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PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

INFORMATION and APPLICATION PROCEDURES

This career program prepares the student for employment as a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

It includes classroom, laboratory and supervised client-care learning experiences. Technical procedures are demonstrated and practiced in our well-equipped Nursing Skills Lab.

The program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, the Florida State Department of Education and the Department of Veteran Affairs

STUDENTS WHO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM AT SCC ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING FOR LICENSURE AS A PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN).

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM (PN) is a limited access/limited quota program. Students begin the PN program once each year in January (Term II). 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. Provisional acceptance into the nursing program is contingent on satisfying SCC-mandated and clinical agencies' requirements.

CLINICAL DAYS AND TIMES may vary each semester. Clinical rotations include, but are not limited to the following sites: Florida Hospital (Orlando, Altamonte, Apopka, Winter Park), Central Florida Regional Hospital, South Seminole Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital, Orlando Regional 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 pooling is 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 fee waivers. Students are encouraged to arrange finances in advance. Visit the SCC Financial Aid office to discuss qualifications and obtain information on scholarships, grants and loans.

ADMISSION/APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Complete the general Seminole Community College admission procedures.

Request official transcripts from all colleges attended to be sent to the SCC Records office. A grade of "C" or better must be attained in all the required general education courses for the nursing program. Official transcripts will take 6-8 weeks to process—plan accordingly.

2. Attend a mandatory Information Session to obtain a nursing application.

3. Submit a complete Nursing Application Packet .

You are strongly encouraged to make copies of the documents, as copies cannot be obtained from the Nursing Department.

✓ Nursing Application Form for Practical Nursing

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 the monthly Information Sessions.

✓ Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) Grade Report

****Test will be available January 2009****

Schedule this exam at the Testing/Assessment office at the Altamonte Springs, Oviedo, and Sanford/Lake Mary Campuses. A minimum score for admission to the program is a 65% 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 January 2010 program. Minimum NET scores: 51% in Reading Comprehension and 59% Math Skills scores. Please see the notice at www.scc-fl.edu/nursing for more details.

✓ A copy of your MySCC unofficial transcript (highlight the following items)

- Proof of standard High School diploma, GED, or official documentation of graduation from an approved Home School program pursuant to Florida Statutes (Certificate of High School Attendance does **not** meet the requirement)
- Must be 17 years old or older
- Completion of the following courses with a GPA of 2.00 or higher (grade of 'C' or higher). Recalculated GPAs are not rounded. Illegal repeat courses can not be used in the recalculated GPA.
 - * HSC 1531 Medical Terminology (3 college credits)
 - *¹ HSC 1000 Introduction to Health Care (3 college credits)
 - *² HIM 1453 Anatomy and Physiology (3 college credits)
- **Exit Requirement:** Prior to graduating from the program, all students must pass the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE Form A) with minimum scores of:

Math – 11.0

Reading – 11.0

Language – 11.0

* Students must achieve TABE minimum scores of Language - 10.0 and Reading - 10.0 to register for these courses. The TABE must be taken and dated no more than two years prior to the year of entry in the Practical Nursing Program. TABE exemptions must be approved and noted on your MySCC transcript. Visit the Testing/Assessment Office to determine TABE exemption eligibility.

¹ Any student who successfully completes (grade of "C" or better) the Seminole Community College HCP0100C Nursing Assistant course within 24 months of application submission and receives their

Florida Certified Nursing Assistant license may substitute this course for HSC1000 Introduction to Healthcare (documentation must be included with the application).

² Any student who successfully completes (grade of “C” or better) BSC2093C Anatomy & Physiology I and BSC2094C Anatomy & Physiology II may substitute these courses for HIM1453 Anatomy & Physiology (previously HIM1450).

SELECTION PROCESS

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

Category I

Successful completion of all required prerequisite courses with a recalculated GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Category II

Successful completion of all required prerequisite courses with a recalculated GPA of 2.0 – 3.49.

Category III

Applications with outstanding prerequisite courses.

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

- a. Recalculated GPA
- b. TEAS Adjusted Individual Total Score
- c. Date of completion of prerequisite courses

ESTIMATED COST: (subject to change without notice):

Annual Tuition / lab fees/ supply kit: \$4500	Books: \$1500
Application for graduation / cap/gown / misc.: approx. \$25	Uniforms and supplies: \$125-\$300
State Board Fee (NCLEX-PN): \$404	Background check: \$34 Health Assessment: \$100-\$300
SCC school pin: \$45	Graduation Picture: \$20
Reliable transportation is needed throughout the duration of the program.	

NOTIFICATION DATES: Applicants will be notified by mail 4-6 weeks after the close of application acceptance.

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM: 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 the program is contingent on fulfillment of all requirements outlined in the Admission/Application Procedures and attendance at the mandatory orientation prior to enrollment.

PRACTICAL NURSING CURRICULUM

Prerequisite Courses to be completed before applying to the program		Term II (January-April)		Term III (May-August)		Term I (August-December)	
HSC 1000* Intro to Health Care	45	PRN 0003C Fundamentals of Nursing	405	PRN 0004C Medical/Surgical Nursing I	405	PRN 0383C Medical/Surgical Nursing II	193
HSC 1531 Medical Terminology	45					PRN 0120C Maternal/Child Nursing	107
HIM 1453** Anatomy and Physiology	45					PRN 0509C Gerontology Nursing	105
Contact Hours	135	Term Contact Hours	405	Term Contact Hours	405	Term Contact Hours	405
Total Program Contact Hours							1350

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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. 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, and 741.28 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:

- 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
- Drug offenses involving a minor
- 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

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.

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 6-8 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 you attended the information session.
3. The campus where you attended the information session.
4. The application you are requesting, indicating the program and year you wish to attend.
5. Your mailing address.

What are the hours of the Practical Nursing (PN) Program?

Student schedules will vary each term. Lectures and labs will be held throughout the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Days on which students have clinicals can start as early as 6:30 a.m. and are from eight to 10 hours long. There is a possibility of a weekend clinical. Students will be scheduled for lectures, labs and clinical from four to five days a week.

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.

More frequently asked questions are posted at www.scc-fl.edu/nursing.