



SEMINOLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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 (Academic Success Center, STAR Lab, 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 (Building A-104) to discuss qualifications and obtain information on scholarships, grants and loans.

ADMISSION/APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. **Submit a Seminole Community College application for admission and complete required college placement testing if necessary.**
2. **If necessary, 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 may take up to 4 months to process—plan accordingly.**
3. **Attend a mandatory Information Session to obtain an Application Packet (schedule listed at www.scc-fl.edu/nursing).**
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, Practical Nursing) 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.

✓ **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 (schedule available at www.scc-fl.edu/nursing).

✓ **A copy of your grade report from the Nurse Entrance Test (NET)**

Schedule this exam in the Testing/Assessment office in Building A (\$25-\$35 fee). A minimum score for admission to the current program is a 51% reading comprehension score and 59% math skills score.

✓ **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 1450 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 (or show proof of continuous enrollment). TABE waivers must be approved and noted on your MySCC transcript. Visit the Testing/Assessment Office to determine TABE waiver 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 HIM1450 Anatomy & Physiology.

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. NET Math Skills score
- c. NET Reading Comprehension score
- d. NET Composite Score
- e. Date of completion of prerequisite courses
- f. Date of Application submission

ESTIMATED COST: (subject to change without notice):

Annual Tuition / lab fees/ supply kit: \$2800-\$3000	Books: \$1000
Application for graduation / cap/gown / misc.: approx. \$25	Uniforms and supplies: \$125-\$300
State Board Fee (NCLEX-PN): \$390	Accident insurance: approx. \$16 per year
SCC school pin: \$45	Graduation Picture: \$20
Reliable transportation is needed throughout the duration of the program.	

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

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM: Acceptance is based on the application window of the completed application packet. Students will receive a written acceptance into the program. All accepted students will complete a criminal background check prior to full acceptance to the program.

Accepted students will be expected to attend a mandatory program orientation, which will be held prior to the start of the program. **A student who does not attend the orientation may be in jeopardy of losing their seat in the class.** At the orientation you will submit all the required paperwork necessary to enter the program. **A student who does not attend the first day of class may be in jeopardy of losing their seat in the class.**

Students who are not admitted to the program this year must attend another Information Session and reapply for the following year during one of the application windows. **There is no waiting list from year to year.**

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	375	PRN 0383C Medical/Surgical Nursing II	210
HSC 1531 Medical Terminology	45					PRN 0120C Maternal/Child Nursing	105
HIM 1450** Anatomy and Physiology	45					PRN 0509C Gerontology Nursing	120
Contact Hours	135	Term Contact Hours	405	Term Contact Hours	375	Term Contact Hours	435
Total Program Contact Hours							1350

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**Any student who is planning to further his or her education has the option of taking the following Biological Science college credit courses instead of HIM 1450 Anatomy and Physiology (Career Programs):

- ♦ BSC 2093C Anatomy and Physiology I **and** BSC 2094C Anatomy and Physiology II

**PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTHCARE CAREER PROGRAMS DIVISION
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 407.708.2445 or nursing@scc-fl.edu**

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.