SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION (also see the New Student Checklist on www.sscc.edu)

_____ 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
_____ 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, if applicable

*The **Practical Nursing Program** (PN) admits students once a year for a Spring Semester start on the **Brown Campus in Mt. Orab**. 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.*

Anticipated entry term/campus	Application and required documentation must be received in Nursing Office on or before:	Application available online beginning	Application and required documentation accepted	Notification sent via SSCC email on or before:
Spring Semester (January) (Brown Campus-Mt. Orab)	August 12, 4 pm	July 15	July 15 through August 12	August 31

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 <u>strongly recommended</u> that course be repeated.
  - CHEMISTRY (must meet at least one criteria)
    - High school chemistry
    - CHEM 1120, Introduction to Chemistry
    - CHEM 120 <u>and</u> 122
    - Higher level college chemistry course

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- o BIOLOGY (must meet at least one criteria)
  - High school biology
  - BIOL 1040/BIOL 1041, Human Biology I/Lab
  - BIOL 1104
  - BIOL 104 and 114, Human Biology I/Lab
  - Higher level college biology course
- o ALGEBRA (must meet at least one criteria)
  - High school algebra
  - MATH 1116, Beginning Algebra
  - MATH 1117, Elementary Algebra
  - MATH 117, Elementary Algebra
  - Higher level college math course
- o 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 **_OR_**
  - An ACT score of 21 or higher.

SUBMISSION OF NURSING APPLICATION

The following items must be submitted **together** in one packet for an application to be considered "complete". Please compile the required documentation in the order below and paper clip the contents.

Application packets must be mailed or hand delivered to the Nursing Office on the Central Campus in Hillsboro, room 316. Faxed or scanned packets will not be accepted.

Please note that even if these items have already been sent to SSCC, the student must still include all documents in their Nursing application packet.

- ____ Nursing Application and Responsibility Form (available online at www.sscc.edu during application period)
- ____ Proof of acceptance to Southern State (**one** of the following: acceptance letter, course listing, or copy of student ID)
- ____ Official high school transcript verifying graduation or GED certificate
- ____ SSCC course listing – if SSCC courses or transfer credit are used to meet prerequisite requirements
  - Log into "MySSCC-My Records". Click on "Student", then "My course information", select "view unofficial transcript", scroll to bottom of transcript and click on **"unofficial transcript PDF"** and print - **this is the only printout that will be accepted.**
  - Transfer coursework must be evaluated by SSCC and posted to SSCC transcript prior to nursing application to be counted towards prerequisites
- ____ Copy of HESI A2 Exam report showing an average score of 75% or higher in Math and Reading Comprehension **_OR_** an ACT score of 21 or higher.
  - Students will be ranked on all areas tested

Incomplete applications will not be considered. On your request, when hand delivering your application to the Nursing Office, the content of your application packet will be reviewed to identify that required documentation is included.

The content of this packet will reflect ongoing improvement and support of student outcomes. Please obtain revised information packets as you plan entry to the program. You may also access current requirements at https://www.sscc.edu/academics/certificate/practical-nursing.shtml .

PRE-ENTRANCE NURSING TESTING

Testing is conducted by the Testing Center located at the Central and Brown County Campuses. Completion of pre-entrance testing is required by all applicants, regardless of degree completion, and must be completed before submitting a Nursing application.

The non-refundable fee is $65 per test, and fee must be made prior to scheduling exam. Payments can be made online by logging into your MyRecords account, Select Account Information – Miscellaneous Payment – HESI Test. Payment can also be made by calling the SSCC Business Office at 800.628.7722, ext. 2652.

Once payment has been made contact the Testing Center at ext. 2792 (Hillsboro) or ext. 4792 (Mt. Orab) to schedule a testing date. The testing schedule may be viewed at https://www.sscc.edu/services/testing-center.shtml. Testing appointments are limited; register early and at least one week in advance.   Food, drink & cell phones are not permitted in the testing area.

Requests for special accommodations in testing by applicants with differences are considered individually and must be made prior to testing; contact Accessibility & Accommodations at https://www.sscc.edu/services/accessibility-services.shtml for more information. All testing is computer based.

During months when inclement weather may cause college closings, please watch for closings on identified television stations, call the college to hear a recorded closing message, or view closings on www.sscc.edu. When the college reopens, call the Testing Center to reschedule your test.

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

There is a limit of two HESI A2 Exam attempts within a 12 month period. It is recommended that students complete remediation between attempts in order to increase their scores. HESI provides applicants with free personalized, electronic remediation.

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.

Materials to assist in preparing for the HESI exam are available in the library, bookstore, or for purchase through Evolve at https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323353786?role=student.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM EXPENSE ESTIMATE

Tuition	$ 6397
Lab fees	860
Estimated books (e-books)	1400

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 = $ 8657**

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

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OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES REQUIRED AFTER ACCEPTANCE (estimated costs):

- UNIFORM and SHOES (details will be provided in Uniform Policy) $65/$55
- SUPPLIES (bandage scissors, stethoscope) $65-125
- LIABILITY INSURANCE $18
- CPR TRAINING   variable
  - SSCC's HPER 1165 - approximate cost of up to $200
  - CPR is not required until you have been accepted and are ready to begin Nursing courses
- PHYSICAL PRIOR TO CLINICAL (vaccines could be additional cost):   variable
- PERSONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (as required by clinical site)   variable
- DRUG SCREEN (as required by clinical site) $25-60
- STATE BOARD APPLICATION and NCLEX REGISTRATION $300

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Technology requirements for Nursing program: Desktop, laptop, or tablet running Windows 7 or later or Mac OSX 10.8 or later. Not all required software/online resources will work with Chromebook, Android or iOS. High speed internet must be accessible.

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Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.
First Semester - 14 cr hrs		
BIOL 1510/1511	Anatomy & Physiology I/Lab	4
MATH 1135	Allied Health Mathematics	3
PRAC 1500	Practical Nursing Concepts I	5
PRAC 1200	Pathophysiology	2
Second Semester - 11 cr hrs		
BIOL 1520/1521	Anatomy & Physiology II/Lab	4
PRAC 1600	Practical Nursing Concepts II	5
PRAC 1300	Pharmacology	2
Third Semester - 10 cr hrs		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
PRAC 1700	Practical Nursing Concepts III	7
TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS		**35**

Other recommended courses are: BIOL 2300/2301, CHEM 1124, COMM 1115, ENGL 1102, MAST 1115, PSYC 1110, and PSYC 1111.

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.

Effective: Spring (January) 2018

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.