

# **Nursing**

## **Mission Statement**

In accordance with the mission of Angelina College, the Nursing Program provides quality nursing education in response to the unique needs and ethnic diversity of East Texas.

Angelina College Nursing Program provides high quality nursing education in a culturally, racially and ethnically diverse community by creating positive teaching and learning environments consistent with professional, educational and ethical standards of nursing.

The associate degree nursing program at the main campus in Lufkin is a multiple entry/exit program (MEEP). Upon successful completion of the first year of the nursing program and completion of the MEEP option, students will receive their GVN and be eligible to apply for vocational nursing license by examination. Upon successful completion of two calendar years of ADN study, students receive the Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

## **Career Tracks**

The nursing program is designed to permit students to enter as a beginning student or LVN and to exit at either the vocational or associate degree level. The Angelina College Nursing Program provides pre-licensure nursing education for the associate degree level on the Lufkin Campus.

## **Program Approval**

*The associate degree nursing track/vocational nursing option and the vocational programs are approved by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas. This agency establishes rules and regulations governing education, examination, licensure and practice of nursing.*

## **Associate of Applied Science (Lufkin Campus only)**

### **Program Learning Outcome Goals for the Associate Degree Nursing Program**

Upon completion of the Associate Degree level, the graduate nurse as a member of the profession should have the knowledge and skill to provide and coordinate care for clients (individuals and families) in a variety of settings by:

1. Demonstrating the use of clinical reasoning, nursing process and evidence-based practice outcomes as a basis for decision making.
2. Exhibiting behaviors that reflect commitment to the growth and development of the role and function of nursing consistent with state and national regulations and with ethical and professional standards; aspires to improve the discipline of nursing and its contribution to society; and values self-assessment and the need for lifelong learning.

3. Accepting responsibility for the quality of nursing care and provides safe, compassionate nursing care using a systematic process of assessment, analysis, planning, intervention, and evaluation that focuses on the needs and preferences of patients and their families.
4. Promoting safety in the patient and family environment by: following scope and standards of nursing practice, practicing within the parameters of individual knowledge, skills and abilities; identifying and reporting actual and potential unsafe practices and implementing measures to prevent harm.
5. Providing patient centered care by collaborating, coordinating and/or facilitating comprehensive care with an interdisciplinary/ multidisciplinary healthcare team to determine and implement best practices for the patients and their families.

The associate degree nursing program at the main campus in Lufkin is a multiple entry/exit program (MEEP). Upon successful completion of two calendar years of study, students receive the Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to apply for registered nurse licensure by examination.

### **Associate Degree Nursing with Vocational Nursing Option**

Students may choose to enroll in the vocational nursing option of the associate degree program. Students complete the first year of the associate degree track plus vocational summer courses in preparation for vocational nurse licensure by examination. Students receive a certificate of completion from Angelina College. After completing the vocational nursing option, students may exit or continue through the second year of the curriculum and complete the associate degree nursing track.

### **Admission Criteria**

#### **Associate Degree Nursing/Vocational Nursing Option Multi Entry/Exit Program (MEEP)**

1. Gain admission to the college.
2. Complete mandatory information session as directed to obtain an application packet.
3. Complete all **prerequisite courses** with a grade of “C” or better by designated date.
  - STSU 0300 – Student Success (EDUC/PSYC 1300 – Learning Framework may be substituted for STSU)
  - PSYC 2301 – General Psychology or PSYC 2314 – Life Span Growth and Development (Both PSYC 2301 and PSYC 2314 are required to complete the VN option)
  - ENGL 1301 – English Composition
  - BIOL 2401 – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIOL 2402 – Anatomy and Physiology II
  - RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations for Nursing

**Note:** Prerequisite courses may be taken only twice for selection consideration. If a prerequisite course is taken more than twice, only the second grade will be calculated in the cumulative GPA for prerequisite courses. This second grade must be at least a “C.”

4. Pass a dosage calculation test (90% or better) by designated date.

5. Submit current college transcript(s) showing any prerequisite courses completed after application packet deadline. (The Office of the Registrar needs official transcripts, while the nursing office can receive unofficial.) Applicants for transfer into the nursing program are reviewed on an individual basis. **Applicants are not guaranteed acceptance.** A minimum grade of “C” is required for all courses transferred. The grade point average in prerequisite courses is used in the selection process. **It is strongly recommended that prerequisite courses taken more than five (5) years prior to transfer, be audited.** Students must provide transcripts and records that reflect the classroom and clinical hours.
6. Provide proof of a completed medical form no later than the designated date:
  - a. Receive immunizations mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services for health care workers. **Note:** All Hepatitis B series must be completed by the first clinical day of the first semester. This series requires six months to complete.
7. Provide proof of a current 2-year American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.
8. “Conditional” acceptance into the nursing program is limited; applicants will be ranked and selected based on the following criteria:
  - a. Cumulative GPA in:
    - PSYC 2301 – General Psychology or PSYC 2314 – Life Span
    - ENGL 1301 – English Composition
    - BIOL 2401 – Anatomy & Physiology I
    - BIOL 2402 – Anatomy & Physiology II
    - RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations
  - b. Weighted score based on the first or second grade in science courses (BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402)
  - c. Admission standardized exam scores must meet or exceed the benchmark score to be considered for admission.
  - d. Additional course work outside of ADN track.
9. Completion of **all** requirements by posted deadlines.
10. Applicants will be notified of “conditional” acceptance via Angelina College student email.
12. A background check will be done by Texas Board of Nursing procedure.
13. A random drug screen will be required and must be negative to continue in the Nursing Program.

Students are allowed one entry and one re-entry into the nursing program. Contact the Nursing office at (936) 633-5265 or 633-3200 for questions.

## Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (Health Professions)

| <b>Required Prerequisite Courses</b> |   |  | <b>Credit Hrs</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| PSYC 2301                            | General Psychology or PSYC 2314 Life Span**               |  | 3                 |
| ENGL 1301                            | English Composition                                       |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1208                            | Dosage Calculations for Nursing                           |  | 2                 |
| STSU 0300                            | Student Success   |  | 0                 |
| BIOL 2401                            | Human Anatomy & Physiology I                              |  | 4                 |
| BIOL 2402                            | Human Anatomy & Physiology II                             |  | 4                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |   |  | <b>16</b>         |
| <b>First Year</b>                    |   |  |                   |
| <b>Fall Semester</b>                 |   |  |                   |
| RNSG 1205                            | Nursing Skills  |  | 2                 |
| RNSG 1215                            | Health Assessment   |  | 2                 |
| RNSG 1309                            | Introduction to Nursing                                   |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1262                            | Clinical Nursing  |  | 2                 |
| BIOL 2420                            | Microbiology  |  | 4                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |   |  | <b>13</b>         |
| <b>Spring Semester</b>               |   |  |                   |
| RNSG 1341*                           | Common Concepts   |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1363                            | Clinical Nursing  |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1301*                           | Pharmacology  |  | 3                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |   |  | <b>9</b>          |
| <b>Second Year</b>                   |   |  |                   |
| <b>Fall Semester</b>                 |   |  |                   |
| RNSG 1343                            | Complex Concepts  |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1412                            | Nursing Care of the Childbearing/Child Rearing Family     |  | 4                 |
| RNSG 2360                            | Clinical Nursing  |  | 3                 |
| XXXX x3xx                            | Creative Arts Core Elective                               |  |                   |
|                                      | Choose from ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, or MUSI 1310 |  | 3                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |   |  | <b>13</b>         |
| <b>Spring Semester</b>               |   |  |                   |
| RNSG 2331*                           | Advanced Concepts – Adult Health                          |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 2130                            | Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation     |  | 1                 |
| RNSG 2363*                           | Clinical Nursing  |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 2213*                           | Mental Health Nursing                                     |  | 2                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |   |  | <b>9</b>          |
| <b>Total Hours for Degree</b>        |   |  | <b>60</b>         |

\* See course descriptions for prerequisite and corequisite requirements.

Upon success completion of 60 hours, a clear criminal background check, and with approval of the Texas Board of Nursing, students may request to take the NCLEX-RN Licensing Examination.

## Associate of Applied Science in Nursing with MEEP option

(Health Professions)

| Required Prerequisite Courses                 |   |  | Credit Hrs |
|---|---|--|------------|
| PSYC 2301                                     | General Psychology or PSYC 2314 Life Span** |  | 3          |
| ENGL 1301                                     | English Composition                         |  | 3          |
| RNSG 1208                                     | Dosage Calculations for Nursing             |  | 2          |
| STSU 0300                                     | Student Success                             |  | 0          |
| BIOL 2401                                     | Human Anatomy & Physiology I                |  | 4          |
| BIOL 2402                                     | Human Anatomy & Physiology II               |  | 4          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                            |   |  | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>First Year</b>                             |   |  |            |
| <b>Fall Semester</b>                          |   |  |            |
| RNSG 1205                                     | Nursing Skills                              |  | 2          |
| RNSG 1215                                     | Health Assessment                           |  | 2          |
| RNSG 1309                                     | Introduction to Nursing                     |  | 3          |
| RNSG 1262                                     | Clinical Nursing                            |  | 2          |
| BIOL 2420                                     | Microbiology                                |  | 4          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                            |   |  | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>Spring Semester</b>                        |   |  |            |
| RNSG 1341*                                    | Common Concepts                             |  | 3          |
| RNSG 1363                                     | Clinical Nursing                            |  | 3          |
| RNSG 1301*                                    | Pharmacology                                |  | 3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                            |   |  | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>Summer Semester (Vocational Option)***</b> |   |  |            |
| VNSG 1138                                     | Mental Health                               |  | 1          |
| VNSG 1234                                     | Pediatrics                                  |  | 2          |
| VNSG 1230                                     | Maternal-Neonatal Nursing                   |  | 2          |
| VNSG 1360                                     | Clinical Nursing – MEEP                     |  | 3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                            |   |  | <b>8</b>   |

*Students may obtain a Level II certificate in Vocational Nursing after successfully completing these courses.*

## Second Year

### Fall Semester

|                    |   |           |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| RNSG 1343          | Complex Concepts  | 3         |
| RNSG 1412          | Nursing Care of the Childbearing/Child Rearing Family     | 4         |
| RNSG 2360          | Clinical Nursing  | 3         |
| XXXX x3xx          | Creative Arts Core Elective                               |           |
|                    | Choose from ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, or MUSI 1310 | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b> |   | <b>13</b> |

### Spring Semester

|                               |   |           |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------|
| RNSG 2331*                    | Advanced Concepts – Adult Health                      | 3         |
| RNSG 2130                     | Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation | 1         |
| RNSG 2363*                    | Clinical Nursing                                      | 3         |
| RNSG 2213*                    | Mental Health Nursing                                 | 2         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>            |   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours for Degree</b> |   | <b>60</b> |

\* See [course descriptions](#) for prerequisite and corequisite requirements. \*\*PSYC 2314 is mandatory if taking VN MEEP option. \*\*\* Vocational option – student may exit with GVN or continue toward ADN.

## Admission Criteria

### LVN to ADN Transition Track

This track is designed to facilitate the transition of the Licensed Vocational Nurse into the associate degree nursing track. After successful completion of transition and the second year of the ADN program, the student will receive the Associate of Applied Science degree and will be eligible to apply for a registered nurse licensure by examination.

The curriculum begins the second summer semester of each year. Applicants must meet requirements:

1. Gain admission to the college.
2. Must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA).
3. Employment as a LVN is preferred.
4. Hold a valid Texas vocational nurse license which is unencumbered.
5. Attend an on-line “Transition” (VN to RN) Information Session and obtain an application packet.
6. Complete all **prerequisite** courses with a grade of “C” or better:
  - STSU 0300 – Student Success (EDUC 1300 – Learning Framework may be substituted for STSU)
  - PSYC 2301 – General Psychology or PSYC 2314 - Lifespan Growth and Development
  - ENGL 1301 – English Composition
  - BIOL 2401 – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIOL 2402 – Anatomy and Physiology II
  - BIOL 2420 – Microbiology
  - RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations for Nursing

*Note: Prerequisite courses may be taken only twice for selection consideration. If a prerequisite course is taken more than twice, only the second grade will be calculated in the cumulative GPA for prerequisite courses. The second grade must be a "C" or better.*

7. Pass the dosage calculations test with a score of 90% or higher after conditional acceptance.
8. Submit completed application packet by posted deadline.
9. Submit official college transcript(s) showing completion of prerequisite courses. Applicants will be ranked on the following criteria
  - a. Cumulative GPA in prerequisite courses;
  - b. Admission standardized exam scores must meet or exceed the benchmark score to be considered for admission;
  - c. Weighted score based on first or second grade in science; and
  - d. Completion of non-nursing core curriculum.
10. Provide proof of health requirements no later than the designated date:
  - a. Receive immunizations mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services for health care workers. Note: Hepatitis B series must be completed by the first clinical day of the first semester. This series requires 6 months to complete. All nursing programs: \*COVID-19 vaccination is not mandated by Angelina College; however, the College adheres to the requirements of clinical sites. Therefore, without being vaccinated for COVID-19, students may not be able complete clinical requirements, which would make them ineligible for graduation and the NCLEX RN/PN Licensing examination.
11. Provide proof of a current 2-year American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.
12. Applicants will be notified of "conditional" acceptance decisions via college email.
13. A random drug screen will be required and must be negative to continue in the Nursing Program. Date will be announced.
14. To complete the equivalent of two calendar years, students must pay to have credit by experience courses added to transcript.

Students are allowed one re-entry into the VN nursing program. Contact Nursing office at (936) 633-5264 for questions or comments.

## Associate of Applied Science in Nursing – LVN to ADN Transition Track (Health Professions)

| <b>Required Prerequisite Courses</b> |                                 |  | <b>Credit Hrs</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| PSYC 2301                            | General Psychology or PSYC 2314 |  | 3                 |
| ENGL 1301                            | English Composition             |  | 3                 |
| RNSG 1208                            | Dosage Calculations for Nursing |  | 2                 |
| STSU 0300                            | Student Success                 |  | 0                 |
| BIOL 2401                            | Human Anatomy & Physiology I    |  | 4                 |
| BIOL 2402                            | Human Anatomy & Physiology II   |  | 4                 |
| BIOL 2420                            | Microbiology                    |  | 4                 |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                   |                                 |  | <b>20</b>         |

### **Summer Semester**

|                    |   |  |          |
|--------------------|---|--|----------|
| RNSG 1327          | Transition: Vocational Nursing Profession |  | 3        |
| RNSG 1260          | Clinical Nursing – Transitions            |  | 2        |
| <b>Total Hours</b> |   |  | <b>5</b> |

### **Fall Semester**

|                    |   |  |           |
|--------------------|---|--|-----------|
| RNSG 1343          | Complex Concepts  |  | 3         |
| RNSG 1412          | Nursing Care of the Childbearing/Child Rearing Family     |  | 4         |
| RNSG 2360          | Clinical Nursing  |  | 3         |
| XXXX x3xx          | Creative Arts Core Elective                               |  |           |
|                    | Choose from ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, or MUSI 1310 |  | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b> |   |  | <b>13</b> |

### **Spring Semester**

|                               |   |  |           |
|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| RNSG 2331                     | Advanced Concepts – Adult Health                      |  | 3         |
| RNSG 2130                     | Professional Nursing Review and Licensure Preparation |  | 1         |
| RNSG 2363                     | Clinical Nursing                                      |  | 3         |
| RNSG 2213                     | Mental Health Nursing                                 |  | 2         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>            |   |  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours for Degree</b> |   |  | <b>60</b> |

**Nursing LVN to ADN Transition Track – Fall I and Spring I semesters of RNSG courses listed below are acquired by paying for Credit by Experience (18 SCH total).**

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| RNSG 1205 | Nursing Skills          |
| RNSG 1215 | Health Assessment       |
| RNSG 1309 | Introduction to Nursing |
| RNSG 1262 | Clinical Nursing        |
| RNSG 1341 | Common Concepts         |
| RNSG 1363 | Clinical Nursing        |
| RNSG 1301 | Pharmacology            |

\* See [course descriptions](#) for prerequisite and corequisite requirements.



## **Vocational Nursing**

### **Vocational Nursing Program**

The vocational nursing program prepares the graduate to independently perform basic nursing skills in non-complex situations and to assist the registered nurse or physician in complicated circumstances. Courses begin in the spring semester and conclude at the end of the fall semester (Lufkin Cohort) and begin in the fall semester and conclude at the end of the summer semester (Livingston and Hudson HS cohorts) for a total of 45 semester credit hours. A certificate of completion is awarded upon successful fulfillment of course requirements. The vocational nursing program is approved by the Board of Nursing for the State of Texas. Graduates are eligible to apply for licensure by the NCLEX-PN licensing examination.

**Spring start (January): offered in Lufkin (graduate in December)**

**Fall start (August): offered in Livingston & at Hudson High School (graduate the following August)**

### **Program Student Learning Outcomes for the Vocational Nursing Programs**

Upon completion of the vocational level, the graduate nurse as a member of the profession should have the knowledge and skills to provide and coordinate nursing care in structured health care settings for individual clients who are experiencing common, well-defined health problems with predictable outcomes. The VN graduate will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the use of critical thinking and the nursing process as a basis for decision making that promotes the development and practice of vocational nursing.
2. Implement teaching plans for clients concerning promotion, maintenance and restoration of health that promotes the development and practice of vocational nursing.
3. Communicate and collaborate in a timely manner with members of the interdisciplinary health care team to promote and maintain optimal health status of patients and their families.
4. Assume accountability and responsibility for the quality of nursing care provided to patients and their families.
5. Implement measures to promote quality and a safe environment for patients, self, and others.

### **Admission Criteria**

1. Gain admission to the college.
2. Must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA).
3. Attend an on-line Information Session to obtain an application packet.
4. Complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better:  
STSU 0300 – Student Success  
(EDUC 1300–Learning Frameworks may be substituted for STSU)  
RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations

Note: Prerequisite courses may be taken only twice for selection consideration. If a prerequisite course is taken more than twice, only the second grade will be calculated in the cumulative GPA for prerequisite courses. The second grade must be a “C” or better.

5. Pass the dosage calculations test with a score of 90% or higher.
6. Submit official college transcript(s) showing completion of prerequisite courses.  
Applicants will be ranked and selected based on the following criteria
7. Applicants are not guaranteed acceptance. A minimum grade of “C” is required for all courses transferred. It is strongly recommended that prerequisite courses taken more than five (5) years prior, be audited.
8. Provide proof of health records and immunizations mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services for health care workers. Note: All Hepatitis B series must be completed by the first clinical day of the first semester. This series requires six months to complete.
9. Provide proof of a current 2-year American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.
10. “Conditional” acceptance into the nursing program is limited; applicants will be ranked and selected based on the following criteria:
  - a. Admission standardized exam scores must meet or exceed the benchmark score to be considered for admission.
  - b. Grade obtained in prerequisite course: RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations
  - c. Additional points earned from taking prerequisite courses from ADN track.
  - d. *The Hudson High School cohort will have an additional interview requirement.*
11. Completion of all requirements by posted deadlines.
12. Applicants will be notified of “conditional” acceptance via Angelina College student email.
13. A background check will be done by Texas Board of Nursing procedure (TxBON). Clearance from the TxBON will allow you to apply for licensure and take the licensing exam.
14. A random drug screen will be required after admission into the nursing program, but prior to attending the clinical facility.

Students are allowed one entry and one re-entry into the nursing program. Contact Nursing office at (936) 633-5265 for questions or comments.

## Level 2 Certificate in Vocational Nursing

(Health Professions)

| Required Prerequisite Courses      |                                 | Credit Hrs |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| RNSG 1208                          | Dosage Calculations for Nursing | 2          |
| BIOL 2404                          | General Anatomy & Physiology    | 4          |
| <b>First Semester</b>              |                                 |            |
| VNSG 1304*                         | Foundations of Nursing          | 3          |
| VNSG 1226*                         | Gerontology                     | 2          |
| VNSG 1423*                         | Basic Nursing Skills            | 4          |
| VNSG 1361*                         | Clinical – PN                   | 3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                 |                                 | <b>12</b>  |
| <b>Second Semester</b>             |                                 |            |
| VNSG 1331*                         | Pharmacology                    | 3          |
| VNSG 1429*                         | Medical/Surgical Nursing        | 4          |
| VNSG 1330*                         | Maternal/Newborn                | 3          |
| VNSG 1362*                         | Clinical – PN                   | 3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                 |                                 | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>Third Semester</b>              |                                 |            |
| VNSG 1219*                         | Professional Development        | 2          |
| VNSG 1334*                         | Pediatric Nursing               | 3          |
| VNSG 1238*                         | Mental Illness                  | 2          |
| VNSG 1432*                         | Medical/Surgical Nursing II     | 4          |
| VNSG 1363*                         | Clinical – PN                   | 3          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                 |                                 | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>Total Hours for Certificate</b> |                                 | <b>45</b>  |

\* See course descriptions for prerequisite and corequisite requirements.