



## 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. A nursing tutor is available for individual and group sessions at no cost to the student.

#### Pre-requisite Course

BIOL 2404 Anatomy & Physiology	4
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#### Semester 1

VNSG 1122 Vocational Nursing	1
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
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Semester Total	15

#### 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
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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
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Semester total	16
<b>Certificate total</b>	<b>46</b>

### 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 [www.com.edu/degrees-programs/more-about-nursing.php](http://www.com.edu/degrees-programs/more-about-nursing.php).
- 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](http://www.com.edu/apply).



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- 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.]
- Complete the prerequisite course with a final grade of **C or better**.
- To transfer nursing courses, you must have completed them within the last three years.
- Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher for all courses completed in the nursing degree plan.

### STEP 3: Apply for admission to the VN Program.

- Submit completed application form to nursing department staff on or before the deadline. (September 1<sup>st</sup> [Spring 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)

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

GPA for prerequisite course	+	Reading score (TSI)	+	Education points	=	Ranking score
				Master's = 20 Bachelors = 15 Associate = 10 Health-related certificates = 5		

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