



Dear Prospective Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry about our Practical Nursing Program.

Our department is excited to announce the introduction of a one-year format curriculum! Our Laurel program will admit every January beginning Spring 2020. Our Somerset Day program will admit every August beginning Fall 2020. Our Somerset evening/weekend program will be a part time program and taught over three semesters. The first admission will be Fall 2019 and will admit every three semesters thereafter.

The deadline to apply for the Fall 2019 admission into the Somerset Evening/weekend program will be March 1st, 2019. The deadline to apply for the Spring 2020 admission to the Laurel Program will be October 1st, 2019. For the Somerset Day program, the deadline to apply will be March 1st, 2020.

(See enclosed Admissions Guidelines).

To qualify for admission 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 courses (and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA during the program).
*BIO 137 *PSY 110 *AHS 115
7. Must have current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).

Somerset Day program will begin a new class each August and graduate each June. Classes will be *tentatively* taught Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm during the fall and spring semesters. Students will complete the clinical practicum during the months of May and June. (See curriculum).

Laurel program will begin a new class each January and graduate each December. Classes will be *tentatively* taught Monday through Friday 8 am to 3 pm during the spring and fall semesters. Students will take classes during May and June three days per week 8 am to 3 pm. (See curriculum).

Somerset Evening/Weekend program will be a part time curriculum that will be taught over three semesters. Admission of a new class will be every three semesters. Classes will be *tentatively* taught three days per week during semesters one and two and four days per week during the third semester 3:30 pm to 10 pm. (See curriculum).

If you have further questions please contact me at (606) 451-6813 (ruth.martin@kctcs.edu) or Cheryl Ping (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
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, Somerset 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 1st day of class. (Not required for admission, but required if admitted).
- Submit proof of CPR – (American Heart Association Health Care Provider) submitted by 1st 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.

Practical Nursing Selective Admission Policy

Admission to Somerset Community College does not guarantee admission to 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.

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.

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 a 4.0 scale).

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, Doptones, 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			A = 5 points B = 4 points C = 2 points
ENG 101			
AHS 115			
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 1st, 2016 examinees will be required to register and pay online for the NLN PAX exam at 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 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	\$200.00
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

**Practical Nursing Program Curriculum Requirements
Practical Nurse – Pathway 3 – Modular
Somerset Day Rotation**

CATALOG NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
Pre-requisites to the Practical Nursing Program		
137 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
110 PSY	General Psychology	3
115 AHS	Medical Terminology	3
100 NAA	State Certified Nurse Assistant or take NAA 100/pass certification exam	0-3
101 ENG	Writing 1	3
	Totals	13-16
First Semester (Fall)		
106 NPN	Nursing Fundamentals	6
108 NPN	Pharmacology	3
125 NPN	Mental Health	3
139 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology II	(4)
	Semester Totals	12-16
Second Semester (Spring)		
208 NPN	Nursing Care II	10
140 NPN	Nursing Care I	3
201 NPN	Child Bearing Family	3
	Semester Totals	16
Third Semester (Summer)		
210 NPN	Practicum	4
215 NPN	Nursing Trends and Issues	1
105 CIT	Introduction to Computers	3
	Semester Totals	8
	PROGRAM TOTALS	49-56

- Computer literacy must be demonstrated either by competency exam or by completing a computer literacy course prior to graduation. CIT 105 will fulfill this requirement.

**Practical Nursing Program Curriculum Requirements
Practical Nurse – Pathway 3 – Modular
Laurel PN Program Rotation**

CATALOG NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
Pre-requisites to the Practical Nursing Program		
137 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
110 PSY	General Psychology	3
115 AHS	Medical Terminology	3
100 NAA	State Certified Nurse Assistant or take NAA 100/pass certification exam	0-3
101 ENG	Writing 1	3
	Totals	13-16
First Semester (Spring)		
106 NPN	Nursing Fundamentals	6
108 NPN	Pharmacology	3
125 NPN	Mental Health	3
139 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology II	(4)
	Semester Totals	12-16
Second Semester (Summer)		
140 NPN	Nursing Care I	3
201 NPN	Child Bearing Family	3
	Semester Totals	6
Third Semester (Fall)		
208 NPN	Nursing Care II	10
210 NPN	Practicum	4
215 NPN	Nursing Trends and Issues	1
105 CIT	Introduction to Computers	3
	Semester Totals	18
	PROGRAM TOTALS	49-56

- Computer literacy must be demonstrated either by competency exam or by completing a computer literacy course prior to graduation. CIT 105 will fulfill this requirement.

Practical Nursing Program Curriculum Requirements
Practical Nurse – Pathway 3 – Modular
Part time Schedule
Somerset Evening Program

CATALOG NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT
Pre-requisites to the Practical Nursing Program		
137 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
139 BIO	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
110 PSY	General Psychology	3
115 AHS	Medical Terminology	3
100 NAA	State Certified Nurse Assistant or take NAA 100/pass certification exam	0-3
101 ENG	Writing 1	3
105 CIT	Introduction to Computers	3
	Totals	20-23
First Semester		
106 NPN	Nursing Fundamentals	6
108 NPN	Pharmacology	3
	Semester Totals	9
Second Semester		
125 NPN	Mental Health	3
140 NPN	Nursing Care I	3
201 NPN	Child Bearing Family	3
	Semester Totals	9
Third Semester		
208 NPN	Nursing Care II	10
210 NPN	Practicum	4
215 NPN	Nursing Trends and Issues	1
	Semester Totals	15
	PROGRAM TOTALS	49-56

- Computer literacy must be demonstrated either by competency exam or by completing a computer literacy course prior to graduation. CIT 105 will fulfill this requirement.

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

**SOMERSET
(Alton Blakely Building Room 330)**

Tuesday, January 29th	3 pm
Monday, February 11	3 pm
Tuesday, February 26th	3 pm

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. *It is suggested 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.