



Vocational Nursing Program

About the Career

Licensed practical and vocational nurses: \$48,820 per year (\$23.47 per hour)
Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020 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.

Plan of Study

Please refer to the plan of study found online in the current College Catalog for the [Vocational Nursing Program](#).

Step 1: Apply to the college (<http://www.com.edu/admissions/apply>). Select General Studies Pre-Nursing as the major. (If COM application is over a year old and no COM courses have currently been taken, students will need to submit a new COM application.)

- Submit **official** transcripts to the COM Admissions Department via The National Student Clearinghouse 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
- Students who have previously been enrolled in Nursing courses at a different Nursing school must disclose it by e-mailing nursing@com.edu including name, COM ID, what program you were in, and what school it was from for each application period applying to. **NOTE: Failure to disclose being previously enrolled in Nursing courses, including NURS, RNSG, or VNSG courses at another school may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary action includes a mandatory withdrawal from the applicant pool and/or dismissal from the Nursing program if past Nursing transcripts are discovered while enrolled in the Nursing program. Students with more than one failure in a Vocational Nursing course (VNSG) within the past five years may not apply to the Vocational Nursing program for a period of five years from the last failure.**

Step 2: Apply to 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). **(Only select Transfer application if you were previously in another Nursing program at another school.)**
- Follow the instructions throughout the nursing applications and confirm and submit each section. Please see [Nursing Application Process Guidelines](#) for step-by-step instructions.



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You must have the following to apply to the VN Program.

- BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- TSI College Ready
- Earn a prerequisite grade point average (GPA) of *at least 2.00*

NOTE: Applicants with all pre-requisite courses complete and in our system by the application deadline date will have first priority for application review and entry into the program. Applicants who have pre-requisite course(s) in progress past the application deadline may apply. However, final grades must be official in our system 2 weeks after COM's end of the semester date (please see Academic Calendar). Applicants with courses in progress will then be reviewed and placed on a waiting list pending available resources and contingent upon final course grades. Admission is not guaranteed.

Step 3: Submit HESI A2 Transcript Scores via e-mail.

- Score at least 70% or greater on each of the following sections of the HESI A2: Math, Reading, Grammar, and Basic Vocabulary. **NOTE:** The 70% or greater must be achieved on each individual section, not the Cumulative Score. (Students may have Elsevier send 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**.

HESI A2 exams taken at COM Testing Center

- Applicants will need to fill out the Testing Center's HESI A2 Transcript Request form and submit it directly to the COM Testing Center in order to give them permission to send the scores to the nursing@com.edu e-mail.

HESI A2 exams taken at any other Testing Center venue

- Applicants must 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/Custom 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: nursing@com.edu
Fax: (409) 933-8028

Step 4: Pre-Nursing Orientation (PNO).

- There are three options available to complete this step. 1.) Schedule an appointment with a Nursing Advisor to go over Pre-Nursing Orientation, 2.) Complete the online orientation by watching the updated video that can be viewed on the Nursing webpage <https://www.com.edu/academics/nursing/pno.html> or 3.) Attend a **Nursing Information Session** (if available). Once you have completed this step, you will need to confirm and submit you understood the content covered within your Nursing application under the PNO section.



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Step 5: Submitting Clinical Readiness Documentation.

- After initiating the Vocational Nursing application and submitting proof of HESI A2 transcript, the following items are required to be submitted by the application deadline date. Applicants will need to submit the files as a PDF file via the nursing@com.edu e-mail as one file (if possible). The e-mail must include your name and COM ID.
 - Proof of a completed Hepatitis B series (3 shots) or a positive **HBsAB** Quantitative Titer lab result.
Note: For clinical purposes, a Qualitative (QUAL) titer lab result is not accepted.
 - Proof of one MMR vaccine or a positive Titer (must be **MMR IgG**).
 - Proof of one Varicella vaccine or a positive Titer (must be **VZV Ab IgG**).

Proof of these items must be a shot record and/or lab results (school records are not acceptable). All documentation must include name, date vaccine was administered, and date lab results reported for Titters with the results for verification purposes. All documentation must be PDF scanned files from a flatbed scanner. Do not take a photo of the immunization and/or convert it to a PDF file. Scanner apps from mobile devices are not acceptable.

Applicants will be required to submit additional clinical readiness documentation (as listed below) if accepted into the program or if selected as an alternate. Note: Items listed below are not due by the application deadline.

The following items are required for clinical purposes.

- Proof of positive **HBsAB** Quantitative Titer lab result if it was not previously submitted, per Step 5. **Note: For clinical purposes, a Qualitative (QUAL) titer lab result is not accepted.**
- Proof of Hepatitis C Screen.
- Current Annual seasonal flu vaccination (Seasonal flu must be updated every 10/1).
- Proof of second MMR vaccine if positive Titer (**MMR IgG**) was not previously submitted, per Step 5.
- Proof of second Varicella vaccine if positive Titer (**VZV Ab IgG**) was not previously submitted, per Step 5.
- Proof of Tdap vaccination within the past 10 years (Must be updated 10 years after administration date).
- Proof of Tuberculosis screen (must be PPD, Chest X-Ray, or Quantiferon serological test). (Expires 1 year after administration date). Proof must include date administered, date read, and read result.
- Proof of Basic Life Support (BLS) course completed within the past year. We only accept the BLS course completed through the American Heart Association. (Expires after 2 years). 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 Submit both sides of Texas Driver's License.
- Health Insurance is required. Submit Health Insurance Form and proof of Health Insurance Card (both sides).

Proof of these items must be a shot record and/or lab results (school records are not acceptable). All documentation must include name, date vaccine was administered, and date lab results reported for Titters with the results for verification purposes. Required FERPA form, Health Insurance form, and Nursing Physical Assessment form can be found within the link as follows:
<https://www.com.edu/nursing/nursing-student-resources> under Nursing Student Portal - Clinical Documentation Verification Forms.

Applicants accepted into the program, will be required to upload these forms, along with a copy of the shot record into the Clinical Documentation Tracker. All documentation must be PDF scanned files from a flatbed scanner. Do not take a photo of the immunization to upload it and/or convert it to a PDF file.



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Scanner apps from mobile devices are not acceptable. Note: Alternates will need to gather these records and be ready to upload them into the Clinical Documentation Tracker upon acceptance.

- **Spring Admission Application Deadline:** October 15

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). Health related certificates must be current and approved by a state agency to be considered for points. Points will only be awarded for the highest degree/certificate submitted (a degree is higher than a certificate). Please send eligible certificates to nursing@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 (via e-mail).

NOTE: It is strongly recommended that students not work from 8-5p.m. the first 2 week of class due to pre-clinical orientation. Please note that Board of Nursing Clearance does not guarantee clearance for clinical rotations at our hospital affiliations. Hospital affiliations may deny clinical rotations based upon an unclear background. COM Nursing will attempt to find students with an unclear background check alternate rotations if possible, but an unclear background may delay progression in the program, or ultimately, completing the Nursing program.

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:
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