

RNSG 1006 Re-Entry Nursing Update On-Line
VNSG 2033 LVN Refresher Theory On-Line

Course Information

The RNSG 1006 (Re-Entry Nursing Update On-Line) or VNSG 2033 (LVN Refresher Theory On-Line) course offers 16 weeks of on-line theory covering adult Medical-surgical nursing. The complete nurse refresher program at Austin Community College (ACC) consists of the on-line course, a 16 hour skills course (RNSG 2033) and a clinical preceptorship course (RNSG 1060 or VNSG 1060). The only prerequisite for the **on-line course** is current or previous licensure as a professional or vocational nurse. Students who live outside the ACC district may register for and complete the 16 hour skills lab, but they need to complete the preceptorship through a community college in the area where they live or else they must complete an 80 hour extensive orientation as described by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Required Books:

- Medical-Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care (5th edition). 2011. Lemone, P., Burke, K. & G. Bauldoff, Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.
ISBN -13 #: 978-0-13-507594-4
- Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced (8th edition). 2008. Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.
ISBN-13 #: 978-0-13-511473-5
- A good Current Drug Guide
- These books are available as a “Book Bundle” from the publisher
ISBN #VP ISBN 125633345X They may be purchased from the ACC Eastview Campus Bookstore. Telephone 512-927-1619 or ordered on-line at www.austin.bncollege.com.

Course Expectations:

In general the student is expected to review the recommended reading and complete all required activities within each course unit before moving on to the next unit of study. The course units should be completed in numerical order and all unit post-tests must be passed by 80% or more. Students should complete the entire on-line course within 16 weeks.

There are 7 units of study and an orientation. Within each unit are content specific modules. Most modules (but not all) will consist of recommended readings, on-line lessons, practices, and discussion board activities. After completing each module, take the unit post-test and proceed to the next unit.

A medication dosage calculation examination is in unit 2 and passing is a course objective. Passing is defined as a score of 80%. The student has 2 hours to complete this exam. Additional pharmaceutical information will be given during each body system review in unit 3.

Successful completion for the on-line didactic course is defined as:

1. Passing all unit post-tests by 80% or more. There are a total of 8 unit post-tests.
2. Passing the medication dosage calculation examination found in unit 2 by 80% or more.
3. Participation and completion of all discussion board assignments by the assigned due dates. There are 4 discussion boards.

Student Characteristics:

Those enrolling for the course must be a graduate of a formal nursing program. Strong math and science background is expected. On line learners need to be highly motivated and have well developed study skills. It is important to have the ability to communicate effectively in English, especially in writing. Also required are good problem solving/decision making skills.

Preceptorship/Clinical Placement Pre-requisites and Information:

Most Nurses are required by the Board of Nursing to complete both the on line Didactic Course and a Clinical Component consisting of 80 hours in a clinical setting guided by a nurse preceptor.

Nurses enrolled in the on line course through the Virtual College of Texas (VCT) should ask for direction concerning the clinical placement from the course coordinator at the community college in which they are enrolled.

Nurses Enrolled in Austin Community College continuing education should contact Barbara Hanley 512-223-7485 to discuss the clinical preceptorship. There is an application process required prior to registering for the clinical preceptorship. It is important that the application be the most current version which can be downloaded from the ACC Website. Pre-requisites for the preceptorship course include:

1. Proof of current immunizations documented and signed.
2. Documentation of completion of HIPAA training.
3. Current CPR certification (American Heart Association Healthcare Provider)
4. Verification of current license or a temporary permit for educational purposes from the Texas Board of Nursing
5. ACC Photo ID badge
6. Completed clinical Placement Information Sheet
7. Background check
8. A completed application approved by the course coordinator
9. Drug Screen—Done only after the application is approved
10. Copy of skills check list from skills lab (RNSG 2022)

Concerning the Actual Preceptorship:

The ACC Clinical Placement Coordinator is responsible for placement of students. Once placement is established, the coordinator contacts the student with the phone number of the facility director/manager/ supervisor. The student will be interviewed in person by the appropriate person at the facility. After the interview, the facility gives the phone number of their preceptor/staff employee. Then it is the student's responsibility to make contact with the identified preceptor and coordinate a schedule that will accommodate the completion of the 80 hours of clinical time.

The expectation of clinical is to perform patient care under supervision of the preceptor and the practice scope of the student's license. It is the responsibility of the student to demonstrate competency in the skills listed on the Nursing Skills Completion Checklist which was used in Skills Lab to validate the skills completed during the preceptorship. The student is also responsible for having the preceptor verify attendance in hours each day on the Clinical Placement Log. The total number of hours must be at least 80 to satisfy the requirements of the Board of Nursing. These forms are maintained at ACC as documentation to support the forms required by the BON.

In the event a student is injured (trauma or blood borne exposure), the student is to be directed by the preceptor to the nearest ER and the ACC placement coordinator notified IMMEDIATELY. In the case of a possible blood borne exposure, the student must be seen by the ER physician immediately for determination of exposure level. Information regarding student insurance through ACC is available through the clinical placement coordinator.

The clinical preceptorship is available for up to one year after completing the on-line course.

Computer Requirements for the Course:

PC Windows Minimum:

- I. 300 MHz Pentium II Processor (600 MHz recommended)
- II. 64 MB RAM (128 MB RAM recommended)
- III. Internet connection: 56 K Modem (cable or DSL connection recommended)
- IV. Audio sound card & external speakers
- V. Video card (2 MB; 4 MB recommended)
- VI. The following free player downloads
 - a. Real One Player
 - b. Adobe Reader
 - c. Macromedia Flash Player
 - d. QuickTime Player

If problems with the streaming video occur a DVD is available by emailing the course coordinator

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