

## St. Cloud Technical & Community College Practical Nursing Program – Information Packet

### Welcome!

Health programs have specific requirements for students to complete.

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!

### Practical Nursing Program Description

The PN program offers a full-time AND a part-time option with a fall semester AND spring semester start dates.

- Full time:
  - 2-semester program (fall and spring OR spring and fall)
  - 50 students accepted each start date
- Part-time:
  - 4-semester program
  - fall, spring, fall, spring OR spring, fall, spring, fall
  - 8 students accepted each start date

It is a competitive program that requires a 2-application process.

St. Cloud Technical and Community College's (SCTCC) Practical Nursing (PN) program is designed to provide learning opportunities in various settings where students work closely with physicians, registered nurses and other health care professionals in the delivery of delegated medical care and skills. In addition, assistance is provided to individuals to meet their basic human needs.

The program stresses meeting basic needs within the framework of normal growth and development throughout the life span. Learning experiences are developed utilizing the nursing process as a framework for training the practical nursing student. Emphasis is placed on safe practice and the role of the Licensed Practical Nurse. Past experience, the study of sciences, and personal initiative are all considered important for success in this program. The program is fully approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

The Practical Nursing Program provides a foundation for career mobility with associate or baccalaureate professional nursing programs.

### Practical Nursing Careers

Potential employers include Hospitals, Clinics, Long Term Care facilities, Assisted Living, Clinics, Schools, Hospice, Industrial/ Occupational Health

- The three-year placement rate for the Practical Nursing program is 96%.
- The average Central MN annual salary range is \$42k - \$63k.

### Prospective/Returning Student - Application Process

- Your first step is to apply to SCTCC as a Pre-PN 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!

### Practical Nursing Program Planner - Options A & B

- A minimum grade of “C” or better AND a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above in pre-requisite coursework is required to be considered for admission and must be maintained in the program.
- The ATI TEAS exam MUST be taken prior to the close of the PN application date (minimum score of “52”).
- 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: Pre-requisites may be taken 3 times. **Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses.**
- The Practical Nursing is highly competitive; applicants that meet minimum admission standards may not be accepted.

#### Practical Nursing Program - OPTION A: Students Pursing LPN only

<u>General Education pre-requisites include</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Semester</u>
BLGY 1321: Human Biology	4 Credits	_____
HLTH 1440: Medical Terminology	1 Credit	_____
PSYC 1304: Lifespan Psychology	3 Credits	_____
<u>Goal Area 1 - Written Communication – CHOOSE 1:</u>	3 Credits	_____
ENGL 1312: Analytical Writing (4cr)		
ENGL 1308: : Stretch Analytical Writing I (3cr)		
ENGL 1309: Stretch Analytical Writing II (3cr)		
<u>OTHER Requirements:</u>		
MATH Requirement (MATH 0831 / 1331 if not exempt - details below)	6 credits	_____
Nurse Assistant Requirement (details below)	3 credits	_____

#### Practical Nursing Program - OPTION B: Students pursuing LPN, will continue education to earn 2-year R.N.

<u>General Education pre-requisites include</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Semester</u>
BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 1351: General Biology</li> </ul>	4 Credits	_____
BLGY 2320: Human Anatomy/Physiology II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pre-requisite is BLGY 2310: Human Anatomy/Physiology I</li> </ul>	4 Credits	_____
HLTH 1440: Medical Terminology	1 Credit	_____
PSYC 1304: Lifespan & Developmental Psychology	3 Credits	_____
<u>Goal Area 1 - Written Communication – CHOOSE 1:</u>	4 Credits	_____
ENGL 1312: Analytical Writing (4cr) <u>OR</u>		
ENGL 1308 & 1309: Stretch Analytical Writing I & II (6cr total)		
<u>OTHER Requirements:</u>		
MATH Requirement (MATH 0831 / 1331 if not exempt - details below)	6 credits	_____
Nurse Assistant Requirement (details below)	3 credits	_____

#### Math Requirement (Varies):

- Accuplacer QAS minimum score of 260 OR ACT score of 19 OR Complete MNTC Goal area 4 Math course
  - **RECOMMEND MATH 0831 Bridge to Quantitative Reasoning + MATH 1331 Quantitative Reasoning**
  - This course(s) will better prepare students for the ATI TEAS exam
- Math course placement dependent on Accuplacer score

#### Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC :

##### Nurse Assistant requirement (1 of these 2 options must be met):

- Provide MN State CURRENT registry number
- Provide verification of a 75-hr Nurse Assistant course taken in MN

Course options at SCTCC: HLTH 1402 or HCCC 1415, HCCC 1425 & HCCC 1480 (NA course is valid for five years)

**CPR requirement: Basic Life Support (BLS) American Heart Association** Provide a copy of CPR card AFTER accepted to the PN program (During PN orientation meeting)

Course options at SCTCC: EMSC 1480 (1 credit course) OR HBHE 1513 (Hour based course)

**FYI: Additional pre-requisite courses are required for the ADN program. Visit the Nursing ADN planner for full details.**

Courses include: BLGY 1325, BLGY 2330, GERO 1300, PHIL 1320 and CMST 1320 or 2310 = 16 credits

**Historical Applicant Data – Full Time Practical Nursing Program**

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 all Prerequisites Completed Prior to Application	Number of Accepted Applicants that earned 11 or more prerequisite credits at SCTCC	Number of Accepted Applicants with Previous Degrees Listed
Spring 2021	50	87	52	3.65	69.3	37	38	11
<i>Spring 2021 (part time)</i>	8	15	5	3.27	66.0	2	1	1
Fall 2021	50	64	44	3.46	69.9	30	35	6
<i>Fall 2021 (part time)</i>	8	4	4	3.39	65.4	4	3	1
Spring 2022	50	76	52	3.39	69.7	41	36	16
<i>Spring 2022 (part time)</i>	8	13	9	3.56	66.1	6	4	2
Fall 2022	50	54	36	3.47	66.2	22	7	12
<i>Fall 2022 (part time)</i>	8	5	5	3.43	71.4	3	5	1
Spring 2023	50	62	41	3.374	67.4	24	23	10
<i>Spring 2023 (part time)</i>	8	14	10	3.511	70.3	6	8	4
Fall 2023	50	80	49	3.297	67.9	20	28	10
<i>Fall 2023 (part time)</i>	8	18	10	3.389	67.7	5	6	1

\*All pre-requisites complete with a GPA of 2.50 or higher

**PN 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.

**PN Program Check List for current SCTCC students:**

- Follow an *Academic Plan* developed by you and an advisor.
- Complete Pre-Requisites (can apply with pre-requisites in-progress).
- Schedule ATI TEAS exam prior to the close of the PN program application date.
- Apply to the Program: <https://sctcc.edu/application-practical-nursing-program>
  - For a Spring Semester PN program start date – apply during July 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Applications received by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have priority acceptance.
    - ATI TEAS exam must be complete by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - For a Fall Semester PN program start date – apply during December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Applications received by February 15<sup>th</sup> will have priority acceptance.
    - ATI TEAS exam must be complete by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Application dates may be extended, please continue to visit the application webpage.**

### **Application Timeline for the Practical Nursing Program at SCTCC**

- Must be a current SCTCC student to apply to the program
- There are two application periods for the PN program
  - For a Spring Semester PN program start date – apply during July 1<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Applications received by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have priority acceptance.
    - ATI TEAS exam must be complete by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - For a Fall Semester PN program start date – apply during December 1<sup>st</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Applications received by February 15<sup>th</sup> will have priority acceptance.
    - ATI TEAS exam must be complete by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Application is found at <https://sctcc.edu/application-practical-nursing-program>
- 8 weeks after application period closes:
  - **Accepted** applicants will have letters sent
    - Top 50 F/T ranking students
    - Top 8 P/T 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 Practical Nursing program**

- Acceptance letters are sent to the top 50 applicants for the full-time program
- Acceptance letters are sent to the top 8 applicants for the part-time program.
- Applicants offered admission to the P.N. program must respond by the date noted in the acceptance letter to reserve their seat in the program (please include all required information).
- Applicants will be notified of the date and time for the **MANDATORY** P.N. student orientation, usually held in June for fall semester, Oct for spring semester.
- Applicants **MUST** provide documentation of current AHA/Basic Life Support at the meeting.
- 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 Practical Nursing 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 semester.
- ALL applicants who wish to gain admission to the P.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. In order to be considered for admission in any subsequent year, such students will need to go through the entire application process again.**

**The P.N. Diploma is a 40-credit program – Full Time Planner**

*Length of Program Once Admitted:* Full time program is 2 semesters

*Start:* Fall Semester/August AND Spring Semester/January

Program courses (once accepted)	29 credit
Minimum pre-requisite credits:	11 credit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40 credits</b>

P.N. Program Full-Time Course Schedule (once accepted)

**First Semester**

PRSG 2401 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3 credit
PRSG 2409 Basic Nursing Concepts	3 credit
PRSG 2419 Nursing Skills	3 credit
PRSG 2429 Essentials of Clinical Pharmacology	2 credit
<u>PRSG 2439 Clinical Application I</u>	<u>3 credit</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14 credits</b>

**Second Semester**

PRSG 2402 Medical Surgical Nursing II	3 credit
PRSG 2411 Bridging to Nursing Practice	2 credit
PRSG 2440 Clinical Application II	5 credit
PRSG 2450 Maternal Child Nursing	3 credit
<u>PRSG 2460 Mental Health Nursing</u>	<u>2 credit</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15 credits</b>

**Estimated Cost of Program**

- Tuition & Fees (40 credits) \$8,860
- Books, Supplies, Materials \$2,425 = \$11,285.
  - 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-PN.

**The P.N. Diploma is a 40-credit program – Part-Time Planner**

*Length of Program Once Admitted:* Part time program is 4 semesters

*Start:* Fall Semester/August AND Spring Semester/January

Program courses (once accepted)	29 credits
Minimum pre-requisite credits:	11 credits
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40 credits</b>

P.N. Program Part-Time Course Schedule (once accepted)

**First Semester**

PRSG 2401 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3 credit
PRSG 2429 Essentials of Clinical Pharmacology	2 credit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 credits</b>

**Second Semester**

PRSG 2409 Basic Nursing Concepts	3 credit
PRSG 2419 Nursing Skills	3 credit
PRSG 2439 Clinical Application I	3 credit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 credits</b>

**Third Semester**

PRSG 2402 Medical Surgical Nursing II	3 credit
PRSG 2450 Maternal Child Nursing	3 credit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6 credits</b>

**Fourth Semester**

PRSG 2411 Bridging to Nursing Practice	2 credit
PRSG 2440 Clinical Application II	5 credit
PRSG 2460 Mental Health Nursing	2 credit
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 credits</b>

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**Licensing Exam**

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

## **FAQs – Practical Nursing (P.N.) Program**

### **Can I apply to the program without all the pre-requisites complete?**

Students can apply with pre-requisite courses in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program. Priority will be given to students with all pre-requisites complete at the time of application.

Students MUST be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC at time of application (not on academic warning or academic probation).

### **Can I re-take a pre-requisite course to improve my GPA?**

Pre-requisites may be taken 3 times. **Consult with an advisor about the impact of repeated courses.**

### **When does the P.N. program start?**

The full-time program is 2-semesters that begins each Fall Semester & Spring Semester.

The part-time program is 4-semesters that begins each Fall Semester & Spring semester.

### **How many students are accepted?**

The full-time P.N. program accepts 50 students each fall semester & each spring semester.

The part-time P.N. program accepts 8 students each fall semester & each spring semester.

### **When can I apply to the P.N. program?**

The full-time P.N. application window is open December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Applications received by February 15<sup>th</sup> will have priority acceptance.
- For Fall Semester/August program start date

The full-time P.N. application window is open July 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Applications received by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have priority acceptance.
- For Spring Semester/January program start date.

The part-time P.N. application window is open December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Applications received by February 15<sup>th</sup> will have priority acceptance.
- For Fall Semester/August program start date

The part-time P.N. application window is open July 1<sup>st</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Applications received by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have priority acceptance.
- For Spring Semester/January program start date.

### **Are any of the P.N. courses offered online?**

Once accepted to the program, all courses are held on campus or at Clinical sites.

### **Once accepted to the Practical Nursing program, what is the schedule like?**

The full-time P.N. is Monday –Friday with clinical rotation scheduled on Thursday & Friday.

The part-time P.N. is Monday & Tuesday the first semester, additional days second semester for clinical rotation.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Clinical sites include: St. Cloud Hospital, VA Medical Center, Assumption, St. Benedicts Ctr. Country Manor, Good Shepherd Community, Health Partners, CentraCare Health Plaza. Currently the furthest travel time from SCTCC is about 20 miles.

Once accepted and program begins, students CANNOT switch sections going from P/T to F/T or from F/T to P/T program options.

### **Is the P.N. program accredited?**

The St. Cloud Technical and Community College (SCTCC) Practical Nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. 404-975-5000.

## **FAQs - Nursing ATI TEAS Examination**

### **When can I sign up to take the ATI TEAS exam?**

The ATI TEAS exam is available year-round in the SCTCC Testing Center.

**NOTE:** The ATI TEAS exam MUST be taken before the last day of PN open application period

Students applying to the P.N. Program between 07/01– 09/01: exam must be taken by 10/01

Students applying to the P.N. Program between 12/15- 02/15: exam must be taken by 03/01

### **Can I take it closer to my home?**

Students can take the ATI TEAS at a different location but scores MUST be submitted by the deadline of the last ATI TEAS exam offered at SCTCC. NOTE: ATI charges a fee to students who request their score be sent to a college.

### **Is there an expiration date of my ATI TEAS exam?**

The ATI TEAS exam expires in 3 years. Example: ATI TEAS score date 10/01/2022 – valid until 10/01/2025.

### **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 attempt. Accommodations 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.

ATI TEAS scores are combined with the application score to determine final rank and eligibility for program acceptance. Review the *Historical Applicant Data* to view accepted students past scores.

### **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 score 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 & 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 ATI TEAS score report at that time.

### **How can I study for the ATI TEAS exam?**

Study Materials are available at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas>

- Purchase study materials – Amazon, Barnes & Noble are just a few options
- Visit the ATI website for free practice exams
- Copies of the ATI TEAS study manual are available for use in the SCTCC library
- The ATI TEAS Study Guide is available for purchase in the SCTCC Bookstore
- Visit <https://www.sctcc.edu/teas-exam-information> for updated information.

## **Visit SCTCC! – Practical Nursing (P.N.)**

Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing 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:

Admissions Office 320-308-5089 [enroll@sctcc.edu](mailto:enroll@sctcc.edu)

Academic Advising Center 320-308-5741 [advising@sctcc.edu](mailto:advising@sctcc.edu)