

**Practical Nursing Program**  
**Application Process and Student Readiness Checklist**

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**\*\* Applications for admission to the Spring 2023 Practical Nursing Program will open on July 1, 2022 and close on October 14, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Formal applications must be submitted to the Nursing and Healthcare Training Department *no later than* October 14, 2022, at 3:00 pm to be considered for admission. \*\***

This document outlines the minimum requirements and criteria for the **Spring 2023 Practical Nursing Program**. Potential applicants should carefully read the information contained in this document and complete the **Student Readiness Checklist** prior to applying for admission. Applicants that do not meet the minimum requirements and criteria on the **Student Readiness Checklist** will not be considered for admission to the nursing program.

The criteria listed below are necessary to meet the minimum requirements needed to apply to the Practical Nursing Program at Southeastern Community College. The following list of steps is a guideline to assist students through the application process for the nursing program. This list of steps and criteria is provided only as a guideline, and in all cases, the applicant should work closely with their assigned nursing advisor during the application process.

**General Steps to Apply:**

1. Apply for general admission to Southeastern Community College. Applicants must be accepted as a student at SCC prior to applying for admission to the nursing program.
2. Request **official** high school transcripts or high school equivalency transcripts and submit to the SCC Registrar. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED/HSE certificate to be considered for admission to the nursing program.
3. Request **official** transcripts from **ALL** previously attended colleges/universities and submit to the SCC Registrar (if applicable).
4. Applicants must meet developmental requirements for Math and English. Developmental requirements may be met by receiving appropriate credit for Transition Math (MAT 003 or BSP 4003) **and** Transition English (ENG 002 or BSP 4002) **OR** testing out of applicable placement assessments **OR** a high school GPA of 2.2 or greater. ***Students with a high school GPA of less than 2.8 may be required to complete a basic skills math course (BSP 4003) prior to NUR 117 - Pharmacology.*** Student Services staff can determine whether developmental requirements have been met and if placement assessments are required. Students should work closely with their advisors regarding developmental math requirements prior to NUR 117.
5. Applicants who have taken Biology (163 or 168/169) before the application deadline must have achieved a **grade of "C" or better** and the course(s) must be current **within 10 years** of the application deadline.
6. Applicants must hold a **valid certificate** of Nurse Aide training **and** current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide registry **before** applying. (*Students who challenged the Nurse Aide certification examination who have never attended a formal training class with scheduled clinical hours are not eligible to apply.*)
7. Students applying for the nursing program must have a cumulative GPA of **2.5 or higher**. GPAs for applicants without an SCC GPA will be determined by averaging the cumulative GPAs from all previously attended college/university transcripts.
8. Applicants must complete the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) exam with a **minimum composite score of 59.0% overall**. Scores are only valid for 2 years prior to the program admission date and scores from different testing sessions may not be combined to meet the minimum requirements. The exam may only be taken up to three times in one year and there must be two weeks between testing dates.
9. Review and complete the Student Readiness Checklist.
10. Complete, sign, and submit the Practical Nursing Formal Application for Admission by the posted deadline. (***Directions for submission are contained on the application which is available only during the open application period.***)

Students must submit a new application for each open application period when seeking admission to a nursing program. Applications submitted do not carry over to another application period. Students may only apply for admission to one nursing program at a time. Guidelines for current admission, readmission, and continuation in the program are outlined in the Southeastern Community College Catalog and must be current and completed at the time of application.

A points system is used to review all nursing applications and allows for an objective evaluation of each student applicant. Students with the highest number of points are selected for admission based upon space and resources available. An Application Points Rubric is used during the evaluation of each student application. Points awarded during the application review are based upon supporting documentation available when applications are submitted. Supporting documentation related to each application must be on file at SCC to receive points toward admission (i.e., final transcripts from other schools, official TEAS transcripts, etc.). Applicants are responsible for ensuring these documents are on file at the time of application submission.

Acceptance to the PN program will be announced via a mailed letter to the address provided on the submitted application. Decision letters will be mailed once all applications are received and processed. **The estimated timeframe for mailing decision letters is November 11, 2023. All applicants should be aware that a mandatory Boot Camp will be held on January 5, 2023 for all students admitted to the program.**

**Admission to the nursing program is competitive. Meeting requirements to complete the formal application does not guarantee admission to the program. The number of applicants chosen will be determined by the Nursing Admissions Committee based on the space and resources available.**

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**Student Readiness Checklist**

**This worksheet should be completed prior to submitting a formal application for admission.**

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Students who have satisfied the minimum application/admission requirements may complete and submit a Formal Application for Admission. Applications received after the posted application deadline will not be reviewed or carried forward to future application dates. Applicants who miss the deadline to apply will need to reapply during the next application period.

<b>Student Name</b>	
<b>Student SCC ID #</b>	

**All items below are required to be eligible for application/admission to the nursing program:**

	Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater
	Composite TEAS score of 59.0% overall - official transcript required. <i>* TEAS scores are only valid for 2 years prior to the program admission date. *</i> <i>* There can be no more than 3 testing dates per year and there must be 2 weeks between testing dates. *</i> <i>* Different testing sessions may not be combined to meet the minimum score requirements. *</i>
	Valid certificate of Nurse Aide Training and current listing on the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry <i>(proof of listing required)</i>
	Current SCC application on file <i>(must be current within 2 years)</i>
	High School Diploma or GED/HSE Certificate <i>(official transcripts must be received and evaluated by Registrar)</i>
	Official transcripts from all previous attended colleges/universities <i>(must be received and evaluated by Registrar)</i>
	Previous degrees earned, if applicable <i>(official transcripts must be received and evaluated by Registrar)</i>
	Developmental requirements for Math <b>and</b> English have been met by <b>one or more of the following criteria:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High school GPA of 2.2 or greater</li> </ul> <i>* Students with a high school GPA less than 2.8 may be required to complete BSP 4003 – Basic Skills Math – prior to NUR 117 – Pharmacology. *</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSP 4003/MAT 003 <b>AND</b> BSP 4002/ENG 002.</li> </ul> <i>* Must have received appropriate credit, tested out, or equivalent per Student Services guidelines. Higher level math courses may not substitute. *</i>
	Review and complete this Student Readiness Checklist
	Complete, sign, and submit the Nursing Program Formal Application for Admission <i>(only available during open application periods).</i>

**\*\*Students must achieve a grade of “C” or better in all nursing and other major required courses to graduate from the program.\*\***

Due to the competitive nature of the application process, the fact that enrollment in each program is limited, and the difficulty level of the nursing curriculum, students seeking admission are encouraged to take as many related/required general education courses from the appropriate Individual Graduation Plan (D45660) as possible before application to the nursing program. Additional courses completed from the A45110 IGP may increase competitiveness of PN applicants (see the current Application Points Rubric). Discuss current standing with your pre-nursing advisor.

Students eligible to apply for admission to the nursing program who have been previously enrolled in a nursing program at another college will be required to provide a letter from the dean/director/faculty chair of the program stating they were not dismissed for issues regarding safety or gross negligence in the clinical setting. (A sealed letter must be attached to the formal application or a direct email sent to the Director of Nursing at [jessica.hill@scnc.edu](mailto:jessica.hill@scnc.edu).)