

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The 12-month curriculum in vocational nursing leads to a Certificate of Completion and helps prepare graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. Successful completion of the examination will allow graduates to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) in Texas. The curriculum is approved by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), 333 Guadalupe #3-460, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 305-7400 and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The vocational nurse graduate is prepared to provide bedside nursing care including administration of medications and procedures requiring technical skills. The nursing curriculum includes on-campus coursework and clinical experiences in health care agencies.

Admission to the Vocational Nursing program is a separate procedure from admission to Navarro College. Applicants must first meet all admission criteria for Navarro College. Prospective students are also required to attend an information session. These sessions are conducted at various times from September to February. Students are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test and score at or above the national mean for the reading section. This entrance exam must be taken during the application year.

Applicants are ranked according to test scores, health care certification, and completion of non-required college courses. Criminal history checks and drug screens are required components of the Vocational Nursing Program. **Acceptance to Navarro College does not guarantee admission to the Licensed Vocational Nursing program.** The Licensed Vocational Nursing program is only available on the Corsicana, Waxahachie, and Mexia locations.

INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR LVN LICENSE

The Texas Board of Nursing has mandated that applicants for licensure as Licensed Vocational Nurses must meet eligibility requirements. Prospective nursing students with a criminal conviction, mental illness, and/or substance/alcohol abuse or dependency may not meet eligibility requirements. The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) provides individuals the opportunity to petition for a Declaratory Order of Eligibility. If the applicant is aware of a past criminal offense, he/she should be prepared by gathering all court documents to file a Declaratory Order with the Texas Board of Nursing as advised.

NOTE: A Declaratory Order does not guarantee clinical placement at health care facilities during the vocational nursing program.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING LICENSING - LVN

Effective September, 2017, House Bill (HB) 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify you a potential or enrolled student that a criminal history may make you ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion.

The [Texas Board of Nursing - Licensure Eligibility](#) page provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements.

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential LVN License prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit the [Texas Board of Nursing](#) page and request a "Criminal History Evaluation."

This information is being provided to all persons who apply or enroll in the program with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal offense.

Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.

FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
VNSG 1505	Health Science	5
VNSG 1423	Basic Nursing Skills	4
VNSG 1122	Vocational Nursing Concepts	1
VNSG 1331	Pharmacology	3
VNSG 1327	Essentials of Medication Administration	3
VNSG 1260	Clinical I - Practical Nurse	2
Fall Total Credit Hours		18

FRESHMAN YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
VNSG 1133	Growth and Development	1
VNSG 1429	Medical - Surgical Nursing I	4
VNSG 1334	Pediatrics	3
VNSG 2431	Advanced Nursing Skills	3
VNSG 1330	Maternal-Neonatal Nursing	3
VNSG 1460	Clinical II Practical Nurse	4
Spring Total Credit Hours		19

FRESHMAN YEAR - SUMMER SESSION

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
VNSG 1191	Special Topics in Practical Nursing (role Transition)	1
VNSG 1432	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4
VNSG 1236	Mental Health	2
VNSG 1238	Mental Illness	2
VNSG 1219	Professional Development	2
VNSG 1261	Clinical III - Practical Nurse	2
Summer Session Total Credit Hours		13
Program Total Credit Hours		50

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on [SACSCOC's website](#).