (if eligible) at CSON. Those students will continue with the as any other student in the partnership.