

- (c) A classification of an offense as a felony at the time of the conviction will never be changed because Texas law has changed or because the offense would not be a felony under current Texas law.
- (d) The commission will award training credit for any course conducted by a licensed academy as provided by commission rules unless:
  - (1) the course is not taught as required by commission rules and the advisory board; or
  - (2) the training is not related to a commission license; or
  - (3) the advisory board, the academy, the academy coordinator, the course coordinator, or the instructor substantially failed to discharge any responsibility required by a commission rule.
- (e) The enrollment standards established in this section do not preclude the academy license holder from establishing additional requirements or standards for enrollment in law enforcement training programs.
- (f) The effective date of this section is September 1, 1997.

**Criminal Justice Advanced Placement Policy**

In order to receive advanced placement credit for academy completion and/or work experience, the applicant must:

1. Provide appropriate documentation to the Technical Education Director.
2. Apply for admission and complete at least six additional hours of credit at Southwest Texas Junior College.

Students licensed as a Texas Peace Officer will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following courses:

CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV	.....	5 hrs
	Total	.....	20 hrs

Students who are certified by TCLEOSE as a “Basic Jail Guard” will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following course:

CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course	.....	3 hrs
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Students who are certified by TCLEOSE as a “Telecommunications Operator” will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following course:

CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification	.....	3 hrs
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**Fall Semester:**

1. Required Physical Exam ..... Varies
2. Hepatitis B vaccine series .....about \$80.00
1. Uniforms ordered through the nursing school ..... \$75
2. School Patches (available at bookstore)..... 2.73
3. Textbooks.....about \$900.00
4. Nursing Equipment (stethoscope, bandage scissors, hemostat, Penlight, sphygmomanometer, gait belt, goggles).....about \$69
7. Liability insurance..... \$14.50
8. White nursing shoes ..... Varies
9. Watch with a second hand..... Varies
10. Four function calculator ..... Varies
11. ATI National Assessment Exams & Remediation ..... \$471.00

**Spring Semester:**

1. Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas License fee ..... \$125.00
2. National Council Licensure examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) ..... \$200.00
3. Graduation Cap and Gown and Diploma .....about \$75.00
4. ATI National Assessment Exams & Remediation ..... \$441.00

**Withdrawal and Dismissal Policy**

Southwest Texas Junior College School of Vocational Nursing reserves the right to request the withdrawal of any student whose health, attendance, conduct, personal qualities or scholastic records indicate that it would be inadvisable for the student to continue in the program. Students must maintain a minimum grade of 80 in all nursing courses in order to remain in the nursing program. Students withdrawing from the nursing program must comply with the SWTJC withdrawal policy and must participate in an exit interview in order to remain in good standing.

**Vocational Nursing Advanced Placement Policy**

A student who is a Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) may receive credit for:  
VNSG 1323 – Basic Nursing Skills (3 hrs.)

To receive advanced placement credit for the vocational nursing certificate of completion, the applicant must:

1. Provide documentation of current CNA certification;
2. Apply and be admitted into the Nursing Program;
3. Have completed at least 6 semester hours at SWTJC;
4. Satisfactorily complete a skills assessment exam with a grade of 80% or better;
5. Make arrangements to take the exam with a nursing faculty 4 weeks before the first day of school.

Students who meet the criteria and satisfactorily pass the skills assessment exam will receive advanced placement credit and a grade of “P” for the course.

**Graduation Requirements**

Students who have met all program requirements are eligible to attend the May commencement ceremony. Graduates will receive a Vocational Nursing Certificate of Completion.