



Dear Prospective Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry about our Practical Nursing Program.

The next admission for the Somerset Day Program will be Spring 2019. The next admission for the Somerset Evening/Weekend Program will be Fall 2019 and for the Laurel extension Spring 2020.

**For the Somerset Day Program, the deadline will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and for the Somerset Evening/Weekend Program the deadline will be March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. For the Laurel extension, the deadline will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

(See enclosed Admissions Guidelines).

To qualify for admission to the **traditional day program (Somerset or Laurel)** the following criteria must be met:

1. Complete a Somerset Community College Application.
2. Take ACT or NLN Pre-Entrance exam. (Current COMPASS scores may be utilized through 2019 if exam was taken by Fall 2016. COMPASS scores **MUST** be posted in PeopleSoft because SCC will have **NO** access to the COMPASS database after December 31, 2016.).
3. Successfully pass remedial courses (Reading, Writing, and/or Math) required by scores.
4. Attend one of the Pre-Admission Conferences. (Dates will be posted for the current admission period.)
5. Complete a nurse aide course **and** be currently listed on the state nurse aide registry **and** show proof that you are not listed on the abuse registry. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).
6. Successfully pass with a "C" or better the following course (and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA during the program).  
\*BIO 137
7. Must have current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).

To qualify for acceptance into the **Evening/Weekend Program**, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete Somerset Community College Application.
2. Take ACT or NLN Pre Entrance exam. (Current COMPASS scores may be utilized through 2019 if exam was taken by Fall 2016. COMPASS scores **MUST** be posted in PeopleSoft because SCC will have **NO** access to the COMPASS database after December 31, 2016).
3. Successfully pass remedial courses (Reading, Writing, and/or Math) required by testing scores.
4. Attend one of the Pre-Admission Conferences. (Dates will be posted for the current admission period.)
5. Complete a nurse aide course **and** be currently listed on the state nurse aide registry **and** show proof that you are not listed on the abuse registry. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).
6. Successfully pass with a “C” or better the following courses (and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA during the program):
  - \*BIO 137
  - \*BIO 139
  - \*Show proof of digital (computer) literacy within 5 years preceding current admission to a KCTCS college.
  - \*ENG 101 **(OR)**
  - \*COM 181 **(OR)**
  - \*COM 252
7. Must have current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).

Classes for the **traditional day program (Somerset and Laurel)** are *tentatively* set for the first semester nursing classes as MWF 8 am to 3 pm. The second semester will be Monday thru Friday 8 am to 3 pm and the third semester will be Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

Classes for the **Evening/Weekend Program** have been *tentatively* scheduled for three evenings per week from 3:30 pm to 10:00 pm and on Saturdays for 12-hour lab/clinical days. Due to different credit/contact hours for each course, scheduled times for classes/clinical will vary from semester to semester. As of this time, classes will be held during the traditional college semester with no practical nursing courses offered during the summer.

If you have further questions please contact me at (606) 451-6813 ([ruth.martin@kctcs.edu](mailto:ruth.martin@kctcs.edu)) or Cheryl Ping ([cheryl.ping@kctcs.edu](mailto:cheryl.ping@kctcs.edu)) at (606) 451-6841.

Sincerely,

*Ruth S. Martin*

Ruth S. Martin, DNP, RN  
PN Coordinator

**SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM  
REVISED APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

- Submit a current college application to the Admission's Office. Students must apply online at the SCC website. If you have been out of college for a semester or more, you will need to complete a new application.
- Take the ACT or NLN Pre Entrance exam. (Current COMPASS scores may be utilized until 2019 if exam was taken by Fall 2016). Please request exam scores to be sent to SCC.
- Attend a pre-admission conference. You must attend one conference during each admission period unless waived by the PN Coordinator.
- Submit a letter of intent form (for current admission period) to the PN Coordinator indicating which program (Somerset, Career Pathways MNA to LPN (evening/weekend), or Laurel) you wish to apply. The letter of intent form is obtained during the pre-admission conference.

**NOTE:** If the letter of intent form is not submitted during the pre-conference, please present your letter of intent form to one of the following: Cheryl Ping Office # 302, Phone# (606) 451-6841 at the Alton Blakely Building on the Somerset North Campus or Kathy Howard, Phone# (606) 878-4831 office #214 at the Health Sciences Building on Laurel North Campus or Office #103..

If you mail your letter of intent form, please mail to:

Ruth Martin, RN, MSN  
PN Coordinator  
Somerset Community College  
808 Monticello Street  
Somerset, KY 42501

*Faxed copies or emails are not accepted.*

- Submit proof of active status on the Kentucky Nurse Aide Registry and show proof that you are not listed on the abuse registry by 1<sup>st</sup> day of class. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).
- Submit proof of CPR – (American Heart Association Health Care Provider) submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> day of class when admitted to program. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).

If you are not admitted to the nursing program and you want to be considered again for admission, you will need to attend another pre-admission conference unless waived by the PN Coordinator and submit a new letter of intent form. You may also need to update your records in the Admission's Office.

### ***PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS***

Upon admission into the program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Attend the mandatory program orientation and registration session;
- Submit required health screening and immunization documentation
- Submit criminal background check and drug screen (information of company will be given to students during orientation).
- Assume financial responsibility for tuition, required textbooks, uniforms, supplies, professional liability insurance, and criminal background check/drug screen.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to the Somerset Community College Practical Nursing Program is limited due to available laboratory facilities, as well as faculty and financial resources. Therefore, a selective admission process is implemented. The selective admission as outlined below applies to anyone applying for admission beginning in the Fall, 2005.

#### **Practical Nursing Selective Admission Policy**

Admission to Somerset Community College does not guarantee admission to the Practical Nursing Program. The guidelines outlined below establish requirements for selection into the Practical Nursing Program. In addition to the college entrance requirements, the college will, in compliance with KCTCS regulations and in the manner and to the extent permitted by law, endeavor to provide opportunities to all students population in the Practical Nursing Program.

Selection of students for the Practical Nursing Program will be made by an admissions committee appointed for this purpose. Preferences MAY BE given in the following categories.

1. Applicants who demonstrate an above average GPA in high School or on the General Education Development Examination (GED);
2. Applicants with ACT or Compass placement exam scores exceeding the standards for required admission;
3. Applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the KCTCS approved Practical Nursing curriculum with a GPA of 3.0 or better from any regionally accredited college.

The admissions committee will meet to select the upcoming class. Only applicants who have met all the program admission requirements will be considered. A copy of the Practical Nursing Selective Admission Assessment Form is included in this information packet.

## **Technical Standards**

**Nursing at the technical level involves the provision of direct care for individuals and is characterized by the application of verified knowledge in the skillful performance of nursing functions. All students should possess sufficient:**

- 1. Visual acuity, such as is needed in preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for patient assessment and nursing care;**
- 2. Auditory perception to receive verbal communication from patients and members of health team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as cardiac monitors, stethoscopes, IV infusion pumps, Dopplers, fire alarms, etc.;**
- 3. Gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills, including the manipulation of equipment required in meeting health needs;**
- 4. Communication skills (speech, reading, writing) to interact with individuals and to communicate their needs promptly and effectively, as may be necessary in the individual's interest; and**
- 5. Intellectual and emotional functions to plan and implement care for individuals.**

**PRACTICAL NURSING SELECTIVE ADMISSION ASSESSMENT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ PSID \_\_\_\_\_

**Preference I**

**Possible Points = 30**

READING			WRITING/ENGLISH			MATH/ALGEBRA		
POINTS	ACT	COMPASS	POINTS	ACT	COMPASS	POINTS	ACT	COMPASS
10	27 OR >	96 OR >	10	25 OR >	95 OR >	10	26 OR >	86 OR >
9	26	95	9	24	94	9	25	77-85
8	25	94	8	23	90-93	8	24	68-76
7	24	92-93	7	22	86-89	7	23	61-67
6	23	90-91	6	21	82-85	6	22	52-60
5	22	88-89	5	20	78-81	5	21	43-51
4	21	86-87	4	19	76-77	4	20	34-42
3	20	85	3	18	74-75	3	19	25-33

**OR**

**NLN PRE-ENTRANCE EXAM**

30	180-200
29	170-179
28	160-169
27	150-159
26	131-149
25	116-130
24	101-115
23	85-100

**Preference II**

**Earned Credit in Approved Curriculum**

**Possible Points = 30**

Courses	Grade	Points	Earned Credit Points
CIS 100 or CIT 105			<b>A = 5 points</b> <b>B = 4 points</b> <b>C = 2 points</b>
ENG 101			
COM 181 or COM 252			
BIO 137			
BIO 139			
NAA 100 (Taken at SCC)			

\*If you have taken a course more than once, your points for that course will be an average of the grades earned.

\*Course in progress at the time of the application deadline will not be included when calculating points.

\*NAA 100 must have been taken at SCC to receive the credit points.

\*COMPASS will be recognized until 2019 for those that have taken it by fall 2016. Scores MUST be listed in PeopleSoft. SCC will have no access to the COMPASS database after December 31, 2016.

# NLN Pre-Admission Exam Information

## Test Dates and Registration

Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 examinees will be required to register and pay online for the NLN PAX exam at [ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/](http://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/). The website will list the available dates/times and locations. The examinee will register and pay online for the exam fee but will be required to bring an additional administration fee of \$20 on test day payable by cash or check made out to SCC. The exam will be given at the SCC testing centers. The examinee will be required to download and print a test permit to verify their purchase. When registration closes for the selected date/time, examinees will log into their account and print their admission ticket. **Examinees must bring the admission ticket to the testing center on test day, along with a current photo identification and the \$20 administration fee payable by cash or check made out to SCC.**

**No refunds will be given.** Examinees must present a current photo ID and the admissions ticket to the testing center proctor on the day of the test. The testing centers are located in the Strunk Building (Learning Commons) on the Somerset North campus or in Building 1 on the Laurel North campus. The exam will last approximately 3-1/2 hours. Applicants are encouraged to test well in advance of the application deadline, as computer availability is not guaranteed. If the College is closed, then the testing center will also be closed.

## Contents of Exam

The Pre-Admission Exam consists of three tests - Verbal Ability, Mathematics, and Science. One hour is allowed for each test. The Verbal Ability section consists of two subtests: Word Knowledge and Reading Comprehension. In the Word Knowledge section, the student is asked to identify the meaning of a word as it is used in a sentence. Students use clues from the sentence and use deductive reasoning to identify the meaning of words. The Reading Comprehension section of the test focuses on student's reasoning and critical thinking ability. Short passages about health problems and social issues require the student to analyze and interpret the material. Questions assess the ability to determine main ideas and supporting details, draw conclusions, make inferences, and apply information to new situations. The Mathematics test uses straight calculations and word problems to cover basic operations (integers, decimals, fractions, and percent's), algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and concepts. Data interpretation, applied mathematics, and scientific notation are included. Calculators cannot be used during the mathematics portion of the exam. The Science test is an achievement measure of the student's knowledge of general

principles of chemistry, physics, general biology, and earth science. Most of the questions are concerned with information that has been acquired in secondary school.

You can purchase a test study guide from Jones & Bartlett Publishers. The title of the study guide is Review Guide for Pre-Entrance Exam, 3rd Edition by the National League for Nursing. Purchasing information can be found at the following web address: [www.jblearning.com](http://www.jblearning.com) The ISBN-13 number for the book is: 9780763762711 and the cost is \$67.95 (as of June 2016).

## **Scores**

Performance on each of the three tests (verbal ability, mathematics, and science) is reported as both a percent correct score and a relative performance score. In addition, an overall exam score is provided. Your overall exam score is the score that will be used in the point system. Now that you will be taking the test on-line, you will receive your results upon completion of the exam.

## **Testing Restrictions**

The National League for Nursing recommends that no one be allowed to take the Pre-Admission Exam more than once in a 12-month period. Due to this recommendation, students at Somerset Community College will not be allowed to take the exam more than once a year (once every 12 months).

The above information applies only to the Pre-Admission Exam administered at Somerset Community College.





**PRACTICAL NURSING**  
**APPROXIMATE COST**

NAA (Medicaid Nurse Aide class)	\$800.00
Practical Nursing	
Tuition & Fees:	\$162.00 per credit hour + \$8/credit hour (Build Smart Fee)
Books:	\$800.00
Lab Kit:	\$50.00
Hepatitis B Injections x 3 Injections:	\$\$ (prices vary)
TB (PPD) Skin Test (2 step)	\$\$ (prices vary)
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis injection (Tdap) (adult dose)	\$\$ (prices vary)
Varicella vaccine	\$\$ (prices vary)
Flu shot	\$\$ (prices vary)
MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella)	\$\$ (prices vary)
Liability Insurance (renewed each semester):	\$11.00
Uniforms (2)	\$60.00
Long Lab Coat	\$30.00
Shoes	\$75.00
Apron	\$50.00
Sprague Kit (includes stethoscope, bandage Scissors, penlight, pocket caddy)	\$20.00
Watch with a second hand	\$20.00
ATI (Assessment Technology Institute)	\$800.00
Criminal Background Check (renewed each year)	\$35.00
12 panel Urine Drug Screen (renewed each year)	\$39.00
NCLEX Fees	
Kentucky Board of Nursing Licensure Fee	\$125.00
Criminal Check	\$20.00
Fingerprinting Criminal Background Check	\$12.00

**\*All prices are approximate and subject to change\***

**SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PRACTICAL NURSING  
PROGRAM PLAN**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_ PSID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Practical Nursing  
AAS in General Occupational Studies (Complete Reverse Side)

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Requirements:	Credit Hours	Semester	Grade
<b>Prerequisites</b>			
*NAA 100 Medicaid Nurse Aide	3	_____	_____
*CPR 100 CPR for Healthcare Professionals	1	_____	_____
*Development courses to correct academic deficiencies			
*BIO 137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	_____	_____
NPN 100 Introduction to Nursing & Health Care System	2	_____	_____
NPN 105 Development of Care Giver Role	6	_____	_____
NPN 110 Pharmacology & Other Therapeutic Modalities	2	_____	_____
*BIO 139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	_____	_____
<b>Second Semester</b>			
NPN 201 Child Bearing Family	3	_____	_____
NPN 125 Mental Health	3	_____	_____
NPN 130 Pharmacology II	3	_____	_____
NPN 135 Introduction to Health Deviations	6	_____	_____
<b>Third Semester</b>			
NPN 200 Med Surg I	5	_____	_____
NPN 205 Med Surg II	5	_____	_____
NPN 210 Clinical Practicum	4	_____	_____
*ENG 101 Writing I ( <b>OR</b> )	(3)	_____	_____
*COM 252 Interpersonal Communications ( <b>OR</b> )	(3)	_____	_____
*COM 181 Basic Public Speaking	(3)	_____	_____
NPN 215 Nursing Trends and Issues	1	_____	_____
		Total	51

\*Courses may be taken prior to first semester of nursing classes.

\*Must show proof of computer literacy. (*within 5 years preceding current admission to a KCTCS college*)

\* **All** courses must be completed with a "C" or greater (and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA during the program).

I understand that before obtaining a diploma I must successfully complete all courses in my major DOT and meet all program exit requirements. I further understand that it is my responsibility to apply for graduation the semester prior to program completion. Any curriculum revisions after program plan is completed will not affect my course requirements.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREER PATHWAYS**  
**Practical Nursing Program**  
**CURRICULUM**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/COMPASS/PRE-NLN \_\_\_\_\_

Course	Hours	Description	Grade	Term
<b>Pre-Requisites</b>				
NAA 100	0-3	Nursing assistant		
BIO 137	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology I		
BIO 139	4	Human Anatomy & Physiology II		
Must show Computer Literacy (within 5 years preceding current admission to a KCTCS college)				
COM 181 or 252 or	3	Oral communication		
ENG 101	3	Writing I		
<b>First Semester Nursing</b>				
NPN 100	2	Intro to Nursing		
NPN105	6	Development of the Care Giver Role		
NPN 110	2	Pharmacology and other Therapeutic Modalities		
<b>Second Semester Nursing</b>				
NPN 125	3	Mental Health		
NPN 130	3	Pharmacology II		
NPN 135	6	Intro to Health Deviations		
NPN 201	3	Childbearing Family		
<b>Third Semester Nursing</b>				
NPN 200	5	Med-Surg I		
NPN 205	5	Med-Surg II		
NPN 215	1	Nursing Trends and Issues		
NPN 210	4	Practicum		

**PRACTICAL NURSING  
PRE-ADMISSION  
CONFERENCES FALL 2018  
FOR SPRING 2019  
**SOMERSET DAY PROGRAM**  
ADMISSION**

**SOMERSET**  
(Alton Blakely Building Room 331)

<b>Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3 pm</b>
<b>Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3 pm</b>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ruth Martin, PN Coordinator at (606) 451-6813 or Cheryl Ping at (606)451-6841. \*You may want to call prior to conference date to verify that conference dates have not been changed.

**If the college is closed for inclement weather, the pre-conferences will be cancelled.**  
**If there is inclement weather and the college remains open, please call prior to time of conference to verify that conference will be held.**