

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Total Clock Hours: 1440
Semester Credit Hours: 55.0

Program Length: 48 Weeks

The Vocational Nursing Program is a full-time day program comprised of three semesters, 16 weeks each, with a total of 1,440 hours, consisting of 600 theory hours, 360 skill laboratory/simulation hours, and 480 clinical hours. The VN Program is not offered in the evening.

Objective: The Vocational Nursing Program is designed to provide the students with theory, laboratory and clinical skills, which will prepare them for an entry level position in the practice of vocational nursing caring for patients in a variety of health care settings. Students who successfully complete all the minimum theory and clinical hour requirements as required by the Texas Board of Nursing will receive a certificate for Vocational Nursing and be prepared to successfully pass the NCLEX-PN®. Upon passing the Texas BON Jurisprudence exam and NCLEX-PN®, the graduate is eligible to apply for licensure by the Texas BON to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN). Graduates of the program will be qualified for entry-level employment as vocational nurses in long-term care facilities, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, schools, medical offices, various hospital departments, and health-care clinics.

Course Number		Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Hrs.	Academic Semester Credits
Semester I						
VNSG-1122	Vocational Nursing Concepts	18	6	0	24	1.0
VNSG-1320	Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health	48	12	0	60	3.0
VNSG-1133	Growth and Development	18	6	0	24	1.0
VNSG-1323	Basic Nursing Skills	48	54	0	102	4.5
VNSG-2331	Advanced Nursing Skills	48	54	0	102	4.5
VNSG-1227	Essentials of Medication Administration	24	24	0	48	2.0
VNSG-1260	Clinical I	0	0	120	120	2.5
	Semester I Total	204	156	120	480	18.5
Semester II						
VNSG-1331	Pharmacology	57	18	0	75	4.0
VNSG-1216	Nutrition	33	6	0	39	2.0
VNSG-1429	Medical Surgical I	51	42	0	93	4.0
VNSG-1432	Medical Surgical II	51	36	0	87	4.0
VNSG-1460	Clinical II	0	0	186	186	4.0
	Semester II Total	192	102	186	480	18.0
Semester III						
VNSG-1226	Gerontology	33	12	0	45	2.0
VNSG-1330	Maternal Neonatal Nursing	45	18	0	63	3.5
VNSG-1334	Pediatrics	45	18	0	63	3.5
VNSG-1301	Mental Health and Mental Illness	48	18	0	63	3.5
VNSG-1219	Leadership and Professional Development	33	18	0	63	2.5
VNSG-2360	Clinical III	0	0	174	174	3.5
VNSG-1105	NCLEX-PN® Review	0	18	0	0	0.5*
	Semester III Total	204	102	174	480	19.0
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS		600	360	480	1440	55.0**

*The Texas Workforce Commission formula for converting clock hours to semester credit hours mandates calculated semester credit hours to be rounded down to the nearest half semester credit.

** The Council on Occupational Education mandates calculated semester credit hours for the total program to be rounded down to the nearest whole semester credits.