PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

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COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION

_____ Apply for Admission (at www.sscc.edu/admissions OR contact Admissions 937.393.3431 x2607)
_____ Request official high school transcript or GED certificate
_____ Request official college transcripts
_____ Make sure transfer credit have been applied to your SSCC transcript
_____ Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
_____ Take the placement assessment
_____ Meet with an advisor
_____ Register for classes
_____ Make payment arrangements
_____ Attend a new student orientation

The Practical Nursing Program (PN) admits students once a year for a Spring Semester start. Entry to the nursing program is competitive and based on academic achievements and testing scores. Students who wish to apply may do so after the specific admission requirements listed below have been met. Click here for application FAQs.

Anticipated entry term/campus	Application and required documentation must be received on or	Application available online beginning	Application and required documentation accepted	Notification sent via SSCC email on or before:
Spring Semester (January) Brown Location – Mt. Orab	October 29	July 1	July 1-October 29	November 16
Spring Semester (January) Central Campus -Hillsboro	October 29	July 1	July 1-October 29	November 16

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR NURSING

Admission to Nursing requires the following minimum requirements. Completion of minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

- Accepted SSCC student
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Completed nursing application and responsibility form
- Prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher (C- is not acceptable). Knowledge of prerequisite content is expected. If taken more than 5 years ago, it is strongly recommended that course be repeated.

  - **CHEMISTRY (must meet at least one criteria)**
    - High school chemistry
    - CHEM 1120, Introduction to Chemistry

- **BIOLOGY (must meet at least one criteria)**
  - High school biology
  - BIOL 1040, Human Biology I
  - BIOL 1310, Principles of Biology I

- **ALGEBRA (must meet at least one criteria)**
  - High school algebra
  - Integrated Math I, II, III (medical math)
  - MATH 1116, Beginning Algebra
  - MATH 1118, Intermediate Algebra

- **Pre-entrance testing**
  - HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam with an average score of 75% or higher in Math and Reading Comprehension within 24 months of application. The scores of all categories will be considered during the ranking process. **Or ACT of 21 or higher**.

SUBMISSION OF NURSING APPLICATION

Before submitting your online Nursing Application, verify that all required documents have been uploaded. Applications will not be reviewed until all required items are submitted.

Required Documents

☐ Nursing Application and Responsibility Form

- Complete and upload the Nursing Application and Responsibility Form.

☐ Proof of Acceptance to Southern State Community College

Upload **one** of the following:

- ☐ Acceptance Letter
- ☐ Course Listing
- ☐ Student ID

☐ Official High School Transcript or GED Certificate

Upload **one** of the following:

- ☐ Official High School Transcript verifying graduation
- ☐ GED Certificate

Current High School Seniors Only

- ☐ Current High School Transcript
- ☐ Letter of Support from High School Administrator verifying anticipated graduation

If accepted into the Nursing Program, an official final high school transcript must be submitted to the Nursing Department by July 1.

☐ HESI A2 Exam Report

- ☐ Uploaded a copy of my HESI A2 score report showing an average score of **75% or higher** in **Math and Reading Comprehension**.

Final Review Before Submission

☐ All required documents have been uploaded.

☐ Uploaded documents are legible and complete.

☐ I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

☐ I am ready to submit my Nursing Application.

PRE-ENTRANCE NURSING TESTING

- Testing is conducted at:
  - Central Campus (Hillsboro)
  - Brown County Campus (Mt. Orab)
- Required for **all applicants**, regardless of previous degrees
- Fee: **$65 per attempt** (non-refundable)

Scheduling the Exam

1. Pay online through MyRecords or call the Business Office (800-628-7722 ext. 2652)
2. Contact the Testing Center:
   - Hillsboro: ext. 2792
   - Mt. Orab: ext. 4792
3. Schedule at least **one week in advance. The testing schedule may be viewed at https://www.sscc.edu/services/testing- center.shtml .**

Accommodations must be requested **before testing** through Accessibility Services. https://www.sscc.edu/services/accessibility-services.shtml for more information.

HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam Information

The HESI A2 Exam consists of four academic exams, as well as a personality profile that identifies the individual applicant's learning style. Total testing time will be up to 2 hours and 40 minutes. The following subscales will be scored:

Section	Number of questions	Time allowed
Reading Comprehension	55 items	60 minutes
Basic Math Skills	55 items	50 minutes
Biology	30 items	25 minutes
Chemistry	30 items	25 minutes

- Maximum of **two attempts in a 12-month period**
- **Free** remediation is provided through Elsevier. If not already completed, a student should register for an account with Elsevier at the following link: https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/store?role=student. Click "sign in" at top right of home page, then click 'create account" under the blue "sign in". The student's SSCC email should be used when an email address is requested.

The content of this packet will reflect ongoing improvement and support of student outcomes. You may also access current requirements at http://www.sscc.edu/academics/associate/nursing.shtml.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM EXPENSE ESTIMATE

Tuition	$ 7,040
Lab fees	$860
Estimated books (e-books)	$1000

E-books will be utilized in program. Program package includes all Nursing texts (e-books) for the entire Nursing program at a reduced cost and provides updated versions as available.

TOTAL PROGRAM ESTIMATE: Tuition, lab fees & books = $ 8,900

*****This estimate does not include prerequisite course completion costs. This could add an additional cost of up to approximately $3000.***

OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES REQUIRED AFTER ACCEPTANCE (estimated costs):

- Uniforms and shoes: Variable
- Supplies (stethoscope, scissors): $65–$125
- Liability insurance: $18/year
- BLS/CPR certification: variable
  - Not required until you have been **accepted** and ready to begin Nursing courses
- Physical exam and Immunizations: variable
- Drug screening: $50-$75
- NCLEX Registration- $350.00
- State Board Application ~$75 single state or $100 compact (multi state)

Technology Requirements

- Laptop or tablet with:
  - Windows 11+ or MacOS 15+
  - Updated Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Safari
- Reliable high-speed internet access
- Chrome OS, Android, and iOS may not support all required software

NOTE: A past felony or misdemeanor conviction may disqualify a student from completing the clinical/practicum requirements of a Health Science program and therefore, would not be able to complete the associated course and/or program. Also, the student may be prohibited from taking a state licensure/certification exam.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Course #	Course Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
BIOL 1510	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
MATH 1135	Allied Health Mathematics	3
PRAC 1500	Practical Nursing Concepts I	5
PRAC 1200	Pathophysiology	2
Second Semester		
BIOL 1520	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PRAC 1600	Practical Nursing Concepts II	5
PRAC 1300	Pharmacology	2
Third Semester		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
PRAC 1700	Practical Nursing Concepts III	7
	TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS	**35**

Non-nursing courses may be completed prior to entering the program, however the credit hours per semester will be less while in the program and may affect the amount of Financial Aid you receive each term.