Traditional (Day)
Practical Nurse

AAS-GOTS Degree or *Diploma

Somerset Community College
Program Overview

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PROGRAM DETAILS

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 a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in entry level staff positions.

- *Eighteen month program*
- *May lead to Associate 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*

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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. LPN's who work in private homes may provide complex care and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

PRACTICAL NURSING CREDENTIALS:

*DIPLOMA:
- Practical Nursing (57 credit hours)

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE:
In General Occupational/Technical Studies
AAS-GOTS (66 credit hours)

ADMISSION PROCESS:

The following materials must be on file in the PN Program Coordinator's office by March 1st for August admission and by October 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 ACT or COMPASS or equivalent on file in the Admissions Office
- A written letter of intent sent to the PN Program Coordinator. The letter should include the specific PN program, campus, and program year in which the applicant wishes to be considered for admission.
- A Pre-Admission Conference with the PN Program 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 admission period (unless waived by the Practical 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.

See reverse for ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

VISIT US ON THE WEB:

For pre-conference dates, LPN packets, and other program information, visit us on the web at somerset.kctcs.edu. Practical Nursing can be found within Academics and Programs of Study.

Successful students can earn a Practical Nursing *Diploma or an Associate of Applied Science Degree in General Occupational/ Technical Studies

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REQUIRED COURSES FOR AAS-GOTS or *DIPLOMA

**Diploma—See Coordinator's Notes*

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED (26 HOURS)		Credit	Grade
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking OR	3	_____
COM 252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	(3)	_____
*ENG 101	Writing	(3)	_____
BIO 137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	_____
BIO 139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	_____
*MAT 110	Applied Matematics OR	3	_____
*MAT 150	College Algebra	(3)	_____
PSY 110	General Psychology	3	_____
PSY 223	Developmental Psychology	3	_____
	*Heritage/Humanities/Foreign Language	3	_____
TECHNICAL COURSES (40 HOURS)			
NPN 100	Introduction to Nursing & Health Care System	2	_____
NPN 105	Development of Care Giver Role	6	_____
NPN 110	Pharmacological & Other Therapeutic Modalities	2	_____
NPN 125	Mental Health	3	_____
NPN 130	Pharmacology II	3	_____
NPN 135	Introduction to Health Deviation	6	_____
NPN 200	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	5	_____
NPN 201	Child Bearing Family	3	_____
NPN 205	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	5	_____
NPN 210	Clinical Practicum	4	_____
NPN 215	Nursing Trends & Issues	1	_____

TOTAL HOURS FOR PROGRAM –66

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

COORDINATOR'S NOTES:

All General Education requirements may be completed prior to first semester of nursing classes.

BIO 137 and PSY 110 must be taken prior to enrollment in any NPN Course.

Student must show proof of computer literacy AND proof of completing a 75-hour Nursing Assistant course AND proof of active status on the KY Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry AND not listed on the Abuse Registry before enrolling in any NPN course.

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.

*Diploma in Practical Nursing - 57 Total Credit Hours.
Course requirements remain the same with the following exceptions:
*COM 181 OR COM 252 OR ENG 101
*MAT 110 OR MAT 150 not required for PN Diploma
*Heritage/Humanities/Foreign Language not required for PN Diploma

SEMESTER COURSE LISTING

Class	Credit
SEMESTER ONE (16 HOURS)	
*ENG 101	_____
BIO 137	_____
PSY 110	_____
*MAT 110 or *MAT 150	_____
*Heritage/Humanities/Fgn Language	_____
SEMESTER TWO (17 HOURS)	
BIO 139	_____
PSY 223	_____
NPN 100	_____
NPN 105	_____
NPN 110	_____
SEMESTER THREE (15 HOURS)	
NPN 125	_____
NPN 130	_____
NPN 135	_____
NPN 201	_____
SEMESTER FOUR (18 HOURS)	
COM 181 or 252	_____
NPN 200	_____
NPN 205	_____
NPN 210	_____
NPN 215	_____

TOTAL HOURS FOR PROGRAM – 66

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 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.

STUDENT _____ ID NO. _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ ADVISOR _____