



Vocational Nursing Program

About the Career

Licensed practical and vocational nurses: \$41,540 per year

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012 median pay

Licensed vocational nurses provide compassionate care to patients in long-term care facilities and visitors to doctors' offices. As the U.S. population ages, demand for vocational nurses continues to increase.

About the Program

The COM Vocational 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.

Semester 1	
VNSG 1122 Vocational Nursing	1
VNSG 1320 Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health	3
VNSG 1227 Essentials of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1423 Basic Nursing Skills	4
VNSG 1226 Gerontology	2
VNSG 2431 Advanced Nursing Skills	4
VNSG 1260 Introductory Clinical – Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total	18
Semester 2	
VNSG 1331 Pharmacology	3
VNSG 1236 Mental Health	2
VNSG 1429 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4
VNSG 1261 Intermediate Clinical – Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total	11
Semester 3	
VNSG 1219 Professional Development	2
VNSG 1330 Maternal Neonatal Nursing	3
VNSG 1334 Pediatrics	3
VNSG 1432 Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
VNSG 2460 Advanced Clinical – Practical Nurse	4
Semester Total	16
Certificate Total	45

How to Begin

Step 1: Meet with the allied health advisor.

- Make an appointment by calling 409-933-8425 or dropping by the Nursing Department Office.

Step 2: Meet all eligibility requirements.

- Apply to the college at www.com.edu/apply.
- To transfer nursing courses, you must have completed them within the last three years.
- You must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all courses completed in the nursing degree plan. You may not have more than one dropped, failed or withdrawn (failing) grade in a required nursing course (even if you repeated the course).
- You must have completed the TEAS-V Reading Comprehension Test within the last five years. (See back for details.)



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- You must be eligible to take MATH 0320 (Intermediate Algebra).

Step 3: Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session and Educational Development Plan.

- Access the orientation at <http://www.com.edu/degrees-programs/nursing-program/vn.php>.
- Make an appointment with the Allied Health Advisor (409-933-8425) to complete EDP.
- Bring the completed plan to the Nursing Department staff to receive an application for admission to the ADN Program – Pre-Licensure Track.

Step 4: Submit complete application packet to nursing department staff on or before the posted Deadline (September 1st).

- Program application
- Physical examination form
- Copy of immunization record(s) showing proof of:
 - Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) injection #1
(The HBV vaccine series of three injections 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, one combined dose or one separate dose of each vaccine is required or positive titers documented. If you were born in or after 1957, two combined doses or two separate doses of each vaccine is 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 immunization for current flu season
 - Combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) immunization (Td alone is not acceptable.)
(One dose within the past 10 years.)
 - Copy of Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD) results
(A negative PPD reading within the last year is required or negative chest X-ray if you have a history of a previous positive PPD.)
 - Copy of current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Level C Certification (American Heart Association (AHA) for Health Care Providers or Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR only)
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Guidelines for Completing TEAS-V Reading Comprehension Requirement

You may take the TEAS-V Reading Comprehension test once per semester (fall, spring, or summer*). If taken twice within the same semester, the initial score will be used for admission criteria.
(*Summer Sessions I and II count as one semester).

STEP 1: Set an appointment date online at www.ATItesting.com. The testing fee is currently \$76 plus tax and is subject to change.

STEP 2: Take the test in the COM Testing Center. You must present the proper ID numbers and password provided by ATI.

For more information, contact:

COM Nursing Department

www.com.edu/nursing

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