



## 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.

<b>Pre-requisite Course</b>	
BIOL 2404 Anatomy & Physiology*	4
<b>Semester 1</b>	
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
<b>Semester 2</b>	
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
<b>Semester 3</b>	
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
<b>Certificate total</b>	<b>44</b>

\*May substitute VNSG 1420 or 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.  
[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: 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>]



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### Step 3: Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session

(<http://www.com.edu/nursing/vn-track>)

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

### Step 5: Meet all eligibility requirements

- Complete the prerequisite course with a final grade of **C or better**.

### Step 6: Apply for admission by 5 p.m. on the desired deadline date and wait for the admission decision (in about 3 weeks) (Spring Admission-September 1<sup>st</sup>)

[NOTE: After steps 1 through 4 have been successfully completed, the application link will be visible via Web Advisor.]

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

Weighted GPA for prerequisite course	+	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 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 – the 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) Level C Certification (American Heart Association (AHA) for Health Care Providers or Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR only)

### For more information contact:

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