

# Nursing

PJC program for Nursing is a consolidated program. It offers a Vocational Nursing (LVN) program and an Associate Degree Nursing (RN) program. The first year of study is the Vocational Nursing (LVN) program that prepares the student for entry in to the healthcare industry. After successful completion of this first year, the student may continue their education by entering into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The second year of study is the Associate Degree (RN) program which prepares the student to enter into professional nursing.

## Vocational Nurse (LVN) Programs

The LVN Program at PJC may be completed in 12 months. Upon successful completion, the graduate receives a Certificate for Vocational Nursing and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become a licensed vocational nurse (NCLEX-PN).

This program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3460, Austin, Texas, 78701, (512) 305-7400, [www.bne.state.tx.us](http://www.bne.state.tx.us). The Licensed Vocational Nursing program prepares nurses to provide direct care to patients in acute and long term care facilities, physician's offices, clinical, and other types of health agencies. LVNs practice under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

## Admission To The LVN Program

The Vocational Nursing Program's admission application is available at the beginning of January for those who wish to apply. Completed and signed nursing applications are accepted January through Feb. 15 for the class beginning Summer I semester. Along with the completed and signed nursing application, the following must also be submitted:

- » Official high school transcript or G.E.D.
- » Texas Success Initiative exemption status or proof that PJC Success Initiative criteria have been met.
- » Official college transcripts from all colleges attended.
- » Required references at the time of applications.
- » Immunization record.
- » Documentation of CPR (Basic Life Support-Health Care Provider) status.

To receive a nursing application by mail or to pick one up in person contact the Health Occupation staff at 903.782.0734. If you have not attended PJC in the last five years, you will need to apply or reapply.

Admission to the LVN program is dependant upon:

- » Completion of pre-requisite courses.

- » GPA – required courses.
- » References
- » Available space.
- » Admission criteria score.

## CERTIFICATE IN VOCATIONAL NURSING - LVN (58 Credit Hours)

### Prerequisites

BIOL 2401	.....	Human Anatomy & Physiology I *
BIOL 2402	.....	Human Anatomy & Physiology II *
PSYC 2301	.....	General Psychology*

### First Semester - Summer I

VNSG 1304	.....	Foundations of Nursing
VNSG 1323	.....	Basic Nursing Skills
PSYC 2314	.....	Child and Lifespan Development*

### Second Semester - Summer II

VNSG 1400	.....	Nursing in Health & Illness I
VNSG 1260	.....	Clinical Practical Nursing
HPRS 2300	.....	Pharmacology for Health Professions*

### Third Semester - Fall

VNSG 1409	- .....	Nursing in Health & Illness II
VNSG 1429	.....	Medical - Surgical Nursing I
VNSG 1560	.....	Medical - Surgical Clinical-Practical Nursing
BIOL 1322	.....	Nutrition*

### Fourth Semester - Spring

VNSG 1410	.....	Nursing in Health & Illness III
VNSG 2560	.....	Medical - Surgical Clinical-Practical Nursing
VNSG 1230	.....	Maternal - Neonatal Nursing
VNSG 1263	.....	OB Clinical - Practical Nursing

**Note:** Nursing courses (VNSG) must be taken in the order listed in the degree plan and a grade of "C" or better must be attained in each nursing course in order to progress to the next course. Each semester, the VNSG core courses are co-requisites to one another, and must be completed successfully within the same semester. Academic support courses may be taken prior to entering nursing or be completed with a grade of "C" or better during the semester indicated on the degree plan.

Students who are considering articulating into the Transition Program (LVN to RN) are encouraged to enroll in the following ADN support courses:

ENGL 1301	.....	Composition & Rhetoric*
SOCI 1301	.....	An Introduction to Sociology*
BIOL 2420	.....	Microbiology*
Visual/Fine Arts Elective*		

\* Students are also encouraged to take these courses prior to beginning the nursing courses.

## **Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN to RN) or Transition Program LVN to RN**

Paris Junior College offers an approved nursing program for vocational nurses who wish to advance in their nursing career to the professional level. This program is accredited by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3460, Austin, Texas, 78701, (512) 305-7400, [www.bne.state.tx.us](http://www.bne.state.tx.us). This program is also approved by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) – 61 Broadway 33rd Floor, New York, New York, 10006, (212) 363-5555 EXT 153, [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org). This program is designed to educate men and women who will seek jobs as registered nurses in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians' offices, schools and industry. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates receive the Associate in Applied Science Nursing Degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become a Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) prepares graduates for entry-level positions in the direct care of patients with commonly occurring health problems.

### **Admission ADN or Transition Program LVN to RN**

The LVN to RN Transition Nursing Program's admission application is available at the beginning of January for those who wish to apply. Completed and signed nursing applications are accepted March through April 15 for the class beginning Summer II semester. Along with the completed and signed nursing application, the following must also be submitted:

- » Official high school transcript or G.E.D.
- » Texas Success Initiative exemption status or proof that PJC Success Initiative criteria have been met.
- » Official college transcripts from all colleges attended.
- » Required references at the time of applications.
- » Immunization record.
- » Documentation of CPR (Basic Life Support-Health Care Provider) status.
- » Provide evidence of Vocational Nurse licensure for Texas.

To receive a nursing application by mail or to pick one up in person please contact the Health Occupation staff at 903.782.0734. If you have not attended PJC in the last five years, you will need to apply or reapply.

Admission to the LVN to RN program is dependant upon:

- » Completion of pre-requisite courses.
- » GPA – required courses.
- » References.
- » Available space.
- » Admission criteria score.

## AAS - LVN To RN (54 Credit Hours)

Prerequisites	First Semester - Summer II
BIOL 1322* BIOL 2401* BIOL 2402* PSYC 2301* PSYC 2314* ENGL 1301*	RNSG 1227 RNSG 1262
Second Semester - Fall	Third Semester - Spring
RNSG 2514 RNSG 2560 BIOL 2420* SOCI 1301*	RNSG 2535 RNSG 2561 Visual/Fine Arts Elective*

\* Students are also encouraged to take these courses prior to beginning the nursing courses.

**Note:** Nursing courses (RNSG) must be taken in the order listed in the degree plan and a grade of "C" or better must be attained in each nursing course in order to progress to the next course. . Each semester, the RNSG core courses are co-requisites to one another, and must be completed successfully within the same semester.

Academic support courses may be taken prior to entering nursing or be completed with a grade of "C" or better during the semester indicated on the degree plan.

### RNSG 1227 LVN Transition from Vocational to Professional Nursing 2.5.0

Topics include health promotion, expanded assessment, and analysis of data, nursing process, pharmacology, multi-disciplinary teamwork, communication, and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal, ethical framework throughout the life span. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 1262. RNSG 1262 and RNSG 1227 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admissions will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: Vocational Nurse License, BIOL 2401; BIOL 2402; BIOL 1322, ENGL 1301; PSYC 2301; PSYC 2314. Co-requisite: RNSG 1262.

### RNSG 1262 Transition from Vocational to Professional Nursing Clinical 2.0.16

This course provides practical application of theoretical content in RNSG 1227. 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 this course by the faculty. On site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation will provide education and training in providing client care. Specific clinical objectives and skills have been developed for this course (16 clinical hours/wk in summer course). This

course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 1227. RNSG 1262 and RNSG 1227 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admission will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Pre-requisites: Vocational Nurse License, BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, BIOL 1322, ENGL 1301, PSYC 2301, and PSYC 2314. Co -requisite: RNSG 1227.

**RNSG 2514 Integrated Care of the Client with Complex Healthcare Needs 5.1.0**

Application of systematic problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to provide nursing care to diverse clients/families across the life span with complex healthcare needs in health maintenance and health restoration; methods of collaboration with members of the multi-disciplinary healthcare team. Topics include the role of the nurse as client advocate and coordinator of care and applicable competencies in knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal, ethical framework. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 2560. RNSG 2514 and RNSG 2560 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admission will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: RNSG 1227 and RNSG 1262. Co-requisite: RNSG 2560.

**RNSG 2535 Integrated Client Care Management 5.1.0**

Application of client assessment skills, critical thinking, and independent nursing interventions to care for diverse clients/families throughout the life span whose health care needs may be difficult to predict. Emphasis on collaborative clinical decision-making, nursing leadership skills, and client management. Topics include the significance of professional development, trends in nursing and health care, and applicable knowledge, judgment, skills, and professional values within a legal/ethical framework. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 1261. RNSG 2535 and RNSG 2561 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admission will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Students will be required to pass an exit exam to receive credit for 2535. Prerequisites: RNSG 2514, RNSG 2560, BIOL 2420, SOCI 1301. Co-requisite: RNSG 2561.

**RNSG 2560 Clinical Course 0.0.16**

This course provides practical application of theoretical content in RNSG 2560. On site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation will provide education, and training in providing client care. Specific clinical objectives and skills have been developed for this course. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 2514. RNSG 2560 and RNSG 2514 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admission will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. (16 clinical hours/wk) Prerequisites: RNSG 1227 and RNSG

1262. Co-requisite: RNSG 2514.

**RNSG 2561 Clinical Course 0.0.16**

This course provides practical application of theoretical content in RNSG 2535. On site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation will provide education, and training in providing client care. Specific clinical objectives and skills have been developed for this course. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to RNSG 2535. RNSG 2561 and RNSG 2535 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admission will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. (16 clinical hours/wk) Prerequisite: RNSG 2514, RNSG 2560, BIOL 2420, SOIC 1301. Co-requisite: RNSG 2535.

**VNSG 1230 Maternal – Neonatal Nursing 2.2.0**

This course introduces the utilization of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the childbearing family including reproductive health and disorders. Emphasis is on the bio-psycho-socio-cultural needs of the family during the phases of pregnancy, childbirth, and the neonatal period including the nursing care of the high-risk maternal/neonatal client. Pharmacological concepts and dosage calculations are also integrated throughout the course. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1263, VNSG 1410 and VNSG 2560. VNSG 1230, VNSG 1263, VNSG 1410 and VNSG 2560 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisite: VNSG 1263, VNSG 1410, and VNSG 2560.

**VNSG 1260 Clinical Practical Nurse 2.0.6**

This course is a method of instruction that provides the application of general principles of growth and development, primary health care needs of the client across the life span and the application of basic therapeutic nursing interventions. On-site clinical instruction, supervision and evaluation, will provide education, training, work-based experience and direct patient care. Specific detailed clinical and skill objectives have been developed for this course by the faculty. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1400. VNSG 1260 and VNSG 1400 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admissions will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-Requisites: VNSG 1400.

**VNSG 1263 OB Clinical – Practical Nurse 2.0.8**

This course is a method of instruction that provides the application of the nursing process in the assessment and management of the childbearing

family including reproductive health disorders. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, and evaluation, will provide education, training, work-based experience and direct patient care. Specific detailed clinical and skill objectives have been developed for this course by the faculty. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1230, VNSG 1410 and VNSG 2560. VNSG 1263, VNSG 1230, VNSG 1410, and VNSG 2560 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisite: VNSG 1230, VNSG 1410 and VNSG 2560.

**VNSG 1304 Foundations of Nursing 3.3.0**

This course is an introduction to the nursing profession, including history, standards of practice, legal and ethical issues, and the role of the vocational nurse. Topics include mental health, therapeutic communication, cultural and spiritual diversity, nursing process, and holistic awareness. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1323. VNSG 1304 and VNSG 1323 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admissions will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: POFM 1313, BIOL 2401, and BIOL 2402. Co-requisite: VNSG 1323.

**VNSG 1323 Basic Nursing Skills 3.1.6**

This course provides the beginning student with an introduction to entry level nursing skills and competencies for a variety of health care settings. Instruction includes the utilization of the nursing process as the foundation for all nursing interventions. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1304. VNSG 1304 and VNSG 1323 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admissions will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: POFM 1313, BIOL 2401, and BIOL 2402. Co-requisite: VNSG 1304.

**VNSG 140 Nursing in Health and Illness I 4.3.2**

This course is an introduction to general principles of growth and development, primary healthcare needs of the client across the life span, and therapeutic nursing interventions (\*Clients include adults and pediatrics). This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1260. VNSG 1400 and VNSG 1260 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete both courses, future admissions will require enrolling in both courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisites: VNSG 1260.

- VNSG 1409 Nursing in Health and Illness II** 4.4.1  
This course is an introduction to common health problems requiring medical and surgical interventions. Emphasis is on the continued utilization of the nursing process in planning care for clients experiencing system problems involving gastrointestinal, fluid and electrolyte, sensory, musculoskeletal and respiratory disorders. Pharmacological concepts and dosage calculations are also integrated throughout the course. (Clients include adults and pediatrics) This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1429 and VNSG 1560. VNSG 1409, 1429 and VNSG 1560 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisites: VNSG 1429 & VNSG 1560.
- VNSG 1410 Nursing in Health and Illness III** 4.4.1  
This course is a continuation of Nursing in Health and Illness II. Utilizing further application of the nursing process in caring for clients\* experiencing common medical-surgical health disturbances of the endocrine, cardiovascular, hematopoietic and neurological systems. Pharmacological concepts and dosage calculations are also integrated throughout this course. In addition, this course focuses on concepts of mental illness and incorporates knowledge necessary to make the transition from student to graduate vocational nurse (\*Clients include adults and pediatrics). This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 2560, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263. VNSG 1410, VNSG 2560, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisite: VNSG 2560, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263.
- VNSG 1429 Medical – Surgical Nursing I** 4.4.1  
This course is the 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. There is a continued integration of pharmacological concepts and dosage calculations throughout the course. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1409 and VNSG 1560. VNSG 1429, 1409 and VNSG 1560 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisites: VNSG 1409 & VNSG 1560.

**VNSG 1560 Medical Surgical Clinical – Practical Nurse 5.0.16**

This course is a method of instruction that provides the application of basic therapeutic nursing interventions to common medical surgical healthcare needs of the client. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, and evaluation, will provide education, training, work-based experience and direct patient care. Specific detailed clinical and skill objectives have been developed for this course by the faculty. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1429 and VNSG 1409. VNSG 1560, 1409 and VNSG 1429 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisites: VNSG 1409 & VNSG 1429.

**VNSG 2560 Medical Surgical Clinical – Practical Nurse 5.0.16**

This course is a method of instruction that provides the application of therapeutic nursing interventions to common medical surgical health care needs of the client. On-site clinical instruction, supervision, and evaluation, will provide education, training, work-based experience and direct patient care. Specific detailed clinical and skill objectives have been developed for this course by the faculty. This course must be taken as a co-requisite to VNSG 1410, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263. VNSG 2560, VNSG 1410, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263 must be completed and passed within the same semester. If the student does not successfully complete all courses, future admissions will require enrolling in all required nursing courses within the same semester. Prerequisites: All previous course work listed on the degree plan for the vocational nursing certificate. Co-requisite: VNSG 1410, VNSG 1230 and VNSG 1263.