

# Southwest Mississippi Community College

## Practical Nursing Program



*Application is due by June 15*

### Program Information and Application

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Practical Nursing program prepares the individual to assist in providing general nursing care requiring basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological, and sociological science, and of nursing procedures which do not require the substantial skills, judgment, and knowledge required of a registered nurse. This care is performed under the direction of a registered nurse, physician, or dentist.

Graduates of the twelve-month program will be awarded the Certificate of Practical Nursing and may apply for licensure to the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN®).

Students who complete the program requirements, three semesters, as identified by the Mississippi Community College Board, will be eligible to apply for LPN licensure. The graduate of the program functions as a provider of care and a member of a profession. This curriculum references the Client Needs and Integrated Process Categories from the Test Plan for the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Practical Nursing (PN) program supports the mission and goals of the College. The PN program is designed to prepare graduates for entry level nursing practice in a variety of health care settings by providing a quality educational program using a curriculum that is in compliance with the Mississippi Curriculum Framework for practical nursing programs.

### **GOALS:**

1. To provide opportunities that assists students in academic and career advancement beyond practical nursing.
2. To provide a program that prepares students to meet the healthcare needs of the community served.
3. To provide students opportunities in diverse service areas throughout the community.

## **REQUIREMENTS (After being accepted into PN Program)**

- Completed Health Examination Form
- Current 2-step TB Skin test or results of last 2 annual tests or Quantiferon blood test
- Evidence of 2 immunizations of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Hepatitis B vaccine series, titer, or signed declination of refusal
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or titer or signed declination of refusal
- Current BLS CPR certification given by the American Heart Association
- Substance Abuse Testing
- Criminal History Background Check

## Practical Nursing Program Admissions Policy

1. Applications are reviewed for accuracy and to verify if applicant meets the admission criteria.
2. In addition to regular college admission requirements, the admission criteria for entrance into the Practical Nursing Program are as follows:
  - a. Applicant must meet all SMCC general admission requirements.
  - b. Applicant must submit a completed PN Program Application
  - c. Any student seeking admission (including readmission), must have: ACT Composite/ superscore score of 18 or higher and 17 or higher subscore in reading and math.
  - d. If you do not have the required Composite Score/ superscore of 18, you must retake the ACT test through the National ACT Testing center. If student does not have a math score of 17 completion of MAT 1233 with a “C” or better is required. If a student does not have a reading score of at least 17, completion of BIO 1111 & BIO 1113 with a “C” or better is required. Students may also elect to take the Accuplacer Test to meet subscore requirements.
3. Students will be admitted to the Practical Nursing Program based on competitive admission.

Criteria	Value Points		
<b>ACT Composite Score/ Superscore</b>			
** Minimum 18 composite, 17 on reading, 17 on Math (if student does not have a math score $\geq$ 17, completion of MAT 1233 with a “C” or better is required; if a student does not have a reading score of $\geq$ 17, completion of BIO 1111 & BIO 1113 with a “C” or better is required.)	36 = 10 pts 34 to 35 = 9 pts 32 to 33 = 8 pts 30 to 31 = 7 pts 28 to 29 = 6 pts 26 to 27 = 5 pts 24 to 25 = 4 pts 22 to 23 = 3 pts 20 to 21 = 2 pts 18 to 19 = 1 pt		
<b>County of Residence</b>	Amite = 1pt Pike = 1pt Walthall = 1pt Wilkinson = 1pt		
<b>Overall GPA</b>			
Will use high school GPA if no college courses have been taken	3.76 to 4.0 = 8 pts 3.51 to 3.75 = 7 pts 3.26 to 3.5 = 6 pts 3.01 to 3.25 = 5 pts 2.76 to 3 = 4 pts 2.51 to 2.75 = 3 pts 2.26 to 2.5 = 2 pts 2.0 to 2.25 = 1 pt		
Academic courses with points value assigned as follows: C= 2 points B= 3 points A = 4 points ** Academic courses are not required for admission, but once completed, add points in the selection process for applicants	<b>Course</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Points</b>
	A&P I		
	A&P I Lab		
	A&P II		
	A&P II Lab		
	College Algebra		
<b>Academic course completed at SMCC</b>	Yes = 1 point No = 0 points		
<b>Completed HCA Program at SMCC</b>	Yes = 1 point No = 0 points		
<b>Total Points</b>			

4. The following items must be completed and submitted for consideration of application:
  - a. Application for Admission to Southwest Mississippi Community College available on the SMCC website at [www.smcc.edu](http://www.smcc.edu)
  - b. Application to the Practical Nursing Program, ACT, and transcripts.
5. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all material has been received.
6. Invalid or incomplete applications will not be returned or considered.
7. Falsification of information on this application will result in denial of admission or dismissal from program.
8. Only those applicants with a completed application packet will be considered for admission.
9. The admission process is competitive and completion of application is not a guarantee of admission.

10. Students seeking readmission to the program will be considered on an individual basis according to the SMCC Practical Nursing Program Readmission Policy.

### **Policy for Transfer from Associate Degree Nursing Program to the Practical Nursing Program**

1. Students must successfully complete NUR1109 Foundations of Nursing with a “C” or better
2. Students must apply for transfer within 12 months of completion of NUR 1109
3. The student must submit an application for the Practical Nursing Program
4. Student must be approved for transfer by the Associate Vice President for Nursing

Students will be considered based on space availability

### **Gainful Employment Information**

- 81% of Title IV students complete the program within 40 weeks
- Program Costs
  - \$4,200 for in-state tuition
  - \$4,050 for out-of-state tuition and fees
  - \$750 for books and supplies
  - \$10,200 for off-campus room and board
  - \$5,625 for on-campus room and board

Other costs: Uniform and necessary equipment (one-time fee) \$175.00; Background check (one-time fee) \$50; Malpractice Insurance (one-time fee) \$15; Substance Abuse Testing (one-time fee) \$90; CPR (one-time fee) \$50; Immunizations/health records (one-time fee) \$400; Application fee (one-time fee) \$100; NCLEX-PN® Review (per semester for a total) \$276; Additional Books (one-time fee) (\$150)

- 0% of students who attend this program borrow money to pay for it
- The typical graduate leaves with \$0 in debt
- The typical monthly loan payment is \$0 per month in student loans with 0% interest rate
- The typical graduate earns \$27,835 per year after leaving this program
- 93% of program graduates got jobs according to the accreditor job placement rate
- Program graduates are employed in the following fields: Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- This program meets all licensure requirements in Mississippi

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION**

1. Complete the application (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) and return to: one of the Practical Nursing advisors or

The Administrative Assistant,  
Henry L. Lewis Nursing Education Center  
1156 College Drive  
Summit, MS 39666

2. ACT scores and transcripts must be submitted to the Registrar’s office.

Information related to applying for licensure to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse, upon completion of the Practical Nursing Program, is contained in the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law (Effective Date: July 1, 2010). Graduates must apply to the Mississippi Board of Nursing to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) ®. In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, an applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty of any offense specified in Section 73-15-33. To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.

Practical Nursing Program applicants should be aware of the following restriction regarding who may qualify to write the NCLEX-PN®: “The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended or any provision of this chapter.”



## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

*Applications are due on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone Cell phone Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address County of Residence

Are you currently enrolled in another school? Yes No

If yes: Where \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been enrolled in a Practical Nursing Program? Yes No

If yes: Where \_\_\_\_\_ **\*\*A letter of good standing from that program is required.**

What was the reason for not completing program: \_\_\_\_\_

IF THE ANSWER IS YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR NURSING BEFORE THE APPLICATION WILL BE REVIEWED FOR ADMISSION.

Have you ever been convicted of or have charges pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor in any state? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Have you ever been disciplined by any state, federal regulatory agency, or national certifying agency? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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