

Re-Entry Nursing Update

(Nursing Refresher)

Nursing Refresher for RNs & LVNs

This program includes two courses: a **classroom/lab course** (128 hours); and a **clinical preceptorship** (72 hours). The classroom/lab course is offered **online with two skills labs included (at the Eastview campus)**. The classroom/lab and preceptorship courses can be taken concurrently or in sequential semesters. Continuing nursing education credits cannot be directly given for these courses, as they include review of basic nursing knowledge.

Who should attend this program?

This program is designed for:

- 1) the currently licensed nurse (RN/LVN) who has been away from the clinical setting for a period of time (typically more than 4 years) and wants a good medical/surgical refresher before going back to the clinical setting;
- 2) the nurse that is applying for reinstatement of their Texas nursing license and needs to complete a “refresher course”;
- 3) or the nurse that is applying for Texas nursing licensure coming from another state/country (nurse must be eligible for Texas licensure).

Program Format Options:

The theory portion of the program (RNSG 1006 or VNSG 2033) is in online course format (self-paced with instructor support) over 16 weeks. The clinical preceptorship portion of the program (RNSG 1060 or VNSG 1060) can be completed concurrently (i.e. during the same semester) with the theory course, or the clinical preceptorship can be completed in the semester following the completion of the theory course.

Program Objectives:

The following objectives are established by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners (www.bne.state.tx.us), for successful reinstatement of a nursing license, and are covered in this program: current nursing roles in the clinical setting; nursing process to include assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation; systems review; skills review; pharmacology review; medication administration; documentation, quality assurance and legal implications for nursing practice; and a RN supervised clinical experience (preceptorship) providing direct patient care. Note: CPR is not included in this program. CPR courses are available through ACC HPI, and are required for relicensure as well as for participation in the clinical preceptorship.

See current Course Schedule for times/dates of CPR courses.

Course Schedule, Registration & Information:

For current course schedule and registration contact Registration at (512) 223-7542 or visit our web site at ... www.austincc.edu/ce/hpi.

For questions about course/program content contact eahuss@austincc.edu

Estimated Costs:

Registration Fee for On-line Refresher (includes 2 days of nursing skills lab)	\$493.50
Books (purchase of 3 required texts)	\$230.00 (approx)
Registration Fee for Clinical Preceptorship	\$265.00
Background Check (required for clinical preceptorship)	\$52.50
Temporary Nursing License	\$25.00
Total	\$1,066.00

NOTE: These costs are specific only to students within the ACC service area. All fees listed above are approximate and are provided as a planning tool only...course registration fees are subject to change without notice. Additional undetermined costs may be associated with obtaining immunizations or proof of immunizations; scrubs/nursing uniforms for clinical; CPR certification.

Course Descriptions:

Theory:

RNSG 1006 Re-entry Nursing Update
(128 hrs/ call for current course pricing)

or

VNSG 2033 LVN Refresher Theory
(128 hrs/ call for current course pricing)

Available online only (16 weeks).

This course is designed for 1) the currently licensed nurse who has been away from the clinical setting for a period of time 2) the nurse who is applying for reinstatement of licensure, or 3) the nurse who is applying for Texas licensure coming from another state/country. Course includes: current role of the nurse, nursing process, basic pharmacology, medication administration, IV, phlebotomy, documentation, QA and legal issues. A supervised clinical experience (RNSG 1060 or VNSG 1060) is required and can be taken the same semester. Additional skill lab hours are available. Required nursing texts can be purchased at the ACC bookstore-Rio Grande campus. Prerequisites: Coordinator Approval (eahuss@austincc.edu), and current/pending Texas nursing license.

Preceptorship:

RNSG 1060 Clinical: Re-Entry Nursing Update
(72 hrs/ call for current course pricing)

or

VNSG 1060 Clinical: Licensed Practical/Vocational Nursing Training
(72 hrs/ call for current course pricing)

Clinical component to RNSG 1006 Re-Entry Nursing Update. To meet the learning objectives, students are assigned to a trained preceptor in a local healthcare facility. The student will do patient care under the guidance of the preceptor, working the preceptor's schedule. Prerequisites: Current enrollment or prior completion of RNSG 1006 or VNSG 2033 and/or Coordinator Approval (eahuss@austincc.edu). Current/pending Texas nursing license, proof of current immunizations and current American Heart Association Health Care Professional CPR required. Criminal background check required for entry into clinical experience. Application available at www.austincc.edu/ce/hpi/ce.php

Required Textbooks:

Textbooks can be purchased at the ACC Rio Grande campus bookstore. Call (512) 474-2607 for bookstore hours and textbook availability. Cost of textbooks is approximately \$210.00.

Medical – Surgical Nursing Critical Thinking in Client Care
Lemone, P. & Burke, K. (Pearson/Prentice Hall).

Clinical Nursing Skills Basic to Advanced Skills
Smith, S., Duell, D. & Martin, B. Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishers.

Pharmacology: A Nursing Process Approach
Kee, J. & Hayes, E. Saunders/Elsevier Science Publishers.