



MARY RUIZ CORTEZ

BOARD-CERTIFIED IN
LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE

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Mary is a Licensed Vocational Nurse currently retired from St. Joseph Hospital where she worked in the operating room as a scrub nurse on the Heart Team. She is now working as the Hearne ISD nurse. As the school nurse she takes care of minor medical to emergency medical needs of the staff and students. She takes care of all state required screenings and makes sure the students are up to date on state required immunizations. She also attends all athletic events to make sure the students injuries are tended to efficiently and properly.

Mary earned her nursing degree from Blinn College, having been in practice for over 30 years, she was awarded District Staff Support of the Year in 2018 and was a Nominee for Regional Staff Support of the Year, 6 Regions in Texas. She started as a nurse aid, she worked hard and learned as much as she could through continuing her education. When Mary is not helping patients, she enjoys baking and time with her family.

Licensed Vocational Nurses are typically responsible for monitoring patients' vital signs, including their blood pressure, pulse, respiration, temperature, height and weight. Other tasks they are responsible for include giving enemas, recording intake and output of foods and fluids, collecting samples for testing, maintaining equipment, dressing wounds, treating bedsores and giving massages. They also assist patients in getting dressed, bathing, eating, walking and standing. Since LVNs have a lot of direct contact with patients, they record and update patient histories, keep track of how they are feeling and monitor their responses to medications and treatments. LVNs may use this information to fill out paperwork, such as insurance forms, referrals and pre-authorizations, and to inform doctors and RNs so that they may determine the best course of care for a patient. Some LVNs also perform laboratory tests, assist in the delivery of and care for infants, administer medications and start intravenous fluids (IVs).

EDUCATION

Nursing Degree: Blinn College

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