SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE

Department of
NURSING

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN)

LPN-RN Bridge Option

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program provides students with specialized training to acquire a basic knowledge of nursing theory and practice. Nurses are employed in a variety of settings, namely hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician offices and long-term care facilities. Registered Nurses are often considered for charge nurse and team leader responsibilities and play an integral role within the health care team.

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Suburban College Associate Degree Nursing ("ADN") Program is framed from the mission of South Suburban College. The Nursing Program's mission is to offer nursing education to the diverse student body served by South Suburban College, prepare graduates for eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN® licensing examination, educate students to provide safe, quality, patient-centered nursing care in current healthcare settings, and provide a nursing knowledge base for lifelong learning, either through continuing nursing education or formal degree programs.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the ADN Program graduates will be able to:

- Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.
- Engage in clinical reasoning/nursing judgment to make patient-centered care decisions and to function within the complex healthcare environment.
- Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care.
- Participate in collaboration and teamwork with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient's support persons.
- Use information management principles, techniques, and systems, and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
- Assimilate management, legal, and ethical guidelines in practice as a professional nurse.
- Promote a culture of caring to provide holistic, compassionate patient care

General Admission Information

The ADN Program admits students once a year, in the fall semester. Students applying for admission to the Nursing Program are required to submit admission materials and meet entrance requirements before an application will be considered for review. A standardized preadmission nursing entrance examination is also required for admission into the ADN Program. The examination is at the expense of the student. Selection for admission is determined by an admission committee after evaluation of the applications. Admission to the College, completion of prerequisites or application to the programs does not guarantee acceptance to the Nursing Program. Admission to the program is competitive. Students are

encouraged to meet with a nursing counselor regularly as they complete pre-admission requirements. Counseling appointments are made using the Qless App or call (708) 596-2000 ext. 5724, for assistance in academic planning. All General Education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. All nursing courses must also be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress through the program. The Nursing Program is challenging. It is strongly suggested that students carefully consider limiting the number of hours they work per week while enrolled. Students are required to provide their own transportation to classes and clinical sites. Clinical days and times are subject to change.

Application Process

Applications will be available beginning October 1ˢᵗ each year.

Prior to receiving an application to the ADN Program the student is required to:
- Submit an SSC application to Admissions.
- Forward official high school or HSE/GED® and all college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
- Complete the college placement test (see SSC catalog for details) prior to meeting with a counselor.
- Meet with an academic counselor using the Qless App or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 5724 for assistance in academic planning.
- Complete required college classes as indicated by the college placement test.

The applicant is required to:
- Complete the ADN application online from the SSC website.
- Applications will be available beginning October 1st for the following fall admission.
- Submit the completed ADN application with attachments to the Nursing Department.
- Provide evidence of Nursing Assistant Certification, name must be listed on current state registry or an unencumbered IL Practical Nursing License.
- Complete the following admission prerequisite requirements with a "C" or better:
  * English 101
  * Psychology 101
  * Biology 102 or Biology 105
  * General Education Math 115
  * Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5

Acceptance Process

The Admissions Committee reviews all applications to the ADN Program. Acceptance to the program is based on:

- Completion of placement test and required college preparatory classes
- Cumulative college GPA of 2.5 Or better
- A minimum grade of "C" for pre-admission courses.

LPN-RN Bridge Option

All students will be notified in writing of their admission status by August 1st for fall admissions. Students accepted into the program are required to attend an orientation prior to the first day of scheduled class. The orientation dates will be announced in the acceptance letter. Failure to attend the orientation shall result in the student being dropped from the program.

- Requirements for Educational/Competency Evaluation Program (ECEP)
- Unencumbered active IL LPN license
- One year experience employed as an LPN within the past 5 years.
- Pass the ATI Fundamentals exam with a Level 2 or higher.
- Completion of the prerequisite courses prior to acceptance.
- Completion of corequisite courses required in semester one of the ADN program.
- LPN Bridge Applicants must complete all program prerequisites, semester one corequisites to be considered admitted to the nursing program.
- Accepted LPN to RN bridge students will enroll in ADN 152 during the Spring semester.

Program Track ECEP Credit

1. Application to the LPN to RN bridge track Application period year-round.
2. Copy of IL LPN license
3. Recommendation/verification letter from employer
4. After acceptance into the program
   a. Courses to complete ADN 152
   b. Must pass and complete ATI fundamental exam at the end of the course with Level 2 or greater.
   c. Must complete and ECEP application process.
5. Student will get credit for ADN 150 after completion of these requirements.
6. Complete all other nursing corequisite courses as defined in the ADN Curriculum.

All students will be notified in writing of their admission status by August 1st for fall entry.

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) (NUR.AAS.ADN)

Admission Requirement Prerequisite Courses..Credits

CNA Certificate, or IL LPN License unencumbered.

ENG 101	Composition and Rhetoric (minimum grade of "C")........................3
BIO 102	Introductory Biology (minimum grade of "C")................................4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (minimum grade of "C")......................3
MTH 115	General Education Mathematics (minimum grade of "C")..............3

Repetition of Courses — prerequisites and/or general education coursework may be repeated twice for a total of (3) three enrollments in a course without exception.

Program Requirements

ALL program required courses must be completed with a "C" or better.

All Biology courses (except 102) must be successfully completed within five years at the time of application to satisfy program requirements.

General Education Courses in bold must be taken before or during semester indicated.

Students will be required to complete a standardized summative assessment (examination) each semester.

Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the Nursing program. Students will be notified in writing of their admission status by August 1st.

Semester One — Fall... Credits

ADN 150	Fundamentals of Nursing (ECEP Credit)..7
PSY 211	Human Growth and Development..3
BIO 185	Human Anatomy and Physiology I..4

Semester Two — Spring.. Credits

ADN 152	Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing..7
BIO 186	Human Anatomy and Physiology II...4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology 3

Semester Three — Fall... Credits

ADN 252	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing...4
ADN 254	Childbearing Family and Children...4
BIO 224	Microbiology..4

Semester Four — Spring... Credits

ADN 256	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing..3
ADN 257	Behavioral Health Nursing..3
ADN 258	Transition into Nursing Practice 2
SPE 108	Oral Communication...3
Group II	Elective 3

Total Program:..69

For questions regarding the Nursing Program, please contact the Nursing Department at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2260.

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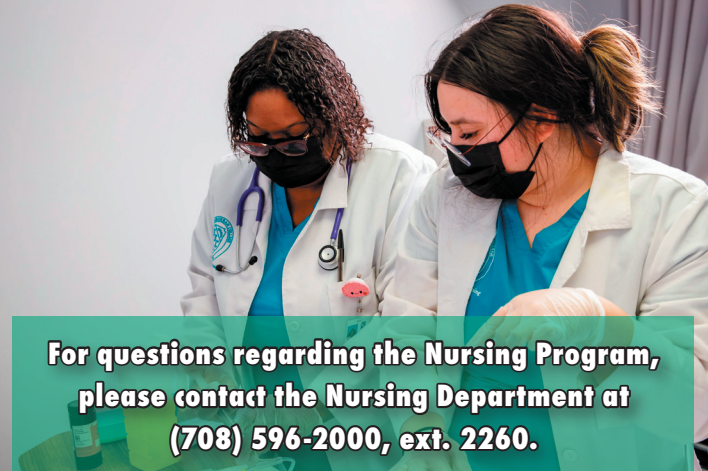
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