

VOCATIONAL NURSING ONE YEAR

Ranger College offers a program for the training of vocational nurses with approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nursing. The program is available in **Early and Comanche**.

The total cost of the program is approximately \$7000.00 including tuition, books, uniforms, shoes, watch, stethoscope, insurance and miscellaneous supplies. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the student will be awarded a Certificate of Completion which entitles the student to take the licensing examination given by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Those passing this examination will be qualified to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) in the State of Texas. Graduates are privileged to wear the school cap and pin.

The Vocational Nursing Program is a one year program beginning in August with graduation in August of the following year. Individuals desiring to enroll in the program may apply for admission by contacting:

Ranger College
Dept. of Vocational Nursing
P. O. Box 3035
Early, TX 76803
(325) 641-5726

Applications for the classes beginning in August 2010 will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Requirements for initial application are:

1. A completed application
2. A satisfactory score on the pre-entrance exam (Accuplacer--\$29.00)
3. Proof of high school graduation or completion of a GED. This must be verified by an **official** high school transcript or an **original** GED transcript.
4. Proof of immunization status via shot records.
5. Proof that Hepatitis B series will be complete prior to the first clinical on 10/1/10. (See attachment "A")
6. CPR training (A current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card) is now mandatory. Call Ranger College at 254-965-8875 or use a provider of your choice.
7. Proof of TB skin test or chest x-ray if test is positive by August 15, 2010.

After notification of satisfactory scores on the ACCUPLACER Test, it will be the applicant's responsibility to insure that all the required official documents (official high school transcript, official college transcript or original GED transcript) are received by the Vocational Nursing Department by May 29, 2010 as well as CPR and immunization records.

Transcripts from all colleges, if any, must be received before the student can be admitted to class.

The applications which meet all of the admission requirements including the satisfactory scores as specified above and all necessary documents will be reviewed by the Vocational Nursing Admissions Committee. This Committee will select the students and

alternates for each location based primarily on test scores and completion of requirements listed above.

If Accuplacer scores are unacceptable in math, you may register for the Math for Med's course. Completion of this course with an 80 or above will be accepted.

This is a summary of the Nursing Admission Packets. PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION IN THE NURSING PACKET CAREFULLY! REMEMBER THIS SHOULD ALL BE DONE BY REGISTRATION IN AUGUST!!!

Please read the next few pages carefully. Failure to follow these guidelines could affect your admission into the nursing program.

The Texas Health Department now requires all students entering a health care provider program to have a complete series of Hepatitis B immunizations prior to clinical on 10/1/10. The Hepatitis B series takes 6 months to complete. Other required immunizations are specified in the nursing packet. Students are required to have a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Course prior to registration in August. Students are also required to comply with a criminal background and drug screening. The results of these screenings will be sent to the nursing program directors prior to admission. Failure to comply with or pass the criminal background and drug screenings may result in a student not being admitted to the vocational nursing program. Failure to report ANY criminal offense, including any which resulted in probation or deferred adjudication, may be grounds for dismissal from the Vocational Nursing Program. Any student who has been arrested for any cause will be required to declare this criminal information history to the Board of Nurse Examiners to be determined eligible to take State Board test.

I have read and understand these instructions concerning immunizations, CPR and criminal background and drug screening.

Signature_____

VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM
STUDENT APPLICATION

Location of school: **Early**, **Comanche**, **Either** **DOB** _____
(Please circle location preferred) (Optional)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Name as it appears on GED or High School /College
Transcripts _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Residence Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

SS# _____ Telephone _____

Name, address and telephone number of person to be notified in case of
emergency: _____

(In blanks below, name schools, their locations and grades completed)

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____ Grade Completed _____

College _____ Years Completed _____

Other Education _____ Time Completed _____

Have you attended any nursing program? Yes _____ No _____

Name and address of nursing school attended and type of program:

Reason for withdrawal _____

Indicate any health care experience and training including job description.

If you are accepted in the VN program, do you hereby authorize your doctor (s) to release your health record to this
agency? Yes _____ No _____

I certify that the above statements are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant Date
**APPLICATIONS, OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL, OFFICIAL COLLEGE OR ORIGINAL GED
TRANSCRIPTS, TEST DATE AND TEST FEE, MUST BE RETURNED TO:
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Early, TX 76803**

Admissions, employment and program policies of Ranger College are nondiscriminatory in regard to race, creed, color,
sex, age, disability and national origin. All recruitment and admissions material complies with Section 504 and the
ADA.

Attachment “A”

In accordance with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), students must show proof of the following immunization requirements prior to patient contact in the clinical areas. RANGER COLLEGE REQUIRES PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION PRIOR TO REGISTRATION IN AUGUST.

Please provide a copy of your immunization record (prepared and signed by a health care provider-Exception for varicella disease or immunity (chickenpox)—see “b” in Exception of Immunization Requirements).

Required Vaccinations for Student Enrolled in Health related Institutions of Higher Education

- (a) This section applies to all students enrolled in health-related courses, which will involve direct patient contact in medical or dental care facilities. This includes all medical interns, residents, fellows, **nursing students** and others who are being trained in medical schools, hospitals and health science centers listed in the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s list of higher education in Texas; and students attending two-year and four-year colleges whose course work involves direct patient contact regardless of the number of courses taken, number of hours taken and the classification of the student.
- (b) Students may be provisionally enrolled until 10/1/10 to allow students to attend classes while obtaining the required vaccines and acceptable evidence of vaccination.
- (c) Students cannot be provisionally enrolled without at least one dose of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine if direct patient contact will occur during the provisional enrollment period.
- (d) One dose of tetanus-diphtheria toxoid (Td) is required within the last ten years.
- (e) Students who were born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968.
- (f) Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one dose of rubella vaccine.
- (g) Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of one dose of mumps vaccine.

- (h) Students shall receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care or show serologic confirmation of immunity to hepatitis B virus. **It takes 6 months to complete series.**
- (i) Students shall receive two doses of varicella vaccine unless the first dose was received prior to thirteen years of age.

**Exceptions of Immunization Requirements
Verification of Immunity/History of Illness)**

- (a) Serologic confirmations of immunity to measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B or varicella, are acceptable. Evidence of measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B or varicella illnesses must consist of a laboratory report that indicates either confirmation of immunity or infection.
- (b) A parent or physician validated history of varicella disease (chickenpox) or varicella immunity is acceptable in lieu of vaccine. A written statement from a physician, or the student's parent or guardian, or school nurse, must support histories of varicella disease.

Provisional Enrollment

- (a) The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.
- (b) A student who is homeless, as defined by Rule # 103 of the McKinney Act, 42 USC # 11302, shall be admitted temporarily for 30 days if acceptable evidence of vaccination is not available. The school shall promptly refer the student to appropriate public health programs to obtain the required vaccinations.

**If your contact information changes
please notify the nursing faculty at 325-
641-5726**

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first come first serve basis.**

**Please return
application and
signed
info sheet
as soon as possible.**

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