VNA Health Group
Visiting Nurse Association
Health & Hospice
Mission

Thomas Edison State University provides flexible, high-quality, collegiate learning opportunities for self-directed adults.
Associate Degrees

- Associate in Applied Science (AAS)
- Associate in Arts (AA)
- Associate in Arts in Human Services (AAHS)
- Associate in Science in Applied Science & Technology (ASAST)
- Associate in Science in Business Administration (ASBA)
- Associate in Science in Natural Sciences & Mathematics (ASNSM)
Baccalaureate Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BS)
  - Homeland Security & Emergency Management
  - Organizational Leadership
  - Professional Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Science & Technology (BSAST)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)
- Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (BSHeS)*
- Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHeS)*
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences (BSHeS)*
  - * Joint degree programs with Rutgers
- Bachelor of Science in Human Services (BSHS)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
  - * RN to BSN Program (for registered nurses)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Accelerated Second Degree (BSNA)
  - * Accelerated 2nd degree BSN Program (for non-nurses)
Graduate Degrees

- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEdL)
- Master of Arts in Educational Technology & Online Learning (MAETOL)
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS)
- Master of Science in Liberal Studies
  - Digital Humanities
  - Geropsychology
  - Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Public Service Leadership (MPSL)
- Master of Science in Applied Science & Technology (MSAST)
- Master of Science in Homeland Security (MSHS)
- Master of Science in Human Resources Management (MSHRM)
- Master of Science in Management (MSM)
- Master of Science in Management – Public Service Careers (MSM)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
- Master of Science
  - Hospitality Management
  - International Business Finance
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Systems-Level Leadership
Bachelors to Masters

- The program is open to Thomas Edison State University enrolled undergraduate students who meet the following criteria:
  - earned at least 60 undergraduate credits toward a bachelor's degree at the University
  - a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0
  - at least three years of degree program relevant experience
- Students accepted into the program will be conditionally admitted to the graduate program of their choice, but will not be eligible to take their first graduate course at the undergraduate tuition rate until they have completed 90 credits with an overall Thomas Edison State University GPA of 3.0.
- Undergraduate applicants who are not yet enrolled may apply to the program and will be subject to the admission requirements of the Bachelor's to Master's Program and the University's graduate admissions requirements (with the exception of having to possess a bachelor's degree).
- Up to 12 credits of graduate study can be taken, to apply to both the bachelor’s and the master’s degree programs
Taking Courses

- There are 12 undergraduate semesters/terms in the year.
- Semesters begin EVERY MONTH, which allows you to start at any time!
- Undergraduate semesters are 12 weeks in length
- Graduate Courses
  - MBA and all School of Business courses – 8-week semesters
  - All other Graduate courses – 12-week semesters!
- We offer over 300 undergraduate courses and 220 graduate courses online for your convenience!
Credit Earning Options

Thomas Edison State University Credit Earning Options

- Online Courses
- Guided Study Courses
- e-Pack® Courses
- Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
  - Credit from Academic Program Review of training, licensure, certification
  - Credit by Portfolio Assessment (as a result of having completed the PLA-200 course)
- Credit for Courses Taught
- Credit by Examination (testing)
Credit Earning Options (cont’d)
Credit by Examination (Testing)

- More than 150 exams from which to select
- TECEP® Thomas Edison Credit Examination Program – 37 assorted exams
- CLEP College Level Examination Program – more than 30 exams
- DSST (formerly DANTES) – more than 30 exams
- NYU Foreign Language Proficiency Examination – more than 50 languages
- Language Testing International Examinations
- Excelsior College (UExcel) exams – more than 50 exams
Credit Earning Options (cont’d)

- Transfer Courses from Regionally Accredited Colleges and Universities

- Licenses & Certificates

- Foreign Credits. We accept credits from the following credentialing services:
  - (CARE) Center for Applied Research, Evaluations & Education, Inc.
  - (ECE) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc.
  - (STE) SpanTran Evaluation Services
  - (TR) Transcript Research
  - (WES) World Education Services, Inc.
  - (ACEI) Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc.
  - SDR Educational Consultants

- Military Training

- American Council on Education (ACE) Credit
  [http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide](http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide)

- Sending in Transcripts and Other Documentation for Evaluation
  - [http://www.tesu.edu/current-students/Send-Transcripts.cfm](http://www.tesu.edu/current-students/Send-Transcripts.cfm)
Getting Started

The Application Process

- Submit an admissions application with the application fee waived. Please select VNA Health Group in drop down from partner list on application. (http://www.tesu.edu/apply)

- Submit official copies of transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges/universities attended. These transcripts must be received by the Office of the Registrar in unopened sealed envelopes with signatures across the seals.

- If applying for financial aid you must complete:
  - FAFSA (https://fafsa.ed.gov/)
  - You can also review available Thomas Edison State University Scholarships (http://www.tesu.edu/tuition/Scholarships.cfm)
Next Steps

Once you have applied, Thomas Edison State University will:

- Evaluate previously earned credit (transfer, licenses/certifications).
- E-mail you when your Academic Evaluation is available for viewing online via the University’s Online Student Services.
- Give you access to myEdison (student information portal).

Once admitted you have the opportunity to enroll in the University using one of our Tuition Plans.

You may also speak with an Academic Advisor once you are admitted. It is advisable to wait until your Academic Evaluation is completed to discuss credit options for degree completion.

After enrolling and receiving your Academic Evaluation, you can begin to plan the completion of your degree. You can:

- Schedule a 30-minute appointment with an Academic Advisor to plan out your degree needs
- Identify credit you might earn through online or guided study courses, through testing, or portfolio assessment
- Register
Academic Advising

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING:

• Experienced in liberal arts, business, technology, and human services fields

• Advisement assignments are made based on the students degree program (BA, BSBA, BSAST, BSHS)

GRADUATE ADVISING:

• Managed by graduate advisors who are well versed in all of the University’s graduate degree programs
Degree Planning Strategy – Steps for Students

• Review the evaluation of all credits including transfer, exams taken previously, military, foreign, graduate courses, etc.

• Remaining degree needs fall into two categories:
  o What you don’t know, and will need a course to fill the requirement
  o What you know, and can either take an exam or write a portfolio to earn the credit

• Discuss and formalize your degree plan with an Academic Advisor
The Good Fit - the Best Degree for You

The best degree for you is the degree that:

- Utilizes the greatest number of credits already earned (transfer, Military/ACE, CLEP, etc.)
- Allows you to earn a number of credits for your prior learning (through exams and portfolios)
- For those remaining credits where you need a course, offers enjoyable and beneficial choices
- Gives you what you need from your degree
Enrolled Services

Provides accurate information to enrolled students throughout the students’ time with the University!

Your first point of contact with all student-related issues:
- Registration
- System log-in difficulties
- Password resets
- Tuition plans
- Understanding your Academic Program Evaluation
- Testing and Proctor Information
- Moodle course navigation
- ...and much more!
Tuition & Fees

*Comprehensive (In-State: $6,350; Out-of-State: $9,352)

- Includes up to 36 credits of Thomas Edison State University credit earning options
- PLA 100 and PLA-200 course tuition: In-State: $183; Out-of-State: $247 per credit
- Portfolio Review fee after taking PLA-200:
  1 to 12 Credits: $379; Additional 6 credits: $215
- Single Course, 12-week PLA: In-State: $385 per credit; Out-of-State: $499 per credit
- TECEP® Exams: Matriculated students: $38 per credit; Non-matriculated students: $52 per credit

Nursing: VNA Health Group – Per Credit: $418 – BSN; $634.60 – MSN; $703 – DNP
Tuition & Fees (cont’d)

Per Credit Tuition

This plan enables students to register and pay for course tuition on a per credit basis directly after they apply and are accepted into a degree program.

Students who select the Per Credit Tuition Plan with the intention of graduating from Thomas Edison State University have academic residency requirements of 16 credits for an associate degree or bachelor degree. Residency requirements are met by earning credits via Thomas Edison State University Online (OL), Guided Study (GS) or e-Pack® (EP) courses.

- In-State: $385 per credit; Out-of-State: $499 per credit
Additional Resources

Admissions Office, for prospective students who have not yet applied
(609) 777-5680 prompt #2
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET
  - admissions@tesu.edu

Enrolled Services, applicants and enrolled students of the University
(609) 777-5680 prompt #1
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET
  - enrolled@tesu.edu

Academic Advisement Appointment (Appointment Desk)
- Enrolled students can make an appointment online through their myEdison®
  student support portal or by calling (609) 777-5680 for connection to the
  AppointmentDesk system

Academic Advisement Expressline (609) 777-5680
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET
  - academicadvising@tesu.edu
YOU CAN DO THIS!

We look forward to helping you earn your degree at Thomas Edison State University!