

Vocational Nursing

The vocational nursing program prepares the graduate to perform basic nursing skills in non-complex situations independently 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), begin in the fall semester, and conclude at the end of the summer semester (Hudson HS cohort) 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 examination.

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

Fall start (August): offered at Hudson High School (graduate the following August)

Admission Criteria

1. Gain admission to the college.
2. Must have a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA).
3. Attend an online 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 and BIOL 2404 – General Anatomy & Physiology. Note: For prerequisite courses taken more than once, the most recent grade will be calculated into the cumulative GPA for prerequisite courses. The grade must be at least a “C.”
5. Pass the dosage calculations test with a 90% or higher score on a designated exam.
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. Angelina College does not mandate the COVID-19 vaccine but adheres to the guidelines of the clinical sites. Therefore, without the COVID-19 vaccine, students cannot complete clinical requirements, making them ineligible for graduation and the NCLEX RN/PN licensure examination.
10. Provide proof of a current 2-year American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card.
11. “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. The grade obtained in the prerequisite course: RNSG 1208 – Dosage Calculations and BIOL 2404 – General Anatomy & Physiology. c. Additional points earned from taking prerequisite courses from the ADN track. d. The Hudson High School cohort will have an additional interview requirement.
12. Completion of all requirements by posted deadlines. Return to Table of Contents 190
13. Applicants will be notified of “conditional” acceptance via Angelina College student email.
14. A background check will be conducted by the Texas Board of Nursing procedure (TxBON). Clearance from the Texas Board of Nursing will allow students to apply for licensure by taking the NCLEX-PN examination.
15. A random drug screening is required after admission into the nursing program but before attending the clinical facility.

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

Program Learning Outcomes (PLO)

PLO 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.

PLO 2: Implement teaching plans for clients concerning the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health that promote the development and practice of vocational nursing.

PLO 3: Communicate and collaborate in a timely manner with members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team to promote and maintain the optimal health status of patients and their families.

PLO 4: Assume accountability and responsibility for the quality of nursing care provided to patients and their families.

PLO 5: Implement measures to promote quality and a safe environment for patients, self, and others.

Courses Measuring the Achievement of Program Learning Outcomes

<u>Course</u>	<u>PLO 1</u>	<u>PLO 2</u>	<u>PLO 3</u>	<u>PLO 4</u>	<u>PLO 5</u>
VNSG 1219	X				
VNSG 1334		X			
VNSG 1362			X		
VNSG 1432				X	
VNSG 1219					X

VOCATIONAL NURSING RECOMMENDED ACADEMIC PLAN

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES			Credit Hours	✓
RNSG	1208	Dosage Calculations for Nursing	2	☐
BIOL	2404	General Anatomy & Physiology	4	☐
			6	
1ST YEAR, 1ST SEMESTER				
VNSG	1226	Gerontology	2	☐
VNSG	1304	Foundations of Nursing	3	☐
VNSG	1361	Clinical - PN	3	☐
VNSG	1423	Basic Nursing Skills	4	☐
			12	
1ST YEAR, 2ND SEMESTER				
VNSG	1330	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3	☐
VNSG	1331	Pharmacology I	3	☐
VNSG	1362	Clinical - PN	3	☐
VNSG	1429	Medical/Surgical Nursing	4	☐
			13	
			Apply for Graduation	
2ND YEAR, 1ST SEMESTER				
VNSG	1219	Professional Development	2	☐
VNSG	1238	Mental Illness	2	☐
VNSG	1334	Pediatric Nursing	3	☐
VNSG	1363	Clinical - PN	3	☐
VNSG	1432	Med/Surgical Nursing II	4	☐
* Earned			Level 2 Certificate in Vocational Nursing	45