



PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

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

- Apply for Admission (at www.sccc.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: |
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| 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 strongly recommended that course be repeated.
 - CHEMISTRY (must meet at least one criteria)
 - High school chemistry
 - CHEM 1120, Introduction to Chemistry
 - CHEM 120 and 122
 - Higher level college chemistry course

- BIOLOGY (must meet at least one criteria)
 - High school biology
 - BIOL 1104, Human Biology I
 - BIOL 104 and 114, Human Biology I/Lab
 - Higher level college biology course
- 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
- 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

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 172. 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.sccc.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
 - 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.sccc.edu/academics/certificate/practical-nursing.shtml> .

PRE-ENTRANCE NURSING TESTING

Testing is conducted by the Testing Center located on the Central and North 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 (Wilmington) to schedule a testing date. The testing schedule may be viewed at <https://www.sccc.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 disabilities are considered individually and must be made prior to testing; contact the Disabilities Office for more information. All testing is completed on computer.

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.sccc.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>.

Nursing Entrance Exam Practice Tests Offered Through the Library

The Nursing School Practice Tests offered through PrepSTEP provide a way to measure your skills, abilities, and knowledge in core subjects. At the end of each subject test, a personalized analysis identifies your strengths and weaknesses so you'll know exactly how to prepare before taking your school's Nursing entrance test.

If you are interested in taking these practice tests, you must sign up for an account on campus using any student computer. Follow the directions below:

- ◆ Connect to PrepSTEP through the Library webpage <http://library.sccc.edu/>.
- ◆ Click on the PrepSTEP icon. To setup a new account in PrepSTEP, click on Register at the top right. Enter a username and password (we *suggest* using your SSCC email/password) and click on Create Account. The account will then be set up.
- ◆ Select the Career and Workplace Preparation window from the home page. Click on Prepare for an Entrance Exam and select Prepare for Nursing School Entrance Tests in the left column. There are two tests available in each of the following 6 areas: biology, chemistry, general science, math ability, reading comprehension and verbal ability. Click on the first Launch button, then click My Center and Save for the first test in biology; this will add the test to your account. Click on the Back icon and repeat this process for each of the tests you wish to add to your account.
- ◆ Once the tests are added, click My Center on the top right of the page. Start New Test to begin the test of your choice.
- ◆ Be sure to Sign Out each time you are finished with your account. The next time you login, enter your account information under SIGN IN TO YOUR ACCOUNT and login. Click on My Center in the upper right, and all of your tests will be displayed there for you.
- ◆ When you're off-campus connecting to your account, you'll need to have your barcode for access. If you do not have a Library barcode, please contact your nearest SSCC Library.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM EXPENSE ESTIMATE

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| 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.*

OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES REQUIRED AFTER ACCEPTANCE (estimated costs):

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| ▪ 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 | \$275 |

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. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>First Semester - 14 cr hrs</u> | | |
| BIOL 2205 | Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| MATH 1135 | Allied Health Mathematics | 3 |
| PRAC 1500 | Practical Nursing Concepts I | 5 |
| PRAC 1200 | Pathophysiology | 2 |
| <u>Second Semester - 11 cr hrs</u> | | |
| BIOL 2206 | Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| PRAC 1600 | Practical Nursing Concepts II | 5 |
| PRAC 1300 | Pharmacology | 2 |
| <u>Third Semester - 10 cr hrs</u> | | |
| ENGL 1101 | English Composition I | 3 |
| PRAC 1700 | Practical Nursing Concepts III | 7 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS | | 35 |

Other recommended courses are: BIOL 2210, 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.