

Associate Degree Nursing Program – LVN-RN Transition 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.

Prerequisites		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
BIOL 2401	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2420	Microbiology	4
PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 2301	Lifespan Development	3
	Semester Total	21
Semester #1		
RNSG 1327	Transition from VN to RN	3
RNSG 1162	Transition Clinical	1
RNSG 1215	Health Assessment	2
	Semester Total	6
Semester # 2		
RNSG 2101	Care of Children and Families	1
RNSG 2260	Clinical III	2
	Semester Total	3

Semester #3		
RNSG 2251	Care of the Childbearing Family	2
RNSG 2261	Clinical IV	2
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing	2
RNSG 2262	Clinical V	2
	Humanities/Fine Arts	3
	Semester Total	11
Semester #4		
RNSG 2343	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2263	Clinical VI	2
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2264	Clinical VII	2
	Semester Total	10
	Degree total	51

How to Begin

Step 1: Meet with the nursing/allied health advisor to establish an academic plan.

Make an appointment by calling 409-933-8425 or visiting the Nursing Department (T1120).
Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session at <u>www.com.edu/degrees-programs/more-about-nursing.php</u>.

□ Sign your academic plan; follow-up with advisor to update plan when changes are necessary.

Step 2: Meet all eligibility requirements.

Apply to the College at www.com.edu/apply.

Complete The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment college ready requirements: [The reading

score will be used in the student selection process (see Step 4); the test may be repeated to improve your score.] \Box Complete all prerequisite courses with a final grade of C or better.

□ ENGL 1301 Composition I

- □ BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (completed within last five years)
- BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (completed within last five years)
- □ BIOL 2420 Microbiology (completed within last five years)
- □ PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology
- □ PSYC 2301 Lifespan Development

 \Box Maintain a prerequisite grade point average of 2.8 or higher.

□ Transfer courses must have been completed within the past three years.



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STEP 3: Apply for admission to the ADN Program – LVN-RN Transition Track. □ Submit completed application form to nursing department staff on or before the deadline. (March 1_{st} [Summer Admission]) □ Submit copy of Pre-Nursing Orientation Certificate of Completion (must be dated within 12 months of application). □ Submit a copy of your **immunization record(s)** showing proof of: □ Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) injection #1 (The HBV vaccine series of three injections and titer must be completed prior to admission - the series normally takes seven 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) □ Submit a copy of your **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.) □ Submit a copy of your current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Level C Certification (American Heart Association (AHA) for Health Care Providers or Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR only)

STEP 4: Wait for a letter from the Nursing Admissions Committee with the outcome of the student selection process based on the ranking score formula:



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