St. Cloud Technical & Community College
Associate Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) Program – Information Packet

Welcome!
Health programs have specific requirements for students to complete.

Applicants **must** be an LPN to apply to the A.D.N. program. If not, please visit Practical Nursing information.
This material is to help guide you through the process from beginning to graduating from your intended health major.
Staff and faculty are here to assist with your educational journey and look forward to seeing you on campus!

Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Program Description
The A.D.N. program is designed for graduates from Practical Nursing programs (LPN). It is a full-time, 2-semester program.
- A.D.N. program begins each fall semester
- 50 students are accepted each fall semester
- 2 semesters: fall, spring

Supervised clinical experience is provided in hospitals and rural and community hospital settings, specialized dementia care facilities, and ambulatory clinics.

Graduates are eligible to transfer to BSN/BAN programs in the MNState system as part of the MNState Nursing Articulation Agreement.

Nursing (A.D.N.) Careers
Potential employers include Hospitals, Clinics, Long Term Care Facilities, Assisted Living, Hospice, Veterans Health Care System, Correctional Facilities
- The three-year placement rate for the A.D.N. program is 100%.
- The average Central MN annual salary range $47k to 88k.

Prospective/Returning Student - Application Process
- Your first step is to apply to SCTCC as a Pre-ADN student at https://sctcc.edu/apply
- Follow instructions received by Admissions and Records & Registration offices.
- Meet with an advisor to begin the *Current SCTCC Student* process.

Current SCTCC Student / Advisor Meetings - Academic Advising Center
- Current SCTCC students are required to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to receive a registration access code and review their academic plan.
- We encourage students to visit more often with any questions or concerns they may have.
- We are here to align you with resources that are available and help guide you through your educational journey at SCTCC!

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Nursing (A.D.N.) Program Requirements

- **MUST be Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)**
  - Applicants that will have licensure by February 1st , the date the A.D.N. application closes, will have priority acceptance.
  - If in the process of a PN program OR licensing, all applicants must have passed their NCLEX PN Exam and be licensed by July 15th.
- A minimum grade of "C" or better AND a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in pre-requisite coursework is required to be considered for admission and must be maintained in the program.
- Students with all pre-requisite courses complete will have priority acceptance.
- When applying to the program, applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC
  - Not on warning or probation - cumulative GPA 2.0 & cumulative completion rate of 66.67%.
- **Re-take Options:** Each pre-requisite and General Education course may be taken 3 times (effective Dec 2022).
  - Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses
- Program application dates and periods may vary and/or be extended. Priority is given to those who apply during the first application period. Stay up to date by checking the program page frequently.
- The Nursing (A.D.N) program is **highly competitive**, the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.

General Education pre-requisites include	Credit	Semester
BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I	**4 Credits**	_____
○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 1351: General Biology		
BLGY 2320: Human Anatomy/Physiology II	**4 Credits**	_____
○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I		
BLGY 2330: Microbiology	**4 Credits**	_____
○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 1351: General Biology		
BLGY 1325: Nutrition	**3 Credits**	_____
Goal Area 1 – Communications: Oral	**3 Credits**	_____
CMST 2310: Interpersonal Communication(3cr) **OR** CMST 1320: Introduction to Communication Studies(3cr)		
Analytical Writing	**4 Credits**	_____
ENGL 1312: Analytical Writing (4cr) **OR** ENGL 1308 & 1309: Stretch Analytical Writing I & II (6cr total)		
PHIL 1320: Ethics	**3 Credits**	_____
PSYC 1304: Lifespan Developmental Psychology	**3 Credits**	_____
GERO 1300: Introduction to Gerontology	**3 Credits**	_____
Credit Awarded for completion of PN Program	**9 Credits**	_____

- 9 credits from the PN program will be transferred in to the A.D.N. program

ATI TEAS score is valid for 3 years
- Example: ATI TEAS exam dated 10/01/2022 is valid until 10/01/2025.
- Minimum ATI TEAS score for the ADN program is 56.

Historical Applicant Data – Nursing Mobility (A.D.N.)

Program Start Date	Number of Seats Available	Total Number of Applicants	Total Number of Qualified Applicants*	Average GPA in prerequisites of Accepted Applicants	Average TEAS Score % of Accepted Applicants	Number of Accepted Applicants with LPN coursework completed at SCTCC	Number of Accepted Applicants with previous LPN-related Work Experience	Number of Accepted Applicants with other Degree Listed (besides LPN)
Fall 2017	50	115	87	3.61	73.1	47	45	24
Fall 2018	50	105	76	3.50	73.3	40	48	17
Fall 2019	50	125	101	3.64	75.2	38	46	26
Fall 2020	50	139	108	3.60	73.1	42	48	29
Fall 2021	50	134	106	3.64	67.3	42	48	32
Fall 2022	50	111	65	3.57	71.7	31	45	26
Fall 2023	50	116	64	3.534	70.5	X	49	27

*All pre-requisites complete with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
Applicants will ALL pre-requisites complete at the time of application have priority acceptance
Starting Fall 2023: Applicants that have PN licensure by February 1st will have priority acceptance (MUST have by July 15th).

ADN Program Check List for new & returning (out for over a year) students:

☐Apply to SCTCC: https://sctcc.edu/apply

☐ Complete eOrientation & Meet with an Academic Advisor

☐ Apply for Scholarships and/or FAFSA

ADN Program Check List for current SCTCC students:

☐Follow an *Academic Plan* developed by you and an advisor

☐Complete Pre-Requisites

☐Schedule ATI TEAS exam prior to applying to the ADN program

☐Apply to the Program: https://sctcc.edu/nursing-adn-application

- The ADN application is open December 1st through February 1st
- ATI TEAS Score MUST be complete by the last date of the application period.
- Minimum score for ADN program is *56*.

Application Timeline for the ADN Program at SCTCC

- Must be a current SCTCC student to apply to the program
- The ADN application is open December 1st through February 1st
    - Dates are estimated and subject to change. Review ADN page for updates.
- Application is found at http://www.sctcc.edu/nursing-adn-application
- ATI TEAS Score MUST be complete by the last date of the application period.
    - Minimum score for ADN program is 56. The ATI TEAS score is valid for three years and can be taken up to three times in a calendar year.
- 10 weeks after application period closes:
    - **Accepted** applicants will have letters sent
        - Top 50 ranking students
    - **Alternate List** applicants will be notified of their status
    - **Non-accepted** applicants are notified & encouraged to meet with an advisor to discuss:
        - ways to improve your application before reapplying to the program
        - your educational options / course selection for next semester
        - other programs and opportunities at SCTCC

Applicants admitted to the A.D.N. program

- Applicants will be notified of the date and time for the mandatory A.D.N. student orientation, usually held in June.
- Applicants MUST supply documentation of current AHA/Basic Life Support and Practical Nursing License.
- Applicants will be required to take and pass a MN Criminal Background study, electronic fingerprinting, AND drug testing (paid for by the student).

Applicants Placed on the *Alternate List* for the A.D.N. program
- Applicants who meet the requirements but were not admitted because the program was full will be placed on a ranked alternate list.
- Applicants placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program if spaces open prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ALL applicants who wish to gain admission to the A.D.N. Program in the future must reapply, including those who were on the previous year's alternate list.

***If an applicant is accepted and declines to be admitted into the program, no preference will be given to the applicant should he or she choose to apply in any subsequent year. To be considered for admission in any subsequent year, such students will need to go through the entire application process again.**

The A.D.N. Program is a 64 credit degree

Length of Program Once Admitted: *2* semesters   *Start*: Fall Semester/August

Program courses (once accepted)		24 credits
Pre-requisites credits (minimum):		31 credits
PN Program Credits Transferred to the ADN Program		9 credits
	TOTAL	**64 Credits**

A.D.N. Program Course (once accepted)
Fall Semester

NURS 2401 Transitional Nursing Concepts		3 credits
NURS 2415 Nursing Concepts I		5 credits
NURS 2418 Clinical Concepts I		4 credits
	TOTAL	**12 credits**

Spring Semester

NURS 2421 Nursing Concepts II		3 credits
NURS 2424 Clinical Concepts II		4 credits
NURS 2411 Professional Nursing Concepts		3 credits
	TOTAL	**12 credits**

Estimated Cost of Program
- Tuition & Fees (80 credits) $16,042
- Books, Supplies, Materials $3,189 = $19,231.
  - Please visit http://www.sctcc.edu/financial-aid for tuition and fees rate, cost of credits and programs.
  - Information on the financial aid process and scholarships is also available.

Licensing Exam
After graduation, students are required to take and pass the Minnesota
Board of Nursing Pre Licensure Requirements for the NCLEX-RN.

Program FAQs – Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Mobility

Can I apply directly to the A.D.N. program?
Students MUST be a *Current Student* (applied and accepted to SCTCC).

Can I apply to the program without all of the pre-requisites complete?
Students can apply with pre-requisites in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority is given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.

Can I re-take a pre-requisite course to improve my GPA?
Pre-requisite courses may be taken three times. Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses.

What does Nursing "Mobility" program mean?
Nursing Mobility is a rigorous program designed for LPNs who aspire to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing to become a registered nurse (RN).

When does the A.D.N. program start?
The A.D.N. program is a 2-semester program that begins each Fall Semester.

How many students are accepted?
50 students are accepted each fall semester.

Can I attend Part-Time?
The A.D.N. program is a *full-time* program only. Classes Monday -Thursday

Does my PN License have to be from the State of MN?
There is no additional testing because it is a national exam but will need to pay the fee for licensure in MN. Students must be licensed by the State of MN to be employed in MN.

When can I apply to the program?
The A.D.N. application window is open December 1st through February 1st and can be found at http://www.sctcc.edu/nursing-adn-application

Once accepted to the program, what is the schedule like?
Classes are scheduled Monday through Thursday.

Clinical sites include: The majority of clinical days are at St. Cloud Hospital. Other sites are CentraCare-Long Prairie, CentraCare-Melrose, CentraCare-Sauk Centre, First Light-Mora and Quiet Oaks Hospice. The rural sites are 2 clinical days. The furthest travel time from SCTCC about 50 miles.

Is the A.D.N. program accredited?
St. Cloud Technical & Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The St. Cloud Technical & Community College is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and is nationally accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20037; phone 202-909-2500.

FAQs - Nursing ATI TEAS Examination

When can I sign up to take the ATI TEAS exam?
ATI TEAS is available year-round in the SCTCC Testing Center. Applicants may take the test up to 3 times per year but wait 2-3 weeks between retakes. Budget 4 hours for each test attemp. Accomodations are available for those who qualify. ATI TEAS exam MUST be taken prior to applying to the A.D.N. program.

Can I take the ATI TEAS exam closer to my home?
Students can take the ATI TEAS at a different location but an official transcript of your ATI TEAS score MUST be submitted by the deadline of the last ATI TEAS exam offered at SCTCC. NOTE: ATI charges a fee to students requesting and official transcript sent to a college.

Is there an expiration date of my ATI TEAS exam?
ATI TEAS score is valid for 3 years. Minimum score for the A.D.N. program is *56.*
- Example: ATI TEAS score date 10/01/2023 - valid until 10/01/2026

How many times can I take the ATI TEAS exam?
Applicants may take the test up to 3 times per year but wait 2-3 weeks between retakes. Budget 4 hours for each test attemp. Accomodations are available for those who qualify.

What is the minimum score accepted for the ATI TEAS exam?
- ATI TEAS exam results of 52.0 or higher will be acceptable for the PN program.
- ATI TEAS exam results of 56.0 or higher will be acceptable for the ADN program.
  - Please review the program *Historical Data* to view past scores of accepted students.

What if I already took the ATI TEAS exam?
Students have the option to submit a previous ATI TEAS Exam score if they have already completed the ATI TEAS Exam. The applicant can use that score with their application, or choose to retake the ATI TEAS Exam when it is offered at our college along with submitting a previous score (the higher of the two will be considered).

What is covered and format of the ATI TEAS exam?
The ATI TEAS exam is comprised of 170 questions set up in multiple choice format with four-option answers. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the 4 areas of:
- Reading (53 questions/64 minutes)
- Math (36 questions/54 minutes)
- Science (53 questions/63 minutes)
- English and Language Usage (28 questions/28 minutes)

Total of 209 minutes (3 hours 48 minutes)

When will I know the results of the ATI TEAS exam?
Upon completion of the ATI TEAS exam, your test will be scored immediately, allowing you to view your TEAS score report at that time.

How can I study for the ATI TEAS exam?
- Purchase study materials – Amazon, Barnes & Noble are just a few options
- Visit the ATI website for free practice exams
- Supplemental study material: Download the FREE ATI Teas app!

Visit SCTCC! – Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.)
Thank you for your interest in the A.D.N. (2-year R.N.) program at SCTCC!
We invite you to sign up for a tour or open house event at https://sctcc.edu/visit

After reviewing this information, if you need further assistance, please contact:
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