CAREER Directions

Somerset Community College
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Practical Nursing - Diploma

The Program

The Practical Nursing Program prepares individuals to practice within the legal scope of practical nursing under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Graduates are prepared to take the NCLEX-PN licensing examination and practice as an LPN in entry level staff positions.

- Eighteen Month Program
- May lead to Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) with additional general education requirements
- Practical Nursing Coursework
  *Theory/Skills presented in lecture/lab format
  *Clinical Component: Community Agencies providing nursing services
- Program admits every fourth semester
- Selective Admissions/Limited Enrollment

Licensed Practical Nurses are a vital part of the health care team and are employed in a variety of health care settings. LPN's provide care for clients of all ages. In addition to providing routine bedside care, they evaluate client needs, plan, and implement quality care as well as supervise the care provided by Nursing Assistants. In offices and clinics, they may also make appointments, keep records, and perform other clinical duties. Those who work in private homes may provide complex care and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Admissions Process

The following materials must be on file in the Program Coordinator's office before April 1st for August admission and before November 1st for January admission:

- Application for admission to SCC
- Official high school transcript indicating that the applicant has or will complete a high school course of study or a passing GED official score report
- Transcripts of post-secondary work completed at other institutions
- Results of the ACT or Compass or equivalent on file in the Admissions Office.
- Letter of intent written to the Nursing Coordinator stating intent the year applicant wishes to be considered for admission and any paid work experience relating to direct patient care activities. Information about work experience should include place of employment, type of work activities, and length of time employed in that position.
- A pre-admission conference with the Nursing Coordinator or his/her designee is required prior to an applicant's consideration by the Practical Nursing Admissions Committee. **YOU MUST ATTEND ONE CONFERENCE** during each admissions period (unless waived by the Nursing Coordinator). Attending a conference at another Community College will not be acceptable.
- Proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry or successful completion of an equivalent nursing course.

Admission Criteria

Potential candidates are recommended to the President by the PN Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee will make their recommendations based on the following:

- Preference may be given to applicants with an ACT composite score of 20 or above or its equivalent on a nationally-normed preadmission practical nursing assessment,
- Preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate above average standing in high school or on the GED.
- Preference may be given to those applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the approved curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better from any regionally accredited college.

Technical Standards

- Adequate visual acuity
- Adequate auditory perception
- Sufficient strength, gross motor, and fine motor coordination
- Sufficient verbal and written communication skills

Additional Criteria

Upon admittance the student must submit the following materials prior to beginning clinical experiences.

- Evidence of receiving the Hepatitis B vaccine series or a vaccine declination form
- TB skin test or chest X-Ray
- Immunization records

Expenses & Financial Assistance

In addition to tuition, students are responsible for transportation to the various clinical sites, professional liability insurance, books, and uniforms. Any student seeking financial assistance should contact the Financial Aid Office on the Somerset or London campus.

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Practical Nursing Program
Diploma Curriculum

PREREQUISITES: MUST COMPLETE PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT IN THE FIRST NURSING COURSE.

			CREDIT HOURS
		FIRST SEMESTER	
*BIO	137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
*PSY	110	General Psychology	3
		Total Credits	**7**
		SECOND SEMESTER:	
*BIO	139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
*PSY	223	Developmental Psychology	3
NPN	100	Introduction to Nursing & Health Care System	2
NPN	105	Development of Care Giver Role	6
NPN	110	Pharmacological & Other Therapeutic Modalities I	2
		Total Credits	**17**
		THIRD SEMESTER:	
*COM	181	Introduction to Basic Public Speaking **OR**	
*COM	252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communications **OR**	
*ENG	101	Writing I	3
NPN	125	Mental Health	3
NPN	130	Pharmacology II	3
NPN	135	Introduction to Health Deviations	6
NPN	201	Child Bearing Family	3
		Total Credits	**18**
		FOURTH SEMESTER:	
NPN	200	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	5
NPN	205	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	5
NPN	210	Clinical Practicum	4
NPN	215	Nursing Trends & Issues	1
		Total Credits	**15**
		Total Credits for Program	**57**

*Courses may be completed prior to FIRST SEMESTER of nursing classes.

"BIO 137 and PSY 110 or PSY 100 must be taken prior to enrollment in any NPN Course. Must show proof of computer literacy AND proof of completing a 75 hour nursing assistance course AND proof of active status on the KY Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry AND not on the Abuse Registry before enrolling in any NPN courses."

"Progression in the Practical Nursing Program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better on (on a 4.0 scale)."

Note: Credential requirements for this program are subject to change. Students should verify course requirements with their advisor.

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