



## Vocational Nursing Program

### About the Career

Licensed practical and vocational nurses: \$45,030 per year (\$21.65 per hour)  
*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2017 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 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<b>Semester 1</b>		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
VNSG 1122	Vocational Nursing	1
VNSG 1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1260	Introductory Clinical– Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total		12
<b>Semester 2</b>		
VNSG 1231	Pharmacology	2
VNSG 1236	Mental Health	2
VNSG 1429	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4
VNSG 2331	Advanced Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1261	Intermediate Clinical – Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total		13
<b>Semester 3</b>		
VNSG 1119	Professional Development	1
VNSG 1230	Maternal Neonatal Nursing	2
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics	2
VNSG 1432	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
VNSG 2460	Advanced Clinical – Practical Nurse	4
Semester Total		13
<b>Certificate Total</b>		<b>42</b>

### 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 (allow **2-3 months** during peak times)
- All transferred courses must be in the Student Information System (SIS) to be eligible for admission to nursing

#### Step 2: Meet with an academic advisor in the Student Success Center

- Select a nursing program and track
- Review the pre-nursing orientation with an Academic Advisor.
- The nursing application link will be **visible** in WebAdvisor after this meeting, but will not be **accessible** until after completing Step 3



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

- Meet college ready TSI requirements for Reading, Writing, and Math
- Complete the prerequisite course with a final grade of **C or higher**
  - BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - AND
  - BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
  - TSI College Ready
  
- Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of *at least 2.00*

### Step 4: Apply for admission in WebAdvisor by 1700 (5 p.m.) on the deadline date (September 15)

Applicants are ranked for selection based on the following:

**\*Weighted GPA for prerequisite courses**

**\*Science Points**

**\*Education Points (Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Associate's Degree, Health-Related Certificates)**

(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 Department will be sent to your official **COM email address**  
(Highest education level only – Must be documented on a transcript or certificate of completion submitted to the COM Admissions Department.)

### Step 5: 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
  - Current 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 or a negative chest X-ray within the last 5 years if you have a history of previous positive PPD.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card** from the American Heart Association (AHA) for Health Care Providers only  
Contact CE-Allied Health Program at 409-933-8645 for class information.

### **Notice to Students Regarding Licensing**

Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The following website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements: [https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure\\_eligibility.asp](https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_eligibility.asp).

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential Vocational Nurse License prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit this link and request a “Criminal History Evaluation”: [https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure\\_endorsement.asp](https://www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_endorsement.asp).

This information is being provided to all persons who apply or enroll in the program, with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal



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*offense. Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.*

### **For more information, contact:**

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