



South Central College Program Design

DIP 2302/3304 Practical Nursing

Program Information

Instructional Level Technical Diploma

Career Cluster Health Science Technology

Description

Students will be taught to collect data related to client physical and mental functioning, administer prescribed medications, demonstrate effective therapeutic communication, provide thorough reporting and recording, prioritize and care for multiple clients with a variety of disorders, perform technical nursing skills and understand the importance of maintaining confidentiality. After completion of the 40 credits of the Diploma Nursing Program, students are qualified to receive the Practical Nursing Diploma and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN examination.

SCC eCatalog link: [PN Diploma Program](#)

Mission

Vision Statement

The South Central College (SCC) Nursing Programs will provide a supportive environment for learning which prepares students for licensure and entry into the workforce. The SCC Nursing Programs are committed to collaborative partnerships with healthcare agencies to support the nursing workforce trends and interests in our communities.

Nursing Program Mission Statement

The SCC Nursing Programs support an environment for learning which prepares competent, compassionate entry-level healthcare professionals. The SCC Nursing Programs have common beliefs and values concerning human beings, health, nursing, society and nursing education. These beliefs have a high priority for the faculty and will, therefore, have a strong influence on the Nursing Program and the manner in which it is implemented.

Target Population

Students that are fully admitted to South Central College in good academic standing and are a nursing assistant in the Nursing Assistant Registry in the State of Minnesota (NA, R).

Students must meet all **Entry Requirements** for admission into the SCC Practical Nursing Diploma Program.

Career/Job Titles

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN): After successful completion of the PN program and of the NCLEX-PN examination, the student would be able to begin their career as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Accreditation Information

South Central College is accredited by the **Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association**. SCC was granted a full 10-year reaccreditation in 2010. To promote our belief in the continuous quality improvement model, SCC has membership into HLC's Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) -- one of two review processes offered by the HLC.

[Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.](#)

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The **Practical Nursing Diploma program** at South Central College at North Mankato located in both North Mankato and Faribault, Minnesota is accredited by the:

Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing

3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 , Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Phone: (404) 975-5000 Fax: (404) 975-5020 Web: www.acenursing.org

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the **Practical Nursing Diploma program** is Initial Accreditation.

South Central Nursing programs are also approved by the **Minnesota Board of Nursing (MBON)**.

External Requirements

Minnesota State Administrative Rules

6301.2340 REQUIRED CRITERIA FOR NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Maintain minimum standard on the licensure examination of greater than 75 percent for candidates from the program who, during any January 1 through December 31 period, wrote the licensing examination for the first time.

Entry Requirements

Students must be:

1. Admitted fully to South Central College.
2. Provide evidence of current Nursing Assistant Registry in the State of Minnesota (NA, R). SCC offers a Nursing Assistant course (HCTC 1886), which helps prepare students for the NA test-out.
3. Demonstrate a college "Nursing" General Education GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Demonstrate good academic standing at the college.
5. Provide proof of attendance from a SCC Nursing Information session offered on Faribault and North Mankato Campuses.

6. Admission Date: Application to the Nursing Program is a separate process from admission to the college. The Nursing application window is open twice a year during the fall and spring semesters.
7. For complete program information, visit the nursing website at www.southcentral.edu/programs/nurs

Annual requirements for clinical practice:

1. Student Health Record - A short medical history and immunization status.
2. Two-Step Mantoux, negative chest x-ray, or a QuantiFERON TB Gold (TB blood titer).
3. Hepatitis B Series or immunity.
4. Tdap-last tetanus within last 10 years.
5. Varicella vaccination or immunity.
6. Influenza Vaccine by November 1st every fall semester.
7. Covid-19 Vaccination.
8. Proof of current health insurance Background Study completed and cleared.
9. Proof of current CPR certification: Current "Professional" Training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for all ages (*newborn through adult*); including 2-rescuer scenarios, foreign-body airway obstruction and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1 Nursing Judgment - The graduate will demonstrate safe nursing practice.
- 2 Human Flourishing - The graduate will provide age appropriate patient centered care while working with the interdisciplinary health care team.
- 3 Professional Identity - The graduate will function according to the LPN scope of practice following legal and ethical principles within the healthcare team.
- 4 Spirit of Inquiry - The graduate will utilize best practice standards and information technology to enhance patient care outcomes.

Program Configurations

Academic Plan: Practical Nursing Diploma Program (40 credits)

Credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences	11
Technical Course	29
Total Credits	40

PRIOR to Nursing Core Courses

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 220	Human Anatomy	4	Liberal Arts &

			Sciences
ENGL 100	Composition	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
PSYC 110	Lifespan Psychology	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
HC 1000	Medical Terminology I	3	Technical Course
HLTH 1952	First Aid	1	Technical Course

First Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
NURS 1110	Foundation of Nursing	2	Technical Course
NURS 1150	Clinical Foundation	3	Technical Course
NURS 1175	Nursing Interventions	3	Technical Course
NURS 1220	Pharmacology for Practical Nurses	2	Technical Course
NURS 1275	Medication Administration	1	Technical Course

Second Semester

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
NURS 1310	Application of Nursing	4	Technical Course
NURS 1350	Clinical Application	4	Technical Course
NURS 1375	Laboratory Application	2	Technical Course
NURS 1410	Maternal Child Nursing	2	Technical Course
NURS 1610	Psychosocial Nursing	2	Technical Course

Program Course List

Number	Title	Credits	Pre/Corequisites
NURS 1110	Foundation of Nursing	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 1150	Clinical Foundation	3	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 1175	Nursing Interventions	3	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 1220	Pharmacology for Practical Nurses	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 1275	Medication Administration	1	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses

NURS 1310	Application of Nursing	4	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 1350	Clinical Application	4	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 1350	Clinical Application (Copy)	4	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 1375	Laboratory Application	2	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 1410	Maternal Child Nursing (Copy)	2	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 1610	Psychosocial Nursing	2	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
BIOL 220	Human Anatomy	4	Must have a Next-Generation Accuplacer Reading score of 250 or higher, or Classic Accuplacer Reading score of 78 or higher, or completion of either READ 0090 or EAP 0090 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher, or ACT Reading score of 21 or higher or MCA Reading score of 1047 or higher.
ENGL 100	Composition	4	Next-Generation Accuplacer Reading minimum score of 250 (Classic Accuplacer, minimum of 75) or completion of READ 0090 or EAP 0095 with a C (2.0) or higher.
HC 1000	Medical Terminology I	3	None
HLTH 1952	First Aid	1	