



College of the Mainland

Associate Degree Nursing Program – Pre-Licensure Track

About the Career

Registered nurse: \$65,470 per year

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012 median pay

Registered nurses provide patient care at doctors' offices, clinics, and hospitals. As the U.S. population ages, registered nurses are in ever-greater demand.

About the Program

The COM Associate Degree Nursing Program prepares students for rewarding careers through hands-on classes, labs, and clinical experiences at health care facilities. Professors teach small classes, are available for extra help and dedicate themselves to students' success. Nursing tutors are available for individual and group sessions at no cost to the student.

Prerequisite Courses

ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2420	Microbiology	4

Semester Total 18

Semester #1

PSYC 2314	Lifespan Development	3
RNSG 1215	Health Assessment	2
RNSG 1205	Nursing Skills I	2
RNSG 1209	Introduction to Nursing	2
RNSG 1260	Clinical I	2

Semester Total 11

Semester #2

RNSG 1441	Common Concepts of Adult Health	4
RNSG 1361	Clinical II	3
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing	2
RNSG 2261	Clinical III	2

Semester Total 11

Semester #3

RNSG 1251	Care of the Childbearing Family	2
RNSG 2260	Clinical IV	2
RNSG 2101	Care of Children and Families	1
RNSG 1262	Clinical V	2
	Humanities/Fine Arts	3

Semester Total 10

Semester #4

RNSG 1343	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2262	Clinical VI	2
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2263	Clinical VII	2

Semester Total 10

Degree Total 60

About the Application Process

Step 1: Apply to the college (<http://www.com.edu/admissions/apply>)

- Submit official transcripts and a **Transcript Evaluation Form** to COM Admissions Department.

[NOTE: Required for pre-requisite or nursing courses not taken at COM. Nursing courses must have been taken within the past three years. Evaluations are usually completed within 2 weeks, but **may take several months in peak times**. Submit early!!]

Step 2: Meet with an advisor based on your **TSI Assessment status**

- TSI requirements met: Make an appointment with the Nursing Advisor, Theo Moody, by calling 409-933-8425 or visiting the Nursing Department (T1120).
- TSI requirements not met or unknown: See an advisor in the Student Success Center (<http://www.com.edu/student-services/academic-advising>)

[NOTE: The TSI reading score will be used to rank applicants during the selection process (see Step 6); the test may be repeated to improve your score. For more information see: <http://www.com.edu/testing-center/tsi-assessment>]

Step 3: Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session (valid for 12 months from date of completion) (<http://www.com.edu/nursing/adn-program-prelicensure-track>)

Step 4: Start the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Vaccine Series (See back for more information)



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Step 5: Meet all eligibility requirements

- ☐ Complete all prerequisite courses with a final grade of **C or higher**
 - ☐ ENGL 1301 Composition I
 - ☐ PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology
 - ☐ BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
 - ☐ BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
 - ☐ BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- ☐ Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of *at least* **2.80**

Step 6: Apply for admission by 5 p.m. on the desired deadline date and wait for the admission decision (in about 3 weeks) (Fall Admission-May 1st or Spring Admission-August 1st)

[NOTE: After steps 1 through 5 have been successfully completed, the application link will be visible via Web Advisor.]

Applicants are ranked for selection based on the ranking score formula:

GPA for prerequisite courses	+	Reading score (TSI)	+	Science points	+	Education points*	=	Ranking score
				A=20 B=15		Master's = 20 Bachelors = 15 Associate = 10 Health-related certificates = 5 *Highest level only		

If you are accepted for admission, you will be required to submit **electronic copies** of these documents:

- ☐ **Immunization record(s)** showing proof of:
 - ☐ **Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Vaccine Series & Titer**
(Three injections & the titer must be completed prior to admission – series normally takes 7 months to complete.)
 - ☐ **Measles, mumps and rubella** immunization or immunity
(If you were born before 1957, you must have one combined dose or one separate dose of each vaccine required or positive titers documented. If you were born in or after 1957, you must have two combined doses or two separate doses of each vaccine required or positive titers documented.)
 - ☐ **Varicella (chicken pox)** immunization or immunity
(Texas Administrative Code -Rule §97.64 – students enrolled in health-related courses that involve direct patient care must have proof of either two varicella immunizations (30 days apart) **or** a positive titer.
 - ☐ **Influenza** (flu) immunization for current flu season
 - ☐ Combined **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis** (Tdap) immunization
(Td alone is not acceptable.) (One dose within the past 10 years)
- ☐ **Tuberculin Skin Test** (PPD) results
(A negative PPD reading within the last year is required or a negative chest X-ray if you have a history of previous positive PPD.)
- ☐ **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** (CPR) certification (American Heart Association (AHA) for Health Care Providers or Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR)

For more information contact:

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