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 2013 and for the Somerset MNA to LPN Evening/Weekend Program will be Fall, 2013. The next admission for the Laurel and Clinton extensions will be Spring, 2014.

For the Somerset Day Program, the deadline will be October 1st, 2012.
For the Somerset MNA to LPN Evening/Weekend Program the deadline will be April 1st, 2013.
For the Laurel and Clinton extensions, the deadline will be October 1st, 2013.

(See enclosed Admissions Guidelines).

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

1. Complete a Somerset Community College Application.
2. Take COMPASS or ACT exam.
3. Successfully pass remedial courses (Reading, Writing, and/or Math) required by COMPASS/ACT 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.
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
7. Must have current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification.

To qualify for acceptance into the **Career Pathway MNA to LPN Evening/Weekend Program**, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete Somerset Community College Application.
2. Take COMPASS or ACT exam.
3. Successfully pass remedial courses (Reading, Writing, and/or Math) required by COMPASS /ACT 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.
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
   *PY 110
   *PSY 223
   *Show proof of computer literacy
   *ENG 101 **(OR)**
   *COM 181 **(OR)**
   *COM 252
7. Must have current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification.

Classes for the **traditional day program (Somerset, Laurel, and Clinton**) 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 **Career Pathway MNA to LPN 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) or Cheryl Ping (cheryl.ping@kctcs.edu) at (606) 451-6841.

Sincerely,
Ruth S. Martin

Ruth S. Martin, RN, MSN
PN Coordinator
Somerset Community College
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SOMERSET COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- **Submit a current college application to the Admission's Office. If you have been out of college for a semester or more, you will need to complete a new application.**

- **Take the ACT or COMPASS exam. Please request exam scores to be sent to SCC.**

- **A letter of intent (for the current admission period) to the PN Coordinator indicating which program (Somerset, Career Pathways MNA to LPN (evening/weekend), Laurel, or Clinton) and the semester you wish to be considered. *(Please include in packet when submitted.)***

- Attend a pre-admission conference. You must attend one conference during each admission period unless waived by the PN Coordinator

- **Submit a complete application folder to the PN Coordinator by the October 1st deadline for the spring admission period and March 1st deadline for the fall admission period. Packets must be received by 4:30 pm on deadline date. (The admission committee reserves the right to extend the deadline if needed with preference given to those students who met the previous deadline.)**

Your folder should contain the following documents requested from the admissions office. The coordinator will pass out forms and have students sign and be collected so that the coordinator may submit them to the admissions office. The student will be able to specify which campus admissions office that they will pick up their completed packet (Somerset, Laurel, or Clinton). The student will be responsible to pick their packet at the designated admissions office and submit to the coordinator prior to the deadline. (Please allow at least two work days for receiving the requested packet.)

A copy of college application (do not submit original to me)
Official high school transcript with graduation date identified or a passing GED score
Official transcripts from ALL colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools attended since high school.
ACT or COMPASS scores

NOTE: Please present your packet 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) 878-4831office #214 at the Health Sciences Building on Laurel North Campus or Amanda Smith Office #103, phone# (606)387-3705 at the Clinton Center so that they may verify that all information required is included in the PN Packet. They ***will not*** accept the packet if it is not complete. Please call them prior to coming to campus so that someone will be available to review and accept your packet,

DO NOT MAIL YOUR PACKET.

- **Submit proof of active status on the Kentucky Nurse Aide Registry to be submitted by 1st day of class when admitted to program.**

- **Submit proof of CPR – (American Heart Association Health Care Provider) submitted by 1st day of class when admitted to program.**

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 packet. You may also need to update your records in the Admission's Office.

If you are applying for readmission into the program, you are responsible to complete a new packet and submit it by 4:30 pm on the deadline date. Deadline dates for readmission may be waived upon the discretion of the coordinator.

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:

1. **Sufficient visual acuity, such as is needed in preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for patient assessment and nursing care;**
2. **Sufficient 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. **Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills, including the manipulation of equipment required in meeting health needs;**
4. **Sufficient 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. **Sufficient intellectual and emotional functions to plan and implement care for individuals.**

PRACTICAL NURSING SELECTIVE ADMISSION ASSESSMENT
TRADITIONAL DAY PROGRAM

Name _____ SSN _____ PSID_____

For Applicants With No Previous College Experience:

Preference I	**High School GPA Possible Points = 35**	**GED Scores Possible Points = 35**
35 points	3.76-4.0 cumulative high school GPA	GED score of 660 or >
30 points	3.51-3.75 cumulative high school GPA	GED score of 630-650
25 points	3.26-3.50 cumulative high school GPA	GED score of 610-620
20 points	3.00-3.25 cumulative high school GPA	GED score of 550-600

For All Applicants

Preference II			**Placement Scores**			**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

For Applicants With Previous College Experience

Preference III	**Earned Credit in Approved Curriculum**		**Possible Points =35**
Courses	**Grade**	**Points**	***Earned Credit Points***
CIS 100 or CIT 105			A = 5 Points B = 4 Points C = 2 Points
ENG 101			
COM 181 or COM 252			
PY 110			
PSY 223			
BIO 137			
BIO 139			

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

CAREER PATHWAY (MNA TO LPN)
PRACTICAL NURSING SELECTIVE ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

Name _____ SSN _____ PSID_____

Preference I			**Placement Scores**			**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

Preference II	**Earned Credit in Approved Curriculum**		
			POSSIBLE POINTS= 35
Courses	***Grade***	***Points***	***Earned Credit Points***
CIS 100 or CIT 105			A = 5 Points B = 4 Points C = 2 Points
ENG 101			
COM 181 ***OR*** *COM 252*			
PY 110			
PSY 223			
BIO 137			
BIO 139			

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

PRACTICAL NURSING
APPROXIMATE COST

NAA (Medicaid Nurse Aide class)	$550.00
Practical Nursing:	
Tuition & Fees:	$130.00 per credit hour
Books:	$700.00
Lab Kit:	$50.00
Hepatitis B Injections x 3 Injections:	$75.00/injection
TB (PPD) Skin Test	$12.00
Liability Insurance (renewed each year):	$20.00
Uniforms (2)	$60.00
Long Lab Coat	$30.00
Shoes	$75.00
Apron	$50.00
Sprague Lit (includes stethoscope, bandage Scissors, penlight, pocket caddy)	$20.00
Watch with a second hand	$20.00
Name Pin	$6.00
ATI	$500-550.00
Criminal Background Check/Drug Screen (renewed yearly)	$80.00
NCLEX Fees	$200.00
Kentucky Board of Nursing Licensure Fee	$110.00
Criminal Check	$15.00
Fingerprinting Criminal Background Check	$19.25

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
Prerequisites				
*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	_____	_____
*PY 110	General Psychology	3	_____	_____
First Semester				
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	_____	_____
*PSY 223	Developmental Psychology	3	_____	_____
Second Semester				
NPN 201	Child Bearing Family	3	_____	_____
NPN 125	Mental Health	3	_____	_____
NPN 130	Pharmacology II	3	_____	_____
NPN 135	Introduction to Health Deviations	6	_____	_____
Third Semester				
NPN 200	Med Surg I	5	_____	_____
NPN 205	Med Surg II	5	_____	_____
NPN 210	Clinical Practicum	4	_____	_____
*ENG 101	Writing I (**OR**)	(3)	_____	_____
*COM 252	Interpersonal Communications (**OR**)	(3)	_____	_____
*COM 181	Basic Public Speaking	(3)	_____	_____
NPN 215	Nursing Trends and Issues	1	_____	_____
			Total	57

*Courses may be taken prior to first semester of nursing classes. Must show proof of computer literacy.
* **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: _____

Associate in Applied Science in General Occupational/Technical Studies

Emphasis Practical Nursing

Category	Course Selected	Credit Hour	Semester	Grade
Natural Science	_____	3	_____	_____
Mathematics	_____	3	_____	_____
Social/Behavioral Science	_____	3	_____	_____
Humanities/Fine Art/Foreign Language	_____	3	_____	_____
Writing/Accessing Information	_____	3	_____	_____
Oral Communications	_____	3	_____	_____
Total General Education Credit Hours		18		
Computer Literacy	_____	3	_____	_____

Total Hours AAS GOTS

Refer to the current KCTCS Catalog to select courses for each required category

CAREER PATHWAYS
Practical Nursing Program
CURRICULUM

Student_____ GPA_____ACT/COMPASS_____

Remedial Course as Needed				
Course	**Hours**	**Description**	**Grade**	**Term**
RDG 010		**Intro. College Reading**		
RDG 020		**Improved College Reading**		
RDG 030		**Reading for the College Classroom**		
MT 055		**Pre-Alg.**		
MT 065		**Basic Alg.**		
ENC 090		**Found. Writing I**		
ENC 091		**Found. Writing II**		
Course	**Hours**	**Description**	**Grade**	**Term**
Pre-Requisites				
NAA 100	**0-3**	**Nursing assistant**		
BIO 137	**4**	**Human Anatomy & Physiology I**		
BIO 139	**4**	**Human Anatomy & Physiology II**		
Must show Computer Literacy				
COM 181 or 252 or	**3**	**Oral communication**		
ENG 101	**3**	**Writing I**		
PSY 110	**3**	**General Psychology**		
PSY 223	**3**	**Developmental Psychology**		
First Semester Nursing				
NPN 100	**2**	**Intro to Nursing**		
NPN105	**6**	**Development of the Care Giver Role**		
NPN 110	**2**	**Pharmacology and other Therapeutic Modalities**		
Second Semester Nursing				
NPN 125	**3**	**Mental Health**		
NPN 130	**3**	**Pharmacology II**		
NPN 135	**6**	**Intro to Health Deviations**		
NPN 201	**3**	**Childbearing Family**		
Third Semester Nursing				
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 2012 FOR SPRING 2013

SOMERSET TRADITIONAL DAY

Program ADMISSION

Alton Blakely Building-Room 331

Tuesday, August 21st	**3:30 p.m. (EST)**
Tuesday, September 4th	**3:30 p.m. (EST)**
Monday, September 17th	**3:30 p.m. (EST)**

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.