VOCATIONAL NURSING

The Vocational Nursing program prepares successful graduates to function as Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs). The LVN provides nursing care to patients in a variety of situations and health care settings under the supervision of a registered nurse and/or physician. The Vocational Nursing curriculum is a three semester full-time training program that includes class activities, nursing skills training, and clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. These courses prepare the graduate with competencies in the following roles:

• member of the profession
• provider of patient-centered care
• patient safety advocate
• member of the health care team.

The Vocational Nursing program also addresses the essential competencies expected of new graduates as outlined by the Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs) of Graduates of Texas Nursing Programs. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, the graduate will receive a Certificate in Vocational Nursing and may apply to take a National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

The Vocational Nursing Program is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The BON can be contacted at:

Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe #3-460
Austin, TX 78701
1-512-305-7400
www.bon.texas.gov (http://www.bon.texas.gov)

For admission and program information, contact the Nursing Department staff at 409-933-8425.

Graduation Requirements

Students must have

1. successfully completed (with a grade of "C" or better in each course) the prescribed course of study of 42 semester hours with an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better;
2. have spent a minimum of one academic year in college;
3. met any individually prescribed behavior or remediation-related requirements.

Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. Program specific information will be provided in course syllabi.

Full-Time Schedule

• Certificate - Vocational Nursing (Full-Time)

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Level Two Certificate