About the Career

Registered nurse: $65,470 per year
*Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Prerequisites</th>
<th>Semester #3</th>
<th>Semester #4</th>
<th>Degree Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ENGL 1301  Composition I</td>
<td>RNSG 2251  Care of the Childbearing Family</td>
<td>RNSG 2343  Complex Concepts of Adult Health</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIOL 2401  Human Anatomy and Physiology I</td>
<td>RNSG 2261  Clinical IV</td>
<td>RNSG 2263  Clinical VI</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIOL 2402  Human Anatomy and Physiology II</td>
<td>RNSG 2213  Mental Health Nursing</td>
<td>RNSG 2331  Advanced Concepts of Adult Health</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| BIOL 2420  Microbiology             | RNSG 2262  Clinical V  
                           | Humanities/Fine Arts                  |              |
| PSYC 2301  Introduction to Psychology |                    |                                                  |              |
| PSYC 2301  Lifespan Development       |                                                  |                                                  |              |

Semester Total 11
Semester Total 10

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).
- 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.
- 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 all prerequisite courses with a final grade of C or better.
  - ENGL 1301  Composition I
  - BIOL 2401  Human Anatomy and Physiology I (completed within last five years)
  - BIOL 2402  Human Anatomy and Physiology II (completed within last five years)
  - BIOL 2420  Microbiology (completed within last five years)
  - PSYC 2301  Introduction to Psychology
  - PSYC 2301  Lifespan Development
- Maintain a prerequisite grade point average of 2.8 or higher.
- Transfer courses must have been completed within the past three years.
STEP 3: Apply for admission to the ADN Program – LVN-RN Transition Track.

☐ Submit completed application form to nursing department staff on or before the deadline.
  (March 1st [Summer Admission])

☐ Submit a 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 CPR only)

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

\[ \text{GPA for prerequisite courses} + \text{Reading score (TSI)} + \text{Science points} + \text{Education points} = \text{Ranking score} \]

- GPA for prerequisite courses
- Reading score (TSI)
- Science points
- Education points

| Master's | 20 |
| Bachelors | 15 |
| Associate | 10 |
| Health-related certificates | 5 |

For more information contact:
COM Nursing Department (TVB 1120)
Web: www.com.edu/nursing
Email: nursing@com.edu
Phone: 409-933-8425