

# VOCATIONAL NURSING

## One Year Program

### Available in Early and Comanche

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the students will be awarded a Certificate of Completion which entitles the student to take the licensing examination given by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Those passing this exam will be licensed to practice as an LVN. The VN program begins in August, with graduation in August of the next year.

Individuals interested in enrolling may come to the Brown County Ranger Center in Early, Texas and take the HESI Exam. After passing the HESI, you may pick up a packet containing all necessary information. Applications must be completed on-line and financial aid is available to those who qualify. Total cost of the program is approximately \$7000.00, which includes tuition, books, uniforms, shoes, watch, stethoscope, insurance, NCLEX review and miscellaneous supplies.

Requirements for initial application are:

1. A completed application
2. A satisfactory score on HESI
3. Proof of high school graduation or completion of a GED. This must be verified by an **official** high school transcript or an **original** GED transcript.
4. Proof of immunization status via shot records.
5. Proof that Hepatitis B series will be complete prior to the first clinical beginning the first of October, 2010.
6. CPR training (a current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card only) is now mandatory prior to registration in August. Call Ranger College at 254-965-8875 or use a provider of your choice.
7. Proof of TB skin test or chest x-ray if test is positive.
8. Proof of completion for A & P 1 or Basic A & P (non credit course)

Students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis following completion of requirements. A criminal history check and a drug test will be required prior to clinicals beginning in October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will accept 80 students.

For more information please call Brown County Ranger Center at 325-641-5726. ext 201 or 206

## VOCATIONAL NURSING (VNSG)

Vocational Nursing students will follow the prescribed curriculum and attain a level of knowledge sufficient to take the state licensure exam.

Students must sign the official Ranger College Liability Release Form in order to enroll and begin any classes in Vocational Nursing. See page 35.

**1115 - Disease Control and Prevention** (1-0) 511613 Study of the general principles of prevention of illness and disease, basic microbiology, and the maintenance of aseptic conditions. Credit 1 semester hour.

**1116 - Nutrition** (1-1) 511613 Introduction to nutrients and their role in proper growth and development and the maintenance of health. Credit 1 semester hour.

**1126 - Gerontology** (1-1) 511613 Overview of the normal physical, psychosocial, and cultural aspects of the aging process. Addresses common disease processes of aging. Exploration of attitudes toward care of the older adult. Credit 1 semester hour.

**1263 - Clinical I** (0-7) 511613 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 experiences. Courses may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Credit 2 semester hours.

**1138 - Mental Illness** (1-1) 511613 Study of human behavior with emphasis on emotional and mental abnormalities and modes of treatment incorporating the nursing process. Credit 1 semester hour.

**1304 - Foundations of Nursing** (3-0) 511613 Introduction to the nursing profession including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues, and role of the vocational nurse. Topics include mental health, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process, and holistic awareness. Credit 3 semester hours.

**1320 - Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health** (2-2) 511613 Introduction to the normal structure and function of the body including an understanding of the relationship of body systems in maintaining homeostasis. Credit 3 semester hours.

**1323 - Basic Nursing Skills** (2-4) 511613 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. Communication skills, medical terminology, CPR and emergency first aid will be included. Legal and ethical responsibilities of the vocational nurse are emphasized. Basic IV therapy skills. Credit 3 semester hours.

**1327 - Essentials of Medication Administration** (2-3) 511613 General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration, and documentation of multiple forms of drugs. Instruction includes various systems of measurement. Credit 3 semester hours.

**1231 - Pharmacology** (2-0) 511613 Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic, and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process. Credit 2 semester hours.

**1234 - Pediatrics** (2-0) 511613 Study of childhood diseases and childcare from infancy through adolescence. Focus on the care of the well and the ill child utilizing the nursing process. Credit 2 semester hours.

**1330 - Maternal-Neonatal Nursing** (3-0) 511613 Utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the childbearing 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. Credit 3 semester hours.

**1429 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I** (4-1) 511613 Application of the nursing process to the care of adult patients experiencing medical-surgical conditions in the health-illness continuum. A variety of health care settings are utilized. Credit 4 semester hours.

**1660 - Clinical II** (0-24) 511613 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 experiences. Courses may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Credit 6 semester hours.

**1432 - Medical-Surgical Nursing II** (4-1) 511613 Continuation of Medical-Surgical Nursing I with application of the nursing process of the care of adult patients experiencing medical-surgical conditions in the health-illness continuum. Includes a variety of health care settings. Credit 4 semester hours.

**1661 - Clinical III** (0-24) 511613 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 experiences. Courses may be repeated if topics and learning outcomes vary. Credit 6 semester hours.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION VOCATIONAL NURSING\*\*

Fall Semester	Semester Hours
VNSG 1115 Disease Control & Prevention.....	1
VNSG 1116 Nutrition.....	1
VNSG 1126 Gerontology .....	1
VNSG 1263 Clinical I .....	2
VNSG 1304 Foundations of Nursing .....	3
VNSG 1320 Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health .....	3
VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills.....	3
VNSG 1327 Essentials of Medication Administration .....	3
<b>Total Hours .....</b>	<b>17</b>
Spring Semester	Semester Hours
VNSG 1231* Pharmacology .....	2
VNSG 1234* Pediatrics.....	2
VNSG 1330* Maternal Neonatal Nursing .....	3
VNSG 1429* Medical-Surgical Nursing I.....	4
VNSG 1660* Clinical II .....	6
<b>Total Hours .....</b>	<b>17</b>
Summer Semester	Semester Hours
VNSG 1432* Medical-Surgical Nursing II.....	4
VNSG 1138 Mental Illness.....	1
VNSG 1661* Clinical III.....	6
<b>Total Hours .....</b>	<b>11</b>

\*Prerequisites:

For Semester 1 - A & P 1 or Basic A&P (non credit course)

For semesters 2 and 3 - Successful completion of previous semester.

The Vocational Nursing Certificate Program is not subject to the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative.

**\*\*Only offered in Early and Comanche.**