



College of the Mainland

Vocational Nursing Program

About the Career

Licensed practical and vocational nurses: \$43,170 per year (\$20.76 per hour)

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015 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		Credits
BIOL 2404	Anatomy & Physiology*	4
Semester 1		
VNSG 1122	Vocational Nursing	1
VNSG 1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1226	Gerontology	2
VNSG 2331	Advanced Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1260	Introductory Clinical– Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total		13
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		44

*May substitute BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 for BIOL 2404

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 for all colleges attended (except COM)
- Allow at least 2 weeks for the evaluation to be completed (during peak times, allow 2-3 months)
- All transferred courses must be uploaded into the Student Information System (SIS) to be eligible for admission to nursing

Step 2: Meet with an academic advisor in the Student Success Center to establish a pre-nursing academic plan

Step 3: Meet all eligibility requirements for application to the VN Program

- ☐ Meet college ready TSI requirements for Reading, Writing, and Math (NOTE: The Reading score is used in Step 5)
- ☐ Complete the prerequisite course with a final grade of **C or higher**
 - ☐ BIOL 2404 Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology
 - OR
 - ☐ BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
 - AND
 - ☐ BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II



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- ☐ Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of *at least 2.00*
- ☐ Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session (<http://www.com.edu/nursing/pno>) (valid for 6 months from date of completion)

Step 4: Request Nursing Application Release

- When Steps 1-4 are **completed**, submit an email to nursing@com.edu with all of the following information:
 - Subject: *Request for Nursing Application Release*
 - Full name: First Middle Last
 - Other names used, if any
 - COM ID#
 - Mailing address
 - Phone number(s)
 - COM email address
 - Home email address
 - Program: VN Program
 - Term/Year: Spring/20xx

Step 5: Apply for admission by 1700 (5 p.m.) on September 15th

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

Weighted GPA for prerequisite course	+	Reading score (TSI)	+	Science points A=20 B=15	+	Education points* Master's = 20 Bachelors = 15 Associate = 10 Health-related certificates = 5	=	Ranking score
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*Highest education level only – Must be documented on a transcript or certificate of completion submitted to the COM Admissions Department

- Check “Application Updates” on the VN Program webpage during the selection process
- Login to WebAdvisor to track your application status during the selection process
- **ALL** communication from the Nursing/Allied Health Department will be sent to your official **COM email address**

Step 6: Get electronic copies of these documents ready for upload if accepted for admission

- ☐ **Immunization record(s)** showing proof of:
 - ☐ **Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) positive titer** (The series of three injections normally takes 7 months to complete.)
 - ☐ **Measles, mumps and rubella positive titers**
 - ☐ **Varicella (chicken pox) positive titer**
 - ☐ **Influenza (flu)** immunization for current flu season
 - ☐ Combined **Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)** immunization within the past 10 years (Td alone is not acceptable.)
- ☐ **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 only.
(Contact CE-Allied Health Program at 409-933-8645 for class information.)
- ☐ **Criminal Background Checks**
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 - ☐ Blue card or letter from the Texas Board of Nursing
 - ☐ PreCheck payment receipt
- ☐ **Drug Screen** payment receipt for drug screen.

For more information, contact:

COM Nursing/Allied Health Careers Department

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