



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
Semester 1		
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
VNSG 1122	Vocational Nursing Concepts	1
VNSG 1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	2
VNSG 1323	Basic Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1260	Introductory Clinical- Practical Nurse	2
Semester Total		12
Semester 2		
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
Semester 3		
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
Certificate Total		42

Step 1: Apply to the college (<http://www.com.edu/admissions/apply>). **Select General Studies Pre-Nursing as the major.**

- 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
- If you have taken nursing classes at a different school, contact the Nursing Advisor to apply as a transfer student into the nursing program.

Step 2: Apply to the one of the Vocational Nursing Track Program.

- Go to www.com.edu.
- Click on **WebAdvisor**.
- Click on **Nursing Applications Directory**.
- Start your **New Application** (You may have more than one application open at a time if you are applying to multiple programs).



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- Follow the instructions throughout the nursing applications. All application item sections must be completed before requesting access to the Nursing portal. Please send eligible certificates to nursingappdocs@com.edu after you have entered them into the application. You will not be given points for Degrees if they are not on file with the Admission Department. You will not be given points for eligible certificates if they are not on file with the Nursing Department.

You must have the following to apply to the VN Program. You will be required to submit additional clinical readiness documentation if you are accepted into the program or if you are selected as an alternate:

- BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- Score at least 75% or greater on each of the following sections of the HESI A2: Math, Reading, Grammar, and Basic Vocabulary. **NOTE:** The 75% or greater must be achieved on each individual section, not the Cumulative Score. (Students may submit up to 3 results per application period and the higher score will be accepted. Results are only valid for three years). Students applying for **both**, the **ADN and VN** programs should take the HESI A2 sections required for the **ADN program**.
 - To have a HESI A2 transcript sent to the Nursing Department, please go to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/store?role=student> and log in using your username and password.
 - Click on HESI Transcripts on the bottom right of the screen page. Download the HESI Transcript Request Form. You may also access the HESI Transcript Request Form at this link: http://coursewareobjects.elsevier.com/objects/Fulfillment_Exports/Customr_Files/HESI/HESI_Transcript_Request_Form_V2.pdf.
 - Follow the directions on the form to return the document to Elsevier. Please be aware that it takes 7-10 business days for processing the transcript form. When filling out the form to send a Transcript to College of the Mainland Nursing Department, please use the following information:

Institution/School: College of the Mainland
Deliver Transcript via Email
Attention: Nursing Department
Address: 1200 Amburn Road Texas City, TX 77591
Email: nursingappdocs@com.edu
Fax: (409) 933-8028

- TSI College Ready
- Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of *at least 2.00*
- Proof of one Hepatitis B series (three vaccinations in total). A positive titer will be required if accepted to the program 30 days before the program starts. The titer must be the **HBsAB titer**. If the titer is negative or equivocal and the applicant has documentation of only one Hep B series, the series must be restarted.
- Annual seasonal flu vaccination.
- Proof of two MMR vaccines and/or serological testing. If a titer is submitted, the positive titer must be **MMR IgG**.
- Proof of two Varicella vaccines and/or positive serological testing. If a titer is submitted, the positive titer must be **VZV Ab IgG**.
- Proof of Tdap vaccination within the past 10 years.
- Proof of Tuberculosis screen (must be PPD, Chest X-Ray, or Quantiferon serological test).
- Proof of Basic Life Support (BLS) course completed within the past year. The BLS course must be completed through the American Heart Association. College of the Mainland offers American Heart Association BLS courses. Contact CE-Allied Health Program at 409-933-8645 for class information.
- Completed Nursing Physical Assessment Form with Immunization Documentation
- Valid Texas Driver's License.
- Health Insurance is required.

All clinical documentation must be documented on our verification forms. Required Nursing Student Portal - Clinical Documentation Verification Forms can be found on the Nursing Student Resources link as follows:
<https://www.com.edu/nursing/nursing-student-resources> These forms will be required to be uploaded once the student



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has access to the Nursing Student Portal. All documentation must be PDF scanned files from a flatbed scanner. Do not take a photo of the immunization to upload it. Scanner apps from mobile devices are not acceptable.

- **Spring 2020 Application Open Date:** January 15th, 2019
- **Spring 2020 Application Deadline:** September 16th, 2019

Applicants are ranked for selection based on the following:

***Weighted GPA for prerequisite courses**

* **HESI A2 Score Calculation**

***Education Points (Doctorate, Master's Degree in Science or Arts, Bachelor's Degree in Science or Arts, Associate's Degree in Science or Arts, and Health-Related Certificates).** Approved Health-Related Certificates are Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Assistant, and Paramedic. Certificates must be current and approved by a state agency to be considered for points. A degree must be health related. Points will only be awarded for the highest/certificate submitted.

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that students not work from 8-5p.m. the first week of class due to pre-clinical orientation.

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.

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential Registered 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.

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

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