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A.S. DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

ONE-YEAR CAREER TRANSITION TRACK

FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, PARAMEDICS, AND RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

INFORMATION PACKET

THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM AT SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING (NLNAC) AND APPROVED BY THE FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING.

SCC offers several tracks to become a registered nurse (RN):

- 1) The two-year Generic Track for beginning nursing students (day track)**
- 2) The 20-month Generic Track for beginning nurses (evening/weekend track)**
- 3) The one-year Transition Track for qualified Florida Licensed Practical Nurses, Licensed Respiratory Therapists, and Certified Paramedics (Career Transition Track).**

Graduates of any of these tracks will receive the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and become eligible to take the licensure examination to practice as registered nurses. Graduates of an associate in science degree program listed in the Statewide Articulation Manual may articulate courses from that program into a corresponding baccalaureate program at the state universities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE CAREER TRANSITION INTO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PROGRAM is a limited access/limited quota program. Students beginning the Career Transition into Professional Nursing program once each year in May (Term III). Interested persons must first be admitted to SCC, and then they are eligible to apply to the Nursing program. Please note that the dates for the application period may vary from semester to semester. Students should be aware that acceptance to the college does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.

CLINICAL DAYS AND TIMES may vary each semester. Clinical rotations include, but are not limited to, the following sites: Florida Hospital (Orlando, Altamonte, Apopka), Central Florida Regional Hospital, South Seminole Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital, long term care facilities and a variety of community agencies. Students with children should make arrangements for their care during class and clinical hours. Some clinical days start as early as 6:30 AM. Students must have reliable transportation to each of these institutions. Car pools are encouraged.

ALL NURSING COURSES have web-enhanced instruction. Students must own, or at minimum, have unlimited access to a computer with Internet capabilities while enrolled in the program. Computer access is available at SCC (Learning Resource Center and computer labs) and in the public libraries.

FINANCIAL AID is available through federal and state programs as well as through Seminole Community College scholarships. Several local hospitals and community organizations also offer scholarships. Students are encouraged to arrange finances in advance. Visit the SCC Financial Aid office (Building A-104), the Nursing Department website (www.scc-fl.edu/nursing), and the SCC Foundation website (<http://www.scc-fl.edu/foundation/>) to obtain information on scholarships, grants and loans.

After acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program, students may apply for the following scholarships, which are available through the generosity of:

- The Ann Moore Memorial Scholarship
- The Stenstrom Nursing Scholarship

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ADMISSION / APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Submit a Seminole Community College application for admission and complete required college placement testing if necessary.
2. Request official transcripts from all colleges attended after reviewing the Seminole Community College Guidelines for Transcript form. A grade of “C” or better must be attained in all the general education course requirements for the nursing program. Official transcripts from other colleges will take 6-8 weeks to review—plan accordingly.
3. Attend a mandatory Information Session to obtain an Application Packet.
4. Submit a complete Application Packet to the Admissions Office.
Place all the required information in a sealed envelope and write your name and the program you are applying to (for example, RN – Generic Day Track) on the outside of the envelope. You are Strongly encouraged to make copies of the documents, as copies cannot be obtained from the Nursing Department. This packet must include:
 - ✓ **Nursing Admission Request Form**
This form must be submitted during the application window and is valid for that current academic year. **There is no waiting list from year to year.** For those students not admitted, a new application packet must be submitted the following year. These forms are part of the Application Packet and can only be obtained at an Information Session.
 - ✓ **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Grade Report**
Schedule this exam at the Testing/Assessment office. A minimum score for admission to the program is a 73% Adjusted Individual Total Score.
Notice: Students who have NET scores taken between 1/1/2008 and 12/31/2008 may use those scores for the June 2010 program. Minimum NET scores: 55% in Reading Comprehension and 50% Composite scores.
 - ✓ **A copy of your MySCC unofficial transcript**
A grade of "C" or better must be attained in all the general education and support course requirements (listed on page 4) with a minimum recalculated GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. The recalculated GPA for required general education and support courses will be used to prioritize admission. **Recalculated GPAs are not rounded. Illegal repeat courses can not be used in the recalculated GPA.** ALL applicants must meet the college algebra math requirement at the time the application packet is submitted.
 - ✓ **A copy of the Math Eligibility Form** (available at the Counseling & Advising Office)
Form must be signed by a Counselor/Advisor showing proof of eligibility for College Algebra. Test scores must have been taken within 2 years of the application submission date to be valid.
 - ✓ **A current registration form**, if currently enrolled in general education courses at SCC or other colleges. Highlight the general education courses. **NOTE:** It is the student's responsibility to provide to the records department a new transcript reflecting the course grade for any general education courses that is concurrently taken at the time the application is submitted. Failure to do so will result in the application being processed based on the grades submitted.
 - ✓ **A copy of your current Florida license/certification (LPN, Paramedic, or Respiratory Therapist).**
 - ✓ **Experience Form**
Career Transition into Professional Nursing applicants must have 2000 hours of work experience in the past 3 years. Work hours must be documented and signed by the employer at the time of application submission. **LPNs only:** recent graduates (18 months or less) need at least 1000 hours of experience. SCC LPN program graduates from the previous year may waive this requirement.

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SELECTION PROCESS

➤ Submit the **completed** Application Packet/Checklist in a sealed envelope, to the Admissions Office, by the stated deadlines.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKETS OR FAIL TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION

If there are more applicants meeting the criteria listed on page 2 than available seats, the following prioritization will be used:

➤ **Category 1.**

Successful completion of ALL the **required** nursing general education courses with a re-calculated GPA of 3.0 or better in these courses.

➤ **Category 2.**

Successful completion of ALL the **required** nursing general education and support courses with a re-calculated GPA of 2.50-2.9.

➤ **Category 3.**

Students who are currently enrolled at time of application in outstanding general education or support courses, in the following order:

- A. Applicants who have not completed **Humanities**.
- B. Applicants who have not completed the **Nutrition and Diet Therapy** course and include a Plan for Completion form that correlates with the program pre or co-requisites.
- C. Applicants who have not completed **one course, other than Humanities, Nutrition, or the sciences**, and include a Plan for Completion form that correlates with the program pre or co-requisites.
- D. Applicants who have not completed **one science course**, and include a Plan for Completion form that correlates with the program pre or co-requisites.
- E. Applicants who have not completed **two courses (except science courses)** and include a Plan for Completion form that correlates with the program pre or co-requisites.
- F. Applicants who have not completed **two science courses, or three or more courses** and include a Plan for Completion form that correlates with the program pre or co-requisites.

NOTE: All prerequisites must be completed before entering NUR1006C – Career Transition into Professional Nursing

Applicants are given priority of admission within each category based on:

- A. The date of completion of the general education and support courses
- B. Re-calculated GPA for general education and support courses
- C. TEAS Adjusted Individual Total Score
- D. Completion of the Tech Prep Program (must show documentation in application packet)

COMPLETION OF GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM

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ACCEPTANCE

Provisional Acceptance into the Nursing Program is based on the above criteria and is determined by the Nursing Admission Committee. Applicants will be notified in writing of their status approximately 4-6 weeks after the application deadline. Final acceptance into program is contingent on fulfillment of all requirements outlined in the Admission/Application Procedures and attendance at the mandatory orientation prior to enrollment.

STATEWIDE AS DEGREE TO BS DEGREE NURSING ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Graduates of an associate in science degree program listed in the Statewide Articulation Manual may articulate courses from that program into a corresponding baccalaureate program at the state universities.

RN CAREER TRANSITION TRACK CURRICULUM

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**		UNITS
BSC2093C	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BSC2094C	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
MCB2010C	Microbiology	4
DEP2004	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY2012	General Psychology	3
ENC1101	English I	3
xxxxxxx	Humanities Elective	3
SUPPORT COURSES		
HUN2202	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	3
CHOOSE ONE:		
SYG2000/SYG1000	Introduction to Sociology	3
OR		
STA2023/STA2014	Statistical Methods	
OR		
HSC1531	Medical Terminology	
TOTAL		30

All Associate Degree students in Nursing must be eligible for College Algebra or higher at the time of application submission.

MAJOR NURSING COURSES*		UNITS
NUR1006c	Career Transition into Professional Nursing	7
NUR2520c	Concepts in Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR2212c	Advanced Concepts in Medical Surgical Nursing	6
NUR2932	Selected Topics in Nursing	2
NUR2251c	Complex Concepts in Medical Surgical Nursing	6
NUR2463c	Maternal Child Nursing	4
NUR2943c	Practicum and Client Care Management	3
TOTAL		32
TOTAL UNITS EARNED IN RN PROGRAM		62

*Pending Florida Board of Nursing Approval

****Some general education courses may have prerequisites. Check the course descriptions in the current SCC Catalog.**

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- **All Associate Degree students in Nursing must be eligible for College Algebra or higher prior to admission.**
 - Eligibility must be verified via test scores or prior course work.
- **Students who have taken A&P I, A&P II and/or Microbiology over eight years ago are encouraged to take HIM1453 (A&P for Career Programs) as a review.**

A grade of “C” or better is required in each course leading to the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing. Overall and recalculated GPAs are not rounded. Illegal repeat courses can not be used in the recalculated GPA.

- **BSC1010C General Biology is a pre-requisite for A&P I, A&P II and Microbiology at Seminole Community College. Students with transfer credit for A&P I, II and Microbiology will not be required to take the General Biology course.**

RN CAREER TRANSITION TRACK CURRICULUM SEQUENCE*

SUMMER TERM B June-August	FALL TERM Aug.-Dec.	SPRING TERM Jan.-May	SUMMER TERM A May-June
NUR1006C (7) Career Transition Into Professional Nursing	NUR2212C (6) Advanced Concepts in Medical Surgical Nursing NUR2932 (2) Selected Topics in Nursing NUR2520C (4) Mental Health Nursing	NUR2251C (6) Complex Concepts in Medical Surgical Nursing NUR2463C (4) Maternal Child Nursing	NUR2943C (3) Practicum and Client Care Management

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INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY

The standards given below are designed to serve as measurement of a student's eligibility to progress, either with or without an accommodation, through the nursing program. Admission to and progression in the nursing program are not based on the standards alone. The standards are designed to assist each student and his/her advisor in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. If a student believes that he/she cannot meet one or more of these measurements without accommodations or modifications, that student should contact the Coordinator of Disabled Student Services. The Coordinator of Disabled Student Services shall work with the student's clinical instructors and the Department Chair of Nursing in determining, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be made reasonably.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLE (not all inclusive)
CRITICAL THINKING	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans.
INTERPERSONAL	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Establish rapport with patients & clients and colleagues.
COMMUNICATION	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses.
MOBILITY	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	Moves around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administer cardio-pulmonary procedures.
MOTOR SKILLS	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients.
HEARING	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help.
VISUAL	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Observes patient/client responses.
TACTILE	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g. insertions of a catheter.

Seminole Community College's Nursing Program is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing. Additional information related to tuition, fees and length of program for SCC or other accredited nursing programs can be obtained by contacting the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)

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ELEGIBILITY TO SIT FOR THE NCLEX- RN

The Florida Board of Nursing (FBN) performs computerized criminal background checks on all applicants for licensure as an RN to determine their eligibility. This background check may include the record of all arrests, not merely convictions. Anyone ever arrested or given notice to appear in court before a judge is likely to have an arrest record. Applicants for licensure in Florida by examination often contact the FBN office prior to, or upon, entry into a Nursing program questioning their "chances of licensure" with an arrest record. The FBN staff cannot provide the applicant information regarding the possibility of licensure, as FBN policy, rules, and Florida statutes may change by the time the applicant is ready to take the examination. An arrest history by itself does not disqualify a person from licensure.

Prospective nurses should be advised that often a judge withholds adjudication of guilt in an offense and informs the defendant that he or she "won't have a record". However, this information is not always reliable, and the individual, in fact, may have a record. Falsification of a document and attempt to procure a license by knowing misrepresentation are violations of the Nurse Practice Act.

Applicants for the NCLEX-RN who have criminal records (as described above) must submit additional information related to the charges when applying for the licensure exam. There is no guarantee that they will be approved.

Criminal Background Check Policy

Applicants for Seminole Community College's Nursing and Health Care Professions programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify one for employment in a health care setting. This policy, required by the clinical agencies that the programs utilize for clinical experiences, complies with state and federal regulations.

Each applicant will be screened through an SCC approved criminal background check process (processing fee is the student's responsibility). All fees for required background checks are the responsibility of the applicant. Judgments of guilty or pleas of Nolo Contendere to crimes listed in the Florida State Statutes 435.04, sections a – uu, 741.28, and 316.193 will disqualify the applicant from admission into any of SCC's nursing program. These statutes can be viewed at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm>. Below is a non inclusive list of the offenses:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Murder• Manslaughter• Vehicular homicide• Assault• Battery• Aggravated assault• Aggravated battery• Kidnapping• False imprisonment• Sexual battery/misconduct• Domestic Violence• Prohibited acts of persons in familiar or custodial authority• Prostitution• Lewd and lascivious behavior• Lewdness and indecent exposure• Arson, theft, robbery, and related crimes• Fraudulent sale of controlled substances | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incest• Abuse or neglect of a disabled adult or elderly person• Exploitation of a disabled adult or elderly person• Child abuse• Aggravated child abuse• Negligent treatment of children• Sexual performance by a child• Delinquency and/or dependency of a child• Resisting arrest with violence• Obscene literature• Violation of drug abuse prevention and control laws (including but not limited to possession, sale, purchase, manufacture, or use of controlled substance)• DUI• Drug offenses involving a minor |
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While enrolled in any of the SCC Nursing and Health Care Professions programs, the student is also responsible for notifying the program director of any arrests, regardless of adjudication, that occur after acceptance and during enrollment in the program. Failure to promptly notify the program director shall be grounds for dismissal from the program. After admission into the program, the student must remain free of the disqualifying charges listed in the above mentioned state statutes. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the application acceptance dates for the nursing programs?

Review the current application submission dates listed on the Nursing website.

How long is the waiting list?

SCC does not keep a waiting list. We use a selection criteria based on completion of prerequisite courses, GPA, and test scores. See page 3 of this packet for details.

I have taken some/all of my prerequisites at another institution. Can I apply to SCC's Nursing Programs?

Yes, but you must follow the admission procedures listed on page 2 of the information packet. All outside transcripts must be evaluated by SCC's Records Office prior to applying to any SCC Nursing Program.

I have a bachelor's degree or higher. Do I still have to take the prerequisite courses?

All students applying to the SCC Nursing Programs must complete all of the admission requirements.

I submitted my transcripts and waited 8-10 weeks for the evaluation, but I do not see any courses.

Ensure that your program plan is correct. If it is incorrect, visit the Admissions or Advising Office for the Change of Program Plan Form. Also, contact the Records Office to verify receipt of your transcripts.

I attended an information session but cannot find my nursing application.

Your attendance at the information session is good for one year. If you would like to get a new application, you need to e-mail the following information to nursing@scc-fl.edu.

1. Your full name.
2. The month and campus where you attended the information session.
3. The application you are requesting, indicating the program and year you wish to attend.
4. Your mailing address.

What is the tuition cost for the nursing programs?

The Nursing Programs follow the same tuition cost schedule as the College. Additional costs include lab fees, uniforms, books, supplies, background checks, health assessments, as well as graduation and licensing fees.

How can I prepare for the TEAS® test?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) will replace the NET test for programs starting August 2009. You can prepare for the test by purchasing a TEAS® study manual and/or the online practice assessment found at www.atitesting.com. The study manual is also available in the SCC Bookstore.

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