

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 and includes 2 days of clinical skills in a nursing lab setting.

**Prior to beginning the course you must:**

I. Purchase the following texts:

\* Medical-Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care (4<sup>th</sup> edition). 2008. Lemone, P. & Burke, K. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.  
ISBN #: 9780131713086

\* Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced (7<sup>th</sup> edition). 2008. Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.  
ISBN #: 9780132243555

\* Pharmacology A Nursing Process Approach (5<sup>th</sup> edition). 2006. Kee, J. & Hayes, E. Saunders/Elsevier Science Publishers.  
ISBN #: 139780721639277

II. Obtain current CPR through a local provider in your community (American Heart Association Provider).

III. Verify and/or obtain current Hepatitis B vaccination, current TB test, and other immunizations (see clinical preceptorship application). These can be obtained and/or verified through your private physician or by calling your local / county health department.

**Computer Requirements for the Course:**

PC Windows Minimum:

- I. 300 MHz Pentium II Processor
- II. 64 MB RAM
- III. Internet connection: 56 K Modem
- IV. Audio sound card & external speakers
- V. Video card (2 MB)
- VI. Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.1 or later or Netscape 6.2
- VII. The following Plugins
  - a. Real One Player
  - b. Adobe Reader
  - c. Macromedia Flash Player
  - d. QuickTime Player

PC Windows Recommended:

- I. 600 MHz Processor
- II. 128 MB RAM
- III. High speed Internet connection (cable modem or DSL)
- IV. Audio sound card & external speakers
- V. Video card (4 MB)

- VI. Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0
- VII. The following Plugins
  - a. Real One Player
  - b. Adobe Reader
  - c. Macromedia Flash Player
  - d. QuickTime Player

**NOTE:** This course features streaming video. A high speed Internet connection, such as DSL or cable modem is strongly recommended for watching streaming video. Streaming video may be viewed over a 56 K modem connection, however the video quality will be noticeably lower and the window during playback will generally be smaller. This frequently reduces the watch ability of the content. IF a student does not have a high speed Internet connection and is having difficulty viewing the streaming video within the course, a CD-Rom or DVD with the same video will be provided to the student. Students should request the CD-Rom or DVD from the course instructor upon beginning the course.

The course instructor will contact you via email the first day of the course and provide instruction on how to access the course. You will be given an on-line visual tutorial on how to navigate the course within Blackboard as part of the course orientation once logged into Blackboard. For questions concerning login information and Blackboard support go to <http://acconline.austincc.edu> and click the student guide.

### **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 will be given within unit 2 and passing is a course objective. Passing is defined as a score of 80%. The student will have 2 hours to complete this exam. Additional pharmaceutical information will be given during each body system review in unit 3.

Successful completion is defined as and includes the following minimum requirements:

- I. Passing all unit post-tests by 80% or more. There are 7 unit post-tests plus the orientation post-test for a total of 8 unit post-tests.
- II. Passing the medication dosage calculation examination found in unit 2 by 80% or more.
- III. Participation and completion of all discussion board assignments by the assigned due dates. There are 4 discussion boards.

### **Student Characteristics:**

Strong math and science background. Motivated learner. Well developed study skills. The ability to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing. Ability to work with a variety of people. Good problem solving/decision making skills. Physical ability to lift and move patients. Good eye/hand coordination and fine motor dexterity. Visual Acuity (normal or corrected) sufficient to enable the student to read increments on syringes. Audio acuity (normal or corrected) sufficient to enable student to collect patient data accurately. Students are recommended to report additional physical conditions that might effect their performance in a clinical setting; any physical, cognitive, or

emotional conditions that would interfere in the safe delivery of patient care (i.e.: injured back, dyslexia, etc.).

### **Preceptorship/Clinical Placement Pre-requisites and Information:**

Students of Austin Community College continuing education should contact Elizabeth Huss at 512-223-7271 to discuss the clinical preceptorship. There is an application process required prior to registering for the clinical preceptorship. Clinical pre-requisites and preceptorship requirements are outlined below (**NOTE: It is important to check the requirements for the clinical preceptorship as some immunizations take up to 6 months to complete**). The clinical preceptorship will be available to you for up to one year after completing your on-line course. A current or temporary Texas nursing license to complete a nursing refresher course is required for the clinical preceptorship. A temporary license from the BNE has a 6-month expiration, which should be considered in the timing of your clinical preceptorship. Contact the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners to obtain an application for a temporary permit.

Students of the Virtual College of Texas (VCT) and who are enrolled through a community college other than ACC should contact their community college course coordinator to discuss clinical preceptorship requirements.

NOTE: Students of the Austin Community College will complete 8 hours of the 80 required for the clinical preceptorship upon attendance and participation in the two (one day each) offered skills labs.

- I. Proof of current immunizations completed and signed.
- II. HIPAA training; available in unit 3 of the on-line course
- III. Current CPR certification (American Heart Association Provider)
- IV. Licensure verification
- V. ACC Photo ID Badge
- VI. Computer training (dependent on the preceptorship location)
- VII. Completion of hospital safety orientation (dependent on the preceptorship location)
- VIII. Facility ID Badge (dependent on the preceptorship location)

The course coordinator in your local area will work to establish placement with one of the local facilities in your community. Once placement is established, the coordinator contacts the student with the phone number of the facility's director/manager/supervisor. The student will be interviewed in-person (or by phone) by the director/manager/supervisor of the facility in which they will precept. 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 RN supervision and the practice scope of your nursing license.

It will be your responsibility to demonstrate competency on each basic nursing skill listed on the *Nursing Skills Completion Checklist* (available @ <http://nurserefresher.austincc.edu> and in the on-line course) and obtain "sign-off" from your skills lab instructor and/or preceptor (s). This form supports documentation for the Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE). If you are fulfilling the Nurse Re-Entry Course in order to obtain current RN/LVN licensure, then a form (which was/will be sent to you by the BNE) should be signed off by the Program Coordinator/Instructor at the completion of the course.

The student is responsible for contacting the preceptor if he/she needs to cancel a scheduled shift for any reason. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that a total of 80 hours of clinical time is

completed to earn credit for the clinical preceptorship. Students will document clinical time on the *Clinical Placement Log* (available @ <http://nurserefresher.austincc.edu> and in the one-line course).

In the event a student is injured (trauma or blood borne exposure), the student is to be directed to the nearest ER and the instructor/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 your community college should be available through the course coordinator/instructor.

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