

ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING (LVN / LPN)  
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Alvin Community College (ACC) Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. If you have any questions not answered by this document, email [vnursing@alvincollege.edu](mailto:vnursing@alvincollege.edu) or call 281-756-5630.

**THE NEXT ACC LVN PROGRAM THAT YOU CAN APPLY TO STARTS JUNE 4, 2013**

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) STEPS BY THE DEADLINE OF 4 pm 12-10-2012**

**It does not matter what order you do the steps as long as you get them all done by the deadline.**

**Note: individuals with felonies are not eligible for admission into the ACC LVN program**

**(1) FILL OUT and TURN IN an LVN APPLICATION FORM**

**Starting 9-4-2012 you can get an LVN application form by:** filling out one at an LVN applicant meeting, or print one at [http://www.alvincollege.edu/Vocational\\_Nursing/](http://www.alvincollege.edu/Vocational_Nursing/) or email [vnursing@alvincollege.edu](mailto:vnursing@alvincollege.edu) or call 281-756-5630, or pick one up in room S-108 Mon-Fri 8:00a-5:00p. Return the signed and dated form by the LVN application deadline (we don't accept faxed or emailed application forms).

**(2) ATTEND an LVN APPLICANT MEETING**

**All LVN applicants must attend an LVN applicant meeting** before the LVN application deadline. Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) meetings and/or previous LVN meetings cannot be substituted. You don't have to make a reservation, just show up for the meeting you want. Please do not bring children. If you wish, you may fill out an LVN application form at a meeting, and turn in paperwork at a meeting.

**LVN applicant meetings start PROMPTLY at 3 pm & last about an hour:**

**Year 2012, Fridays 3-4 pm: Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 7**  
Bldg S, room 105, 1<sup>st</sup> floor (see map later in this document)

**(3) Turn in proof of HEPATITIS-B (HBV) SHOT #1 or HBV IMMUNITY**

**Turn in proof of either your first Hepatitis-B shot or of Hepatitis-B immunity** by the LVN application deadline. Either bring to an LVN applicant meeting, email or postal-mail, or fax to 281-756-5606, or bring to the LVN office. You do not need to turn in any additional shot records, TB test, physicals etc.

**(4) Turn in proof of HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION**

**Turn in documentation of completing high-school level education** in one of the following forms:

- **Original** high school diploma or GED certificate that we will photocopy and return to you; or
- **Official** high school transcript which includes the date that you have graduated from the high school; or
- **Official** college transcript that shows the name of the high school you graduated from; or
- **Official** evaluation of foreign credits stating that you have at least a high school level of education, if you completed the equivalent of high school in a foreign country.

We do not accept emails, internet printouts, faxes, or photocopies of high school documentation. You may either turn in high school documentation at an LVN applicant meeting or have the institution send it to the ACC Registrar. If you got a GED at ACC, or ACC already has your high school documentation, let us know and we will print it from the college computer.

(5)

Take the [ACT TEST](#) or [SAT TEST](#)  
(see page 3 "ACT/SAT details" for how to sign up for a test)

**All LVN applicants must take the ACT or SAT by the LVN application deadline  
NO EXCEPTIONS FOR ANY REASON**

ACT Composite score and Reading score and English score must  
all be at least 18 on the same test

SAT Combined score must be at least 860  
and SAT Critical Reading (Verbal) score must be at least 430 on the same test

Test must be from 1996 or later; we do not count the writing section of any test

You may not substitute any other test for the ACT test or SAT test.

## NO PREREQUISITES

**There are no prerequisite courses for the ACC LVN program.** The steps on page 1 are all you have to do to apply to the ACC LVN program. Previous course grades do not affect your chance of acceptance into our LVN program. Preference is given to applicants who complete BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 by the LVN application deadline; see "Extra Credit" section below.

## NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

**Please do not send letters of recommendation:** they will not help your chance of getting accepted, which depends only on your test score, any extra credit you may be eligible for, and completing the application steps listed on page 1.

## EXTRA CREDIT

**Preference in the form of extra credit is given to any LVN applicant who:**

**Lives in-district**, which means your physical address (where you actually live) has to be in the Alvin Community College tax district. In-district is all of Alvin, all of Manvel, all of Liverpool, parts of Pearland, and parts of Rosharon. All other addresses are out-of-district. To ask whether your physical address is in-district, call 281-756-5800. The physical address you write on your LVN application form is subject to verification.

**Has completed BIOL-2401 and/or BIOL-2402** as of the LVN application deadline. BIOL grades must comply with conditions stated in "Can I substitute courses..." heading later in this document. You will get extra credit for each completed BIOL. The higher the BIOL letter grade(s), the more extra credit you will get. Any BIOL you take at ACC, we will print your transcript to get the grades. BIOL's taken elsewhere: you must provide an official transcript showing the BIOL grades no later than 1-18-2013 to get points for the BIOL(s). You will not get points if you turn in your transcript after 1-18-2013. Any transcripts you turn in must be "official": either sent directly from your college to the ACC Registrar, or if you bring or mail it, the transcript must be in a sealed envelope with the college's stamp across the seal. We will not accept a transcript where the envelope's seal is broken or looks tampered with. We will not accept internet printouts, emails, faxes, or photocopies of transcripts.

## HOW LVN APPLICANTS ARE ACCEPTED

Acceptance is competitive. Applicants are ranked based on their ACT test score (or equivalent ACT score if the SAT was taken), and any applicable extra credit (see "Extra Credit" section above). Of applicants who complete all the application steps by the LVN deadline, **we will accept the top 50**. Some or all lower-ranking applicants will go on a waiting list in the order of their rank.

## HOW LVN APPLICANTS ARE NOTIFIED

**All applicants will be notified around the second week of February** if they are accepted, or on the waiting list, or neither of these. We prefer to communicate by email, so be sure to provide an email address for the fastest possible notifications. Applicants with no email address will be postal-mailed.

## ACT/SAT details

- Register for the ACT or SAT - any ACT or SAT you take has to be done BEFORE the LVN deadline. Test taken close to the LVN deadline: we will wait for all scores to come back before selecting applicants.

### Find out dates for and/or register for the RESIDUAL ACT

- (1) You have to be admitted to ACC before you can register for a residual ACT. If you are already admitted go to step (2); if not, apply to ACC at [www.alvincollege.edu/advisingservices/getting\\_started.htm](http://www.alvincollege.edu/advisingservices/getting_started.htm), wait at least 1 business day, then do step (2)
- (2) To register for the residual ACT, go to [app.alvincollege.edu/testing](http://app.alvincollege.edu/testing) and click on "Residual ACT" at the bottom of the screen for a list of dates that are still open. If you have problems or questions about residual ACT dates or registering for the residual ACT or getting admitted to the college, call 281-756-5800.

### Find out dates for and/or register for the NATIONAL ACT

- (1) You do not have to be admitted to the College to register for a national ACT. The College does not handle registration for the national ACT, you have to do this through the ACT company's web site.
- (2) To register for the national ACT, go to [www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/) DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE WRITING SECTION. Be sure to indicate that a copy of scores be sent to ACC. If you have problems or questions about national ACT dates or registering for the national ACT, their phone number is on their Facebook page.

### Find out dates for and/or register for the SAT (Note – ACC does not give the SAT test)

- (1) To register for the SAT, go to <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register> DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE WRITING SECTION. Be sure to indicate that a copy of scores be sent to ACC. If you have problems or questions about SAT dates or registering for the SAT, click "help" at the top of any screen, then click "contact us".

- Should I take the ACT or the SAT?

The ACT (American College Test) or the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is a comprehensive exam of high-school-level math, science, English, and reading comprehension (we do not count the writing section of either test). The only difference between these tests is whether the scores transfer to other colleges.

**SAT or NATIONAL ACT** scores are transferable to any college. **If you want to use the test scores at more than one college**, you should take the SAT or National ACT, whichever is more convenient. You can take either test at any official SAT or National ACT testing center (note: Alvin Community College gives the National ACT but does NOT give the SAT). It will take 2-5 weeks for your scores to come back.

**RESIDUAL (also called "local") ACT** scores will NOT transfer to any other college. **If you intend to use the scores only at ACC and you are not able to test on any SAT dates or National ACT dates**, you should take the RESIDUAL ACT at ACC Note - residual ACT's are good only at the college where you take them, so you must take the residual ACT at ACC in order for it to be good at ACC.

- Is there a study course or study manual to prepare for the ACT or SAT?

**ACC offers ACT review courses**; either go here [www.alvincollege.edu/cwd/act\\_prep.htm](http://www.alvincollege.edu/cwd/act_prep.htm) or call 281-756-3787 for details. Resources and sample tests are at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). There are also study manuals in the reference section of book stores and libraries.

➤ How does the LVN department get my test score?

**If you take a RESIDUAL ACT at ACC**, an official score report will be mailed to you 2-5 weeks after you took the test. Your official score will be automatically sent to the LVN department at the same time.

**If you take a NATIONAL ACT or you take a SAT**, do one of the following:

- \* If you designated ACC as a score recipient when you registered for the test, a copy of your official scores will be automatically sent to the LVN department.
- \* Or, have the LVN department photocopy the original Score Report that was mailed to you.
- \* Or, give the LVN department an official high school transcript or official college transcript showing the score. Either have the high school or college send it to the ACC Registrar, or bring or mail us an official transcript in a sealed envelope with the institution's stamp across the seal. We do not accept photocopies, faxes, emails, or internet printouts of transcripts or ACT/SAT reports.

## ACC LVN DETAILS

➤ How long is ACC's LVN program, when does it start, how much does it cost?

**The 12-month (3-semester) ACC LVN program** starts once per year in the summer semester and takes 50 students per year. **The next available LVN program starts June 4, 2013** and ends middle of May 2013. The **44-credit-hour curriculum**, approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), provides classroom and clinical experience required by the BON to be licensed as an LVN in Texas. **It costs about \$5,700** (\$7,600 if you live out of the ACC district) to complete the LVN program. To find out if you live in-district, call the Enrollment Services Center at 281-756-5800. Course list / descriptions, and cost breakdown are later in this document.

➤ What hours are the classes?

**The LVN program is weekdays only (no evening, weekend, or internet courses):** 5 days per week (4 days per week in summer) approximately 7 hours per day (Alvin campus only). Some days are in the classroom, and some days are at area hospitals and/or clinics (see clinical site list below).

**First semester (Summer-11 weeks) 4 days per week** (college closed on Fridays in summer)

First 3 weeks: class on campus	Mon-Thur	8:00am-3:00pm
Remainder of the summer:		
Class on campus	Mon-Wed	8:00am-3:00pm
Clinical at area facilities	Thursdays	times announced later

**Second & third semesters (Fall/Spring-16 weeks each) 5 days per week**

First 3 weeks: class on campus	Mon-Fri	8:00am-3:00pm
Remainder of the semester:		
Class on campus	Mon & Fri	8:00am-3:00pm
Clinical at area facilities	Tue-Thur	times announced later

There are occasional deviations from the schedule for special orientations, assignments, and tours. You have all holidays and breaks as published in the college catalog and class schedules.

➤ What clinical sites does the program use?

LVN training includes attending clinicals, where you get nursing experience working with patients in hospitals and other facilities under supervision of an LVN instructor and/or a Registered Nurse. LVN students are assigned to one or more of the following facilities each semester. In Fall and Spring there may be additional short assignments and/or tours at other facilities. (The following list is subject to change).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bay Area Pediatrics (Clear Lake)</li> <li>Bayshore Medical Center (Pasadena)</li> <li>Christus - St. John Hospital (Nassau Bay)</li> <li>Clear Lake Regional Medical Center (Webster)</li> <li>Clear Lake Rehabilitation (Clear Lake)</li> <li>Cornerstone Hospital (Bellaire &amp; Clear Lake)</li> <li>Mainland Medical Center (Texas City)</li> <li>San Jacinto Methodist Hospital (Baytown)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texas Children's Pediatric Associates clinics (several sites in the greater Houston area)</li> <li>Triumph Hospital Clear Lake</li> <li>Triumph Hospital Southwest (Sugar Land)</li> <li>UTMB Clinics (Alvin, Angleton, Pearland, Santa Fe, Texas City)</li> <li>Nursing homes: Laurel Court (Alvin), St. Dominic (HW 288 inside loop 610), Tuscany Village (Pearland)</li> </ul> |
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➤ What are the prerequisite courses?

There are **no prerequisite courses**; you do not have to take any college courses before you apply to our LVN program. Our program consists entirely of LVN courses that you can take only after you are accepted (with the exception that you can substitute both BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 for the LVN A&P course). There is extra credit for any applicants who made grades of “C” or better in BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 within the last 5 years.

➤ Will “bad” grades I made in previous courses hurt my chances of being accepted?

Because LVN acceptance is based on test score, not course grades, **previous college grades do not affect your chance of acceptance into our LVN program.**

➤ Are there any courses I could take to help prepare for the LVN program?

LVN students are taught how to calculate medication dosages, which includes arithmetic, decimals, fractions, percents, and converting between units of measurement. If you feel you need practice in this type of math, you can take a remedial math course at ACC, or the equivalent elsewhere, before you apply to our program.

LVN students need adequate English verbal, reading, and writing skills to successfully complete the program. If English is not your native language, or you want to strengthen your English skills, you can take a remedial English or reading course at ACC, or the equivalent elsewhere, before you apply to our program.

**REMEDIAL COURSES ARE OPTIONAL;** you do not have to take them before applying to our LVN program. You should consider taking remedial courses only if you feel you need preparation before applying. Any remedial courses you take will not count towards our LVN certificate. For guidance regarding remedial courses, call the Enrollment Services Center 281-756-5800.

➤ Can I substitute courses I have already taken for LVN courses?

**You may substitute both BIOL2401 & BIOL2402 for the LVN A&P course,** if the BIOL grades are C or better and less than 5 years old as of the start date of the LVN program. If the BIOL grades are high enough but too old, you may still substitute the old BIOL grades for the LVN A&P if you pass a competency exam over both semesters of A&P. You may not use the A&P competency exam in place of taking BIOL or LVN A&P courses. For questions about the competency exam or to sign up for it, call 281-756-5800. **You may be able to substitute RN or LVN courses** from other nursing programs subject to the LVN Director's approval. No other courses will substitute for LVN courses.

➤ Do you take transfer students?

**The ACC LVN program no longer accepts transfer students from other nursing programs.** All applicants that are accepted into the ACC LVN program must complete all three semesters of the program beginning with the first (Summer) semester. Substituting individual nursing courses taken elsewhere may be possible, subject to the LVN Director's approval.

➤ International students or students with foreign credits:

**If your citizenship is other than United States,** you must get approval for admission to the college and applying to the LVN program. **If you have foreign credits,** the transcripts must be evaluated and translated into English by an approved evaluation service. For more information, call 281-756-5800 and ask for the International Students representative. Also read the college catalog section “International Student Regulations”.

➤ What else do I need to go to your college?

**You must apply to be admitted to the college - this is separate from applying to the LVN program.** if you are going to try to get financial aid or take a residual ACT test at ACC, you must apply to the college now. Otherwise, you can wait to find out if you are accepted into LVN before you apply to the college. If you have never attended credit courses at ACC, or if you have been an ACC student but it is more than one year since you attended credit courses, call the Enrollment Services Center at 281-756-5800.

➤ Is there financial aid for me or daycare for my children?

The LVN department gives scholarships in the last semester (Spring) to 2 students. For other financial aid, call the Enrollment Services Center at 281-756-5800. The LVN program does not arrange for day care or recommend day care facilities; however, the Alvin Community College Child Development Laboratory School offers day care for children. For more information, call 281-756-3644.

➤ Is there job placement assistance?

Alvin Community College does not guarantee job placement to LVN graduates; however, the Enrollment Services Center 281-756-5800 provides assistance to students in finding jobs after graduation, including an internet database of job listings. The college holds a job fair every spring semester in which employers come to our campus to interview students. In the last semester of the LVN program, students are taught about job search and interviewing in a Professional Development course. In addition, the LVN department periodically receives job notices which are posted in LVN classrooms and emailed to graduates.

➤ What is an LVN?

“LVN” stands for “Licensed Vocational Nurse”. LVNs are also called LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurse) in some states. LVNs practice nursing as vital members of the health care team in the comprehensive care of health needs of sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled patients. LVNs work under direct supervision of registered nurses, physicians, or dentists; and may supervise certified nurse aides, medication aides, or unlicensed health care workers. LVNs generally work in acute and long-term care facilities or in clinics, as utilization reviewers who evaluate medical records in hospitals and doctors’ offices, or many other health-related areas. LVNs provide basic care such as taking vital signs, applying dressings, helping with personal hygiene, administering medications, and observing/reporting symptoms, reactions to treatment/medication, and progress. LVNs are on their feet most of the time: walking, bending, stooping, reaching, and lifting/moving patients are required. LVNs generally work a 40-hour week which may include nights, weekends, holidays, and/or overtime. A career as an LVN can be very rewarding for those who enjoy being of service to others.

➤ Where do LVNs work?

LVNs work in areas including acute-care and long-term acute-care hospitals; long-term/extended care facilities such as nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, or assisted-living facilities; clinics and doctor’s offices; psychiatric facilities; home or community health; insurance companies or HMO’s; government or company health departments; or school nurses, in specialties such as ER, ICU, OR, obstetrics/gynecology, newborn, pediatrics, medical-surgical, outpatient, etc.

➤ What pay does an LVN make?

Pay depends on geographic location, facility size/type, nursing specialty, shift (working hours), and years of experience. In the Houston area, new graduates typically earn \$17 to \$20/hr, with extra pay for working nights, weekends, or holidays. Salary can approach \$30/hr with several years experience or if the LVN gets training in certain specialties (such as ER, ICU, OR). Temporary assignments or agency work may also pay higher rates.

➤ What is the difference between an LVN and an RN?

In general, RNs have a wider scope of responsibility, perform more complex tasks, earn higher pay, and supervise LVNs. Texas law ([Nursing Practice Act](#)) and Texas Board of Nursing guidelines ([Differentiated Essential Competencies](#)) describe the scope of LVN duties. Each facility that employs nurses designates LVN tasks within Texas law and BON guidelines, and this varies from facility to facility.

➤ Do I have to be an LVN first before I can become an RN?

No, you can earn a 2-year or 4-year RN degree without being an LVN first. If you can’t dedicate 2 to 4 years to an RN degree, you can earn your LVN and work as an LVN for awhile, then enter an RN program. Information on ACC’s 2-year RN program is at 281-756-5610 or email [nursing@alvincollege.edu](mailto:nursing@alvincollege.edu) or website [www.alvincollege.edu](http://www.alvincollege.edu)

## Alvin Community College Vocational Nursing - Background Checks

A background check is conducted as a condition of full acceptance after an applicant's initial acceptance into the LVN program and before the student is allowed to enroll in LVN courses. This will include verification of the applicant's social security number.

If you have been convicted of or received deferred adjudication for any crime other than a minor traffic violation, or diagnosed with mental illness, or have a substance abuse history (i.e. the answer is "yes" to any of questions 1-5 below), you are eligible for admission into the LVN program only if you have: 1) Submitted a "Petition for Declaratory Order" to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), 2) Received BON verification of eligibility for LVN licensure by the LVN application deadline, and 3) Meet minimum standards set by clinical affiliates which includes having a valid social security number.

Depending on the complexity of your criminal, psychiatric or substance abuse background, it may take the BON several weeks to several months to process your Petition for Declaratory Order.

### Students with felonies are ineligible for admission to the ACC LVN Program.

The Petition for Declaratory Order form and other information regarding eligibility for licensure is available from the Texas BON website at <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf> There will be a \$39 fee for this paperwork, and possibly an additional \$150 fee if your case is "complex" as determined by the BON.

If the answer is "YES" to any of the questions below, you must submit a Petition for Declaratory Order to the BON.

If you are able to answer "NO" to all questions below, you do not have to submit a Petition for Declaratory Order.

### Texas Board of Nursing Licensure Eligibility Questions

- 1)     No             Yes    For any criminal offense, including those pending appeal, have you:
- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
  - B. been convicted of a felony?
  - C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
  - D. received deferred adjudication?
  - E. been placed on community supervisor or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
  - F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court- ordered confinement?
  - G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
  - H. been arrested or any pending criminal charges?
  - I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
  - J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?

(You may only exclude Class C misdemeanor traffic violations.)

**NOTE: Expunged and Sealed Offenses:** While expunged or sealed offenses, arrests, tickets, or citations need to be disclosed, it is your responsibility to ensure the offense, arrest, ticket or citation has, in fact, been expunged or sealed. It is recommended that you submit a copy of the Court Order expunging or sealing the record in question to our office with your application. Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation that is not in fact expunged or sealed, will at a minimum, subject your license to a disciplinary fine. Non-disclosure of relevant offenses raises questions related to truthfulness and character.

**NOTE: Orders of Non-disclosure:** Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 552.142(b), if you have criminal matters that are the subject of an order of non-disclosure you are not required to reveal those criminal matters on this form. However, a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure may become a character and fitness issue. Pursuant to other sections of the Gov't Code chapter 411, the Texas Nursing Board is entitled to access criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure. If the Board discovers a criminal matter that is the subject of an order of non-disclosure, even if you properly did not reveal that matter, the Board may require you to provide information about that criminal matter.

- 2)     No             Yes    Are you currently the target or subject of a grand jury or governmental agency investigation?
- 3)     No             Yes    Has any licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?
- 4)     No             Yes    Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug?\*
- 5)     No             Yes    Within the past five (5) years have you been diagnosed with, treated, or hospitalized for schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?

If "YES" indicate the condition:     schizophrenia and/or psychotic disorders     bipolar disorder  
 paranoid personality disorder     antisocial personality disorder     borderline personality disorder

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**CERTIFICATE in VOCATIONAL NURSING CURRICULUM**  
**2010-2011**

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Lecture Hours</u>	<u>Lab Hours</u>	<u>Clinical Hours</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
<b>First Semester - Summer 11 Week</b>					
VNSG 1122	Vocational Nursing Concepts	1	0	0	1
VNSG 1160	Clinical - Practical Nurse I	0	0	8	1
VNSG 1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	1	2	0	2
VNSG 1420	Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health	4	0	0	4
VNSG 1423	Basic Nursing Skills	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
		9	6	8	12
<b>Second Semester - Fall</b>					
VNSG 1329	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	3	0	0	3
VNSG 1331	Pharmacology	4	0	0	3
VNSG 1332	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	3	0	0	3
VNSG 1660	Clinical - Practical Nurse II	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>
		10	2	24	15
<b>Third Semester - Spring</b>					
VNSG 1219	Professional Development	2	1	0	2
VNSG 1226	Geriatric Nursing	2	0	0	2
VNSG 1230	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	2	0	0	2
VNSG 1234	Pediatrics	2	0	0	2
VNSG 1301	Mental Health and Mental Illness	3	0	0	3
VNSG 1661	Clinical - Practical Nurse III	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>6</u>
		11	1	24	17
<b>Total Credits Required for Vocational Nursing Certificate.....</b>					<b>44</b>

# ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOCATIONAL NURSING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## FIRST SEMESTER - SUMMER

### **VNSG 1122. Vocational Nursing Concepts (1 credit).**

Description: Introduction to the nursing profession and its responsibilities and the legal and ethical issues in nursing practice. Concepts related to the physical, emotional, and psychosocial self-care of the learner/professional. Learning Outcomes: The student will discuss the personal adjustments essential to the development of the vocational nurse; identify the role of the licensed vocational nurse; and discuss the legal and ethical responsibilities in vocational nursing practice. (1 lecture hour per week).

### **VNSG 1160. Clinical - Practical Nurse I (Fundamentals) (1 credit).**

Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experience. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Learning Outcomes: As outlined in the learning plan, the student will apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, equipment, procedure, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the particular occupation and the business/industry, and demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, communicating in the applicable language of the occupation and the business or industry. (8 clinical hours per week).

### **VNSG 1420. Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health (4 credits).**

Description: Introduction to the normal structure and function of the body including an understanding of the relationship of body systems in maintaining homeostasis. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify the structure of each of the major body systems; describe the function of each of the major body systems; and discuss the interrelationship of systems in maintaining homeostasis. (4 lecture hours per week).

### **VNSG 1423. Basic Nursing Skills (4 credits).**

Description: Mastery of entry level nursing skills and competencies for a variety of health care settings. Utilization of the nursing process as the foundation for all nursing interventions. Lab required. Learning Outcomes: The student will demonstrate competency in basic and advanced nursing skills; identify the steps in the nursing process and how each relates to nursing care; and discuss the delivery of basic and advanced nursing skills in a variety of health care settings. (3 lecture and 4 laboratory hours per week).

### **VNSG 1227. Essentials of Medication Administration. (2 credits).**

Description: General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration, and documentation of multiple forms of drugs, IV administration is not included. Instruction includes various systems of measurement. Lab required. Learning Outcomes: The student will demonstrate accurate dosage calculation; discuss the principles of medication administration safety; and identify the elements of accurate documentation of medication administration. (1 lecture and 2 laboratory hours per week).

## SECOND SEMESTER - FALL

### **VNSG 1329. Medical Surgical Nursing I. (3 credits).**

Description: Application of the nursing process to the care of adult and geriatric patients experiencing respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, musculoskeletal, and dermatological medical-surgical conditions in the health-illness continuum. A variety of health care settings are utilized. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify the components of the health-illness continuum; identify prevalent respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, musculoskeletal, and dermatological medical surgical conditions affecting the adult and gerian and utilize the nursing process to assist in developing a plan of care for selected medical-surgical conditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

### **VNSG 1331. Pharmacology. (3 credits).**

Description: Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic, and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify properties, effects, and principles of pharmacotherapeutic agents; and list common nursing interventions associated with the various pharmacotherapeutic agents. (3 lecture hours per week).

### **VNSG 1332. Medical - Surgical Nursing II. (3 credits).**

Description: Continuation of Medical-Surgical Nursing I with application of the nursing process to the care of adult and geriatric patients experiencing cardiovascular, neurosensory, endocrine, and oncological medical-surgical conditions in the health-illness continuum. Includes a variety of health care settings. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify the components of the health-illness continuum; identify prevalent cardiovascular, neurosensory, endocrine, and oncological medical surgical conditions affecting the adult and gerian and utilize the nursing process to assist in developing a plan of care for selected medical-surgical conditions. (3 lecture hours per week).

**VNSG 1660. Clinical - Practical Nurse II. (6 credits).**

Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training, and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement are the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experience. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Learning Outcomes: As outlined in the learning plan, the student will apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, equipment, procedure, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the particular occupation and the business/industry, and demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, communicating in the applicable language of the occupation and the business or industry. (24 clinical hours per week).

**THIRD SEMESTER - SPRING**

**VNSG 1219. Professional Development. (2 credits).**

Description: Study of the importance of professional growth. Topics include the role of the licensed vocational nurse in the multi-disciplinary health care team, professional organizations, and continuing education. Learning Outcomes: The student will describe the role of the licensed vocational nurse in multi-disciplinary settings inclusive of basic principles of leadership and management; discuss the role of professional organizations and regulatory agencies; and identify criteria and appropriate resources for continuing education. (2 lecture hours per week).

**VNSG 1226. Geriatrics. (2 credits).**

Description: Overview of the normal physical, psychological, and cultural aspects of the aging process. Addresses common disease processes of aging and explores attitudes towards care of the elderly. Topics include but not limited to introduction to aging; geriatric mental health; the aging adult; sexuality and aging; pain management; geriatric medications; assisting the dying client and family; hospice care. Learning Outcomes: The student will be able to describe the normal aspects of aging, discuss common disease processes associated with aging, identify common attitudes related to care of the aged, and develop basic intervention skills designed to support the client and family during various life stages, including death and dying. (2 lecture hours per week).

**VNSG 1230. Maternal - Neonatal Nursing. (2 credits).**

Description: Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the child bearing family. Emphasis on the bio-psycho-socio-cultural needs of the family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth, and the neonatal period including abnormal conditions. Learning Outcomes: The student will discuss the bio-psycho-socio-cultural needs of the childbearing family; and utilize the nursing process to assist in planning the care of the childbearing family. (2 lecture hours per week).

**VNSG 1234. Pediatrics. (2 credits).**

Description: Study of childhood growth & development childhood diseases and childcare from infancy through adolescence. Focus on the care of the well and the ill child utilizing the nursing process. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify principles of growth & development and utilize the nursing process to assist in planning care for the well or ill child. (2 lecture hours per week).

**VNSG 1301. Mental Health and Mental Illness. (3 credits)**

Description: Study of personality development, human needs, common mental mechanisms, and factors influencing mental health and mental illness. Includes common mental disorders and related therapy. Learning Outcomes: The student will identify the characteristics of mental health; identify common mental illness and maladaptive behaviors; describe trends in psychotherapeutic treatment; discuss the application of therapeutic communication skills; and assist in the formulation of a plan of care for the individual with mental illness or maladaptive behavior.

**VNSG 1661. Clinical - Practical Nurse III. (6 credits).**

Description: A method of instruction providing detailed education, training and work-based experience, and direct patient/client care, generally at a clinical site. Specific detailed learning objectives are developed for each course by the faculty. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, evaluation, and placement is the responsibility of the college faculty. Clinical experiences are unpaid external learning experience. Course may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Learning Outcomes: As outlined in the learning plan, the student will apply the theory, concepts, and skills involving specialized materials, equipment, procedure, regulations, laws, and interactions within and among political, economic, environmental, social, and legal systems associated with the particular occupation and the business/industry, and demonstrate legal and ethical behavior, safety practices, interpersonal and teamwork skills, communicating in the applicable language of the occupation and the business or industry. (24 clinical hours per week).

**PRE-REQUISITES**

ACT TEST or SAT TEST	35.00
Texas Board of Nursing declaratory order (only if you have psychiatric or criminal history) (possibly an additional \$150 fee if your case is "complex" as determined by the BON)	39.00

**SUMMER SEMESTER (12 weeks)****College Tuition & Fees**

In-district tuition (12 semester hours)	504.00
Out-of-district tuition (12 semester hours)	1,008.00
General Service fee	70.00
Technology fee	45.00
Registration fee	30.00
Student services fee	22.00
Security fee	20.00
LRC fee	15.00
Bursar fee	10.00
Lab fees (VNSG 1160 \$20 + VNSG 1227 \$15 + VNSG 1423 \$15 + malpractice insurance \$5)	55.00

**Required Textbooks**

Cohen & Taylor, <u>Memmler's Structure &amp; Function of the Human Body</u> , 9th Ed., 2008, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	50.00
Cohen/Taylor/Hull, <u>Memmler's Structure &amp; Function of the Human Body Study Guide</u> , 9th Ed., 2008, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	27.00
Sparks, <u>Nursing Diagnosis Reference Manual</u> , 8th Ed., Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	60.00
DeWitt, <u>Fundamental Concepts &amp; Skills for Nursing</u> , 3rd Ed., 2009, Saunders (bundled with Mosby Skills videos)	120.00
Taber's <u>Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary</u> , 21st Ed., FA Davis	38.00
Buchholz, <u>Henke's Med-Math</u> , 7th Ed., 2011, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	65.00
Sommers, <u>Diseases and Disorders</u> , 4th Ed., 2011, FA Davis	45.00
ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) Comprehensive Review for PN Semester II	200.00

**Recommended Textbooks**

Nettina, <u>Lippincott Manual of Nursing Practice</u> , 9th. Ed., 2010, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins	90.00
Stedman, <u>Stedman's Medical Dictionary</u> , 28th Ed., 2006,	49.00
Wilson, <u>Pearson Nurse's Drug Guide 2012</u> , 1st Ed., 2011, Prentice-Hall	39.00

**Miscellaneous**

Criminal background check (all students)	53.00
Drug screen (all students)	40.00
Physical examination and immunizations (approximate)	200.00
CPR certification - American Heart Association CPR for Healthcare Providers (tuition + textbook)	100.00
Clinical items (uniform, shoes, nurse supplies, ACC LVN patches)	200.00

**Summer Semester (approximate in district) 2,210.00**

**Summer Semester (approximate out of district) 2,720.00**

**FALL SEMESTER****College Tuition & Fees**

In-district tuition (15 semester hours)	630.00
Out-of-district tuition (15 semester hours)	1,260.00
General Service fee	85.00
Technology fee	45.00
Registration fee	30.00
Student services fee	22.00
Security fee	20.00
LRC fee	15.00
Bursar fee	10.00
Lab fee (VNSG 1660 \$20 + malpractice insurance \$12.00 )	32.00
ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) Comprehensive Review for PN Semester II	145.00

**Required Textbooks**

Gauwitz, <u>Administering Medications</u> , 7th Ed., McGraw Hill	96.00
Timby, Scherer & Smith, <u>Introductory Medical-Surgical Nursing</u> , 10th Ed., 2009, Lippincott	72.00

**Recommended Textbooks**

Timby, Scherer & Smith, <u>Intro. Med-Surg Nursing Study Guide</u> , 10th Ed., 2009, Lippincott	25.00
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**Fall Semester (approximate in district) 1,240.00**

**Fall Semester (approximate out of district) 1,870.00**

<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>	
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	
In-district tuition (17 semester hours)	714.00
Out-of-district tuition (17 semester hours)	1,428.00
General Service fee	95.00
Technology fee	45.00
Registration fee	30.00
Student services fee	22.00
Security fee	20.00
LRC fee	15.00
Bursar fee	10.00
Lab fee (VNSG 1660 \$20)	20.00
ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute) Comprehensive Review for PN Semester 3	145.00
<b>Required Textbooks</b>	
Leifer, <u>Introduction to Maternity &amp; Pediatric Nursing</u> , 6th Ed., 2011, Saunders	76.00
Leifer, <u>Study Guide for Introduction to Maternity &amp; Pediatric Nursing</u> , 6th Ed., 2011, Saunders	32.00
Anderson, <u>Caring for Older Adults Holistically</u> , 4th Ed., 2007, F.A. Davis	36.00
Kurzen, <u>Contemporary Practical/Vocational Nursing</u> , 7th Ed., Lippincott	60.00
Morrison-Valfre, <u>Foundations of Mental Health Care</u> , 4th Ed., Mosby	60.00
<b>Recommended Textbooks</b>	
Liefer, <u>Study Guide for Introduction to Maternity &amp; Pediatric Nursing</u> , 6th Ed., Saunders	30.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Diploma fee	35.00
Cap & gown fee	30.00
School pin (gold-filled 50.00; 10K gold 115.00)	50.00
Texas State Board application for licensure fee	139.00
Passport picture to accompany application for licensure	15.00
Fingerprints for background investigation to accompany application for licensure	11.00
NCLEX-PN fee (National Council Licensure Examination)	200.00
<b>Spring Semester (approximate in district)</b>	<b>1,880.00</b>
<b>Spring Semester (approximate out of district)</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE YEARLY COST (IN DISTRICT):</b>	<b>5,600.00</b>
<b>APPROXIMATE YEARLY COST (OUT OF DISTRICT):</b>	<b>7,400.00</b>
<b>** EXPENSES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE **</b>	

