



South Central College Program Design

AS 2317/3363 Nursing ASN

Program Information

Instructional Level Associate Degree

Career Cluster Health Science Technology

Description

The **Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ASN)** prepares students for the role of a professional nurse, which includes providing safe and culturally competent care in a variety of settings. Students will develop and maintain positive, healthy relationships with patients, families, and the community as they learn to practice according to legal, ethical, and professional standards. Evidence will support care, learning, and professional development as students become advocates for quality health care.

SCC eCatalog link: [ASN](#)

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 either a qualified LPN or 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 ASN Program.

Career/Job Titles

Registered Nurse: After successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination, the student completing the ASN program would be able to begin their career as a Registered Nurse (RN).

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.

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The South Central College Professional Nursing Associate in Science Degree is approved by **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities** and the **Minnesota Board of Nursing**.

The South Central College Professional Nursing Associate Degree Program has been approved for initial *accreditation Fall 2018 to Fall 2022* by the **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (ACEN)**.

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. Complete college-readiness testing from the **Accuplacer Assessment Test** in math, reading and sentence skills.
3. Students who are enrolled or have completed a Practical Nursing Program or are LPNs must provide evidence of current licensure in the state of Minnesota.
4. Students who are not LPNs must 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.
5. Demonstrate a college "Nursing" General Education GPA of 2.7 or higher.
6. Demonstrate good academic standing at the college.
7. Provide proof of attendance from a SCC Nursing Information session offered on Faribault and North Mankato Campuses.
8. 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.
9. 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. Mantoux: 2-step Mantoux (*new students only; two Mantoux tests administered one to three weeks apart - this is non-negotiable*) or a negative chest x-ray report if you have a history of a positive Mantoux or have had a BCG vaccination. A 1-step Mantoux is required annually for continuing students.

3. Hepatitis B Vaccination - documentation of shots completed in the series (*should at least be started*) or a *signed waiver* stating you are aware and don't want a Hepatitis B vaccine.
4. Evidence of immunity against rubella, rubeola, and mumps (*Measles, Mumps, Rubella or MMR*)
5. Evidence of immunity against Varicella (*Chicken Pox*)
6. *Evidence of immunity against Pertussis (Whooping Cough)*
7. *Evidence of immunity against Tetanus / Diphtheria*
8. 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.
9. Background Study Intake Form and Background Study Permission Form.
10. Evidence of successful completion of on-line course on HIPAA (*Health Information Portability and Accountability Act*) training.

Indirect Measures

80% of Employers will indicate SCC Nursing Graduates are at least "Fairly Satisfied" to perform nursing skills on the Employer Satisfaction Survey

The job placement rate within 6 months of graduation will be 90% or greater.

At least 90% of graduates indicated that they felt adequately prepared or better on the Graduate Assessment Survey

Persistence and Completion Rates as calculated by the Research and Planning Department in accordance with MNSCU guidelines will be greater than 75%

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- 1 Human Flourishing - Demonstrate nursing care that is client centered, culturally sensitive, and based on the holistic needs of clients and families.
- 2 Nursing Judgment - Use sound nursing judgment in the provision of safe, quality care.
- 3 Professional Identity - Practice professional nursing in an ethical and legal manner that integrates integrity, accountability, leadership, teamwork and collaboration.
- 4 Spirit of Inquiry - Contribute to the management of healthcare and continued quality improvement by incorporating evidence-based practice, cost containment, and current technology.

Program Configurations

Academic Plan: ASN Program

Credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences	32
Technical Course	32
Total Credits	64

Prior to starting Nursing Courses

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 220	Human Anatomy	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
ENGL 100	Composition	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
CHEM 108	Introduction to Chemistry	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Semester 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 230	Human Physiology	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
PSYC 110	Lifespan Psychology	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
NURS 2230	Semester 1 Pharmacology	2	Technical Course
NURS 2240	Semester 1 Fundamental Concepts	2	Technical Course
NURS 2250	Semester 1 Clinical Practice	2	Technical Course
NURS 2275	Semester 1 Skills Lab	2	Technical Course

Semester 2

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 240	Pathophysiology	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
NURS 2320	Semester 2 Med-Surg Basics	3	Technical Course
NURS 2350	Semester 2 Clinical Practice	4	Technical Course
NURS 2375	Semester 2 Skills Lab and Pharmacology	2	Technical Course

Semester 3

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 270	Microbiology	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
COMM 130	Intercultural Communication	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
NURS 2420	Semester 3 Maternal-Child Health	2	Technical Course
NURS 2430	Semester 3 Mental Health	2	Technical Course
NURS 2455	Semester 3 Clinical Practice Specialty	3	Technical Course

Semester 4

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
PHIL 150	Medical Ethics	3	Liberal Arts &

			Sciences
NURS 2520	Semester 4 Leadership	1	Technical Course
NURS 2550	Semester 4 Clinical Practice	4	Technical Course
NURS 2560	Semester 4 Med Surg Advanced	3	Technical Course

Academic Plan: LPN to RN Role Transition Plan (annual application to begin in summer)

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Technical Course	32
Liberal Arts & Sciences	32
Total Credits	64

Advance Standing

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
Advance Standing	Current LPN in "good standing" with the Minnesota Board of Nursing	4	Technical Course

Prior to Starting Nursing Courses

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BIOL 220	Human Anatomy	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
CHEM 108	Introduction to Chemistry	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
ENGL 100	Composition	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences

Semester 1

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Function
BIOL 230	Human Physiology	4	Liberal Arts & Sciences
PSYC 110	Lifespan Psychology	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
NURS 2200	LPN to RN Role Transition	4	Technical Course

Semester 2

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BIOL 240	Pathophysiology	3	Liberal Arts & Sciences
NURS 2320	Semester 2 Med-Surg Basics	3	Technical Course
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Program Course List

Number	Title	Credits	Pre/Corequisites
NURS 2200	LPN to RN Role Transition	4	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 2230	Semester 1 Pharmacology	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 2240	Semester 1 Fundamental Concepts	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 2250	Semester 1 Clinical Practice	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 2275	Semester 1 Skills Lab	2	Acceptance into Nursing Program is required in order to register for Nursing Courses
NURS 2320	Semester 2 Med-Surg Basics	3	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 2350	Semester 2 Clinical Practice	4	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses

NURS 2375	Semester 2 Skills Lab and Pharmacology	2	Successfully complete all Semester 1 Courses in order to advance to Semester 2 Courses
NURS 2420	Semester 3 Maternal-Child Health	2	Successfully complete all Semester 2 Courses in order to advance to Semester 3 Courses
NURS 2430	Semester 3 Mental Health	2	Successfully complete all Semester 2 Courses in order to advance to Semester 3 Courses
NURS 2455	Semester 3 Clinical Practice Specialty	3	Successfully complete all Semester 2 Courses in order to advance to Semester 3 Courses
NURS 2550	Semester 4 Clinical Practice	4	Successfully complete all Semester 3 Courses in order to advance to Semester 4 Courses
NURS 2560	Semester 4 Med Surg Advanced	3	Successfully complete all Semester 3 Courses in order to advance to Semester 4 Courses
BIOL 220	Human Anatomy	4	Accuplacer Reading Comprehension Score of 78 or above or READ0090 with a grade of C or better.
BIOL 230	Human Physiology	4	Successful completion of CHEM 108, CHEM 110 or CHEM 120 with a C or better. Successful completion of BIOL 220 with a C or better.
BIOL 240	Pathophysiology	3	Human Physiology - BIOL 230 or Anatomy and Physiology II - BIOL 235
BIOL 270	Microbiology	4	A grade of C or higher in BIOL115 OR BIOL225 OR BIOL220 AND CHEM108 OR CHEM110 OR CHEM120
CHEM 108	Introduction to Chemistry	4	Math 0085 or a score of 75.5 or higher on the elementary algebra portion of the accuplacer test.
COMM 130	Intercultural Communication	3	
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.
NURS 2520	Semester 4 Leadership	1	Successfully complete all Semester 3 Courses in order to advance to Semester 4 courses
PHIL 150	Medical Ethics	3	Must have a score of 78 or higher on the Reading portion of the Accuplacer

			test or completion of READ 0090 with a grade of C or higher
PSYC 110	Lifespan Psychology	3	Accuplacer Reading Comprehension Score of 78 or above or completion of READ 0090 with a grade of C (2.0) or higher