

Message from the Interim Dean of Allied Health and Nursing

Welcome to the South Central College (SCC) Nursing Program! We are excited to work with you on your educational journey into nursing.

The faculty, staff and administration are constantly collaborating to strengthen our programs, partner with other departments in our College, work with our clinical and community partners, meet national nursing educational standards, increase the use of technology, and move our vision forward into the future. It is our wish as a Nursing Department to make your learning stimulating and rewarding. We look forward to supporting your professional goal as your dedication and drive grow throughout the program.



With smaller class sizes, expert instructors, a variety of hands on and simulation experiences in every semester plus lower tuition than many other area colleges, SCC is your best choice for an excellent education in nursing.

Both the Practical Nursing and Professional (RN) Nursing Programs have been approved for initial accreditation by ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) through Fall 2022.

Best wishes to you in your educational endeavors!

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Interim Dean of Allied Health and Nursing

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Practical Nursing (PN)

The 40- credit Practical Nursing Diploma (PN) can be earned in just two semesters following completion of ENG 100, BIOL 220 and PSYC 110 or HC 1525. You must be current on your MN State Nursing Assistant Registry and “math ready” according to the Accuplacer testing at the time of application. Successful completion of the Practical Nursing Program makes you eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam.

Associate of Science in Nursing: (ASN)

The 64- credit Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN) program is a four semester program following completion of ENG 100, BIOL 220 and CHEM 110 or 108. You must be current on the MN State Nursing Assistant Registry at the time of application. Full completion of the ASN program makes you eligible to take the NCLEX-RN Exam.

LPN to RN Transition

LPN's interested in earning an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Degree are given four credits of advanced standing. The LPN to ASN program plan starts with a transition NURS 2200 course, to establish the foundations of the RN role. The LPN to RN transition student will then go on to complete the final three semesters of the ASN program and be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN Exam.

SCC is approved by the Minnesota State system, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and the Minnesota Board of Nursing (MBON).



Nursing Program Application Process Overview: PN, ASN, and LPN to RN Transition

<p>1. Complete the steps required to apply to Admissions at South Central College.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Admission Application <input type="checkbox"/> Official High School Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Official College Transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> Accuplacer Scores (Transfer coursework or ACT Scores may allow you to bypass) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend an Advising & Registration Session if new to South Central College (orientation) <p>See Admissions Website or contact: Admissions South Central College 507-389-7200 admissions@southcentral.edu http://www.southcentral.edu/apply</p>
<p>2. Complete the steps required to apply to the South Central College Nursing Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a Nursing Information Session Required to attend within 1 year of application to the Nursing Program. Certificate of Attendance expires 1 year from completion date (submit signed original certificate). <input type="checkbox"/> College Readiness Courses Completed (Reading, Writing and Math) (if needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If a student is required to complete college readiness courses based on Accuplacer scores, courses must be completed prior to application to the program. * Practical Nursing Applicants must be "math ready" according to Accuplacer prior to application. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate good academic standing at SCC. Good academic standing is a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher and 67% or higher Cumulative Completion Percentage. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate a 2.7 GPA and minimum grade of "C" in all pre-requisite general education courses at time of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Successfully pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) from ATI: Practical Nurse Score of 58.7 or more, ASN, and LPN to RN Score of 64 or more. Results will be considered valid for 6 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide evidence of current Nursing Assistant registry within the State of MN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCC offers the Nursing Assistant Course, HCTC 1886, to prepare students for the NA test out * LPNs must provide copy of current LPN licensure in the State of Minnesota. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a "C" or better at the time of application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 100 English Composition- 4 credits - (PN, ASN, LPN to RN Transition) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 220 Human Anatomy- 4 credits - (PN, ASN, LPN to RN Transition) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 230 Human Physiology- 4 credits - (LPN to RN Transition) <input type="checkbox"/> CHEM 108 Intro to Chemistry or CHEM 110 Chemistry - 4 credits - (ASN, LPN to RN Transition) <input type="checkbox"/> HC 1525 Health Care Core Foundations- 4 credits - (PN) <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 110 Lifespan Psychology- 3 credits - (PN) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and submit Nursing program application <p>Note: General Education Courses outlined in the program plan may be taken "in advance" (highly encouraged) OR during the assigned NURSING program semester.</p> <p>Note: Appeal Policy: One appeal per program related to gen ed course. An appeal is needed if the same preparatory or general education course is failed twice or three different preparatory or general education courses are failed. (A course grade of C- or lower or Withdrawal are considered failing grade.)</p>
<p>Visit www.southcentral.edu/nursing for more information about the Nursing Program and our admissions process.</p>	

Practical Nursing (PN) Diploma Program Plan

Application Dates: April 1 - May 31 for Fall Start | September 1 - October 31 for Spring Start

1. At time of application, students must have proof of current Nursing Assistant Registry with the Minnesota Department of Health.
2. All **General Education courses** must be successfully completed by the end of the semester as outlined in *italics* within the program plan.
3. All **Pre-Nursing, General Education, and Nursing** courses must be successfully completed with a "C" grade or better.
4. Following successful completion of the Practical Nursing curriculum, students will earn a Practical Nursing Diploma of Occupational Proficiency and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN exam.

Pre-Nursing Courses		
Successful completion is required in order to apply to the Nursing Program.		
Pre-Nursing Semester Courses	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 220	<i>Human Anatomy</i>	4
ENGL 100	<i>English Composition</i>	4
PSYC 110 OR HC1525	<i>Lifespan Psychology</i> OR <i>Health Care Core Foundations</i>	3 OR 4
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Either one can be done for application to the Practical Nursing Program </div>		<i>(online course)</i>
Total Pre-Nursing Semester Credits		11/12

Nursing Courses		
Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for NURS Courses.		
First Semester Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 1110	Foundation of Nursing (16 week course)	2
NURS 1150	Clinical Foundation (last 6 weeks)	3
NURS 1175	Nursing Interventions (16 week course)	3
NURS 1275	Medication Administration (first 8 weeks)	1
NURS 1220	Pharmacology for Practical Nurses (16 week course)	2
HC1525 OR PSYC 110	Health Care Core Foundations (online course) OR Lifespan Psychology	4 OR 3
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Both courses must be done by end of the first semester in the nursing program </div>		
Successfully complete all Semester One Courses in order to advance to Semester Two - Total Semester Credits		15/14
Semester Two Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 1310	Application of Nursing (16 week course)	4
NURS 1350	Clinical Application (16 week course)	4
NURS 1375	Lab Application (16 week course)	2
NURS 1410	Maternal Child Nursing (16 week course)	2
NURS 1610	Psychosocial Nursing (8 week course)	2
Successfully complete all Semester Two Courses in order to graduate with diploma - Total Semester Credits		14
Total Practical Nursing Program Semester Credits		40

Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program Plan

Application Dates: April 1 - May 31 for Fall Start | September 1 - October 31 for Spring Start

1. At **time of application**, students must have proof of current Nursing Assistant Registry with the Minnesota Department of Health.
2. All **General Education courses** must be successfully completed by the end of the semester as outlined in **italics** within the program plan.
3. All **Pre-Nursing, General Education, and Nursing** courses must be successfully completed with a "C" grade or better.
4. Upon successful completion of the ASN Program Curriculum, students will earn an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

Pre-Nursing Courses

Successful completion is required in order to apply to the Nursing Program.

Pre-Nursing Semester Courses	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 220	<i>Human Anatomy</i>	4
ENGL 100	<i>English Composition</i>	4
CHEM 108/110	<i>Intro to Chemistry/Chemistry for Health Sciences</i>	4
Total Pre-Nursing Semester Credits		12

Nursing Courses

Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for NURS Courses.

Semester One Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 2240	Semester 1 Fundamental Concepts (16 week course)	2
NURS 2230	Semester 1 Pharmacology (16 week course)	2
NURS 2275	Semester 1 Skills Lab (9 week course)	2
NURS 2250	Semester 1 Clinical Practice (5 week course)	2
BIOL 230	<i>Human Physiology</i>	4
PSYC 110	<i>Lifespan Psychology</i>	3
Successfully complete all Semester One Courses in order to advance to Semester Two - Total Semester Credits		15
Semester Two Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 2320	Semester 2 Med Surg Basic (16 week course)	3
NURS 2375	Semester 2 Skills Lab and Pharmacology (16 week course)	2
NURS 2350	Semester 2 Clinical Practice (16 week course)	4
BIOL 240	<i>Pathophysiology</i>	3
Successfully complete all Semester Two Courses in order to advance to Semester Three - Total Semester Credits		12
Semester Three Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 2420	Semester 3 Maternal Child Theory (16 week course)	2
NURS 2430	Semester 3 Mental Health Theory (16 week course)	2
NURS 2455	Semester 3 Clinical Practice Specialty (16 week course)	3
COMM 130	<i>Intercultural Communication</i>	3
BIOL 270	<i>Microbiology</i>	4
Successfully complete all Semester Three Courses in order to advance to Semester Four - Total Semester Credits		14
Semester Four Courses	Course Name	Credits
NURS 2520	Semester 4 Leadership (10 week course)	1
NURS 2560	Semester 4 Med Surg Advanced (16 week course)	3
NURS 2550	Semester 4 Clinical Practice (16 week course)	4
PHIL 150	<i>Medical Ethics</i>	3
Successfully complete all Semester Four Courses in order to graduate with ASN - Total Semester Credits		11
Total ASN Program Plan Semester Credits		64

LPN to RN Transition Program Plan

Application Dates: April 1 - May 20 for Summer Start

1. At **time of application**, students must have proof of LPN license in good standing with the Minnesota Board of Nursing (MBON).
Transition course offered Summer Session with Spring Application.
2. All **General Education courses** must be successfully completed by the end of the semester as outlined in **italics** within the program plan.
3. All **Pre-Nursing, General Education, and Nursing Courses** must be successfully completed with a "C" grade or better.
4. Upon successful completion of the LPN to RN Transition Program Curriculum, students will earn an Associate of Science Degree and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

Pre-Nursing Courses

Successful completion is required in order to apply to the Nursing Program.

Pre-Nursing Semester Courses	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 220	<i>Human Anatomy</i>	4
ENGL 100	<i>English Composition</i>	4
CHEM 108/110	<i>Intro to Chemistry/Chemistry for Health Sciences</i>	4
BIOL 230	<i>Human Physiology</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	4
Total Pre-Nursing Semester Credits		16

Nursing Courses

Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for NURS Courses.

Semester One Courses	Course Name SUMMER	Credits
PSYC 110	<i>Lifespan Psychology</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	3
NURS 2200	LPN to RN Role Transition (8 week SUMMER course)	4
LPN to RN Transition Plan – Credit for prior learning given (These credits have been earned & included to show total program credits)		4
Successfully complete all Semester One Courses in order to advance to Semester Two - Total Semester Credits Starting with Semester 2, the coursework for the LPN to RN Transition Program is the same as the ASN (RN)		11
Semester Two Courses	Course Name FALL	Credits
NURS 2320	Semester 2 Med Surg Basic (16 week course)	3
NURS 2375	Semester 2 Skills Lab and Pharmacology (16 week course)	2
NURS 2350	Semester 2 Clinical Practice (16 week course)	4
BIOL 240	<i>Pathophysiology</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	3
Successfully complete all Semester Two Courses in order to advance to Semester Three - Total Semester Credits		12
Semester Three Courses	Course Name SPRING	Credits
NURS 2420	Semester 3 Maternal Child Theory (16 week course)	2
NURS 2430	Semester 3 Mental Health Theory (16 week course)	2
NURS 2455	Semester 3 Clinical Practice Specialty (16 week course)	3
COMM 130	<i>Intercultural Communication</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	3
BIOL 270	<i>Microbiology</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	4
Successfully complete all Semester Three Courses in order to advance to Semester Four - Total Semester Credits		14
Semester Four Courses	Course Name FALL	Credits
NURS 2520	Semester 4 Leadership (10 week course)	1
NURS 2560	Semester 4 Med Surg Advanced (16 week course)	3
NURS 2550	Semester 4 Clinical Practice (16 week course)	4
PHIL 150	<i>Medical Ethics</i> (encouraged to take before applying)	3
Successfully complete all Semester Four Courses in order to graduate with ASN - Total Semester Credits		11
Total LPN to RN Transition Program Plan for Associate of Science in Nursing Semester Credits		64