About the Career

Registered nurse: $67,490 per year ($32.45 per hour)
*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015 median pay*

Registered nurses provide patient care at doctors’ offices, clinics and hospitals. As the U.S. population ages, registered nurses are in ever-greater demand.

About the Program

The COM Associate Degree 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. Nursing tutors are available for individual and group sessions at no cost to the student.

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**See Core Curriculum in current catalog for approved courses

About the Application Process

**Step 1: Apply to the college** ([http://www.com.edu/admissions/apply](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 ADN Program LVN-RN Transition Track**
- Meet college ready TSI requirements for Reading, Writing, and Math
- Complete all prerequisite courses with a final grade of **C or higher**
  - ENGL 1301 Composition I
  - PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology
  - PSYC 2314 Lifespan Development
  - BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
  - BIOL 2420 Microbiology
- Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of at least **2.80**
- Complete the online pre-nursing orientation session ([http://www.com.edu/nursing/pno](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: ADN Program LVN-RN Transition Track
  - Term/Year: Summer/20xx

Step 5: Apply for admission by 1700 (5 p.m.) on March 15th
- Applicants are ranked for selection based on the ranking score formula:

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\text{Ranking score} = \text{Weighted GPA for prerequisite courses} + \text{Reading score (TSI)} + \text{Science points} + \text{Education points*}
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- A = 20
- B = 15
- Master's = 20
- Bachelors = 15
- Associate = 10
- Health-related certificates = 5
- *Highest level only

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
    (If titer negative, proof of three injections must be documented & a second series of injections begun – a 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 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
    - Blue card or letter from the Texas Board of Nursing
    - PreCheck payment receipt
  - Drug Screen payment receipt for drug screen.

For more information, contact:

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Phone: 409-933-8425