

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

Current SCTCC Student - 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!

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 hourly salary range is \$37.00 per hour.

Academic Advising Center - Current Student / Advisor Meetings

Current 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!

Definition of a *Current Student* is one that has:

- Completed the Admissions process and fully accepted to SCTCC AND
- Completed e-orientation and scheduled an initial appointment with an academic advisor OR
- Currently registered for classes at SCTCC as a current, accepted student.

Academic Advising Center: 320-308-5741

Email: aac@sctcc.edu

<https://www.sctcc.edu/advising>

Nursing (A.D.N.) Program application (2nd application):

Applicant **MUST** be a *Current Student* (applied and accepted to SCTCC).

Students can apply to the program with pre-requisites 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.

Applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC.
(cumulative GPA of 2.0 and cumulative completion rate of 67%).

Students who are on academic warning or probation will only be considered through an appeals process.

- The A.D.N. application is open December 1st through February 1st
- Application is found at <http://www.sctcc.edu/nursing-adn-application>

The A.D.N. program is highly competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.

Nursing (A.D.N.) Program Requirements

- Students MUST be a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to apply to the program.
- 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 can apply to the program with pre-requisites in-progress, MUST be complete prior to the start of the program.
- 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 67%).

General Education pre-requisites include:

BLGY 2310 Human Anatomy/Physiology I (Prereq is **BLGY 1351**) 4 credit

BLGY 2320 Human Anatomy/Physiology II (Prereq is **BLGY 2310**) 4 credit

BLGY 2330 Microbiology (Prereq is **BLGY 1351**) 4 credit

CMST 2310 Interpersonal Communication OR

CMST 1320 Introduction to Communication Studies 3 credit

ENGL 1302 Analytical Writing 4 credit

PHIL 1320 Ethics 3 credit

PSYC 1304 Life Span Developmental Psychology 3 credit

BLGY 1325 Nutrition 3 credit

GERO 1300 Gerontology 3 credit

Credit Awarded for completion of PN Program 9 credit

(Highest grades will be transferred in to the A.D.N. program)

Historical Applicant Data - A.D.N. Program (Previous years – Student Data)

Start Date	Total # of Seats Available	Total # of Applicants	Qualified Applicants*	Average GPA Pre-requisites	Average TEAS Score	Earned PN at SCTCC	LPN Work Experience	Earned another Degree
Fall 2014	50	122	75	3.48	70.7	41	45	19
Fall 2015	50	125	91	3.61	73.3	45	39	32
Fall 2016	50	107	98	3.56	71.5	45	50	30
Fall 2017	50	115	87	3.61	73.1	47	45	24
Fall 2018	50	103	88	3.50	73.3	41	48	16

* All pre-requisites complete with a GPA of 3.0 or higher

A.D.N. Application Status Notification Estimated dates and are subject to Change!

4 weeks after application period closes:

- Qualified applicants will be notified to take the TEAS Exam OR supply previous TEAS score to the college.
- Students will choose a date/sign up for the TEAS Exam.

10 weeks after the application period closes:

- Acceptance letters sent to the top 50 applicants.
Students offered admission to the A.D.N. program must respond by the date noted in the acceptance letter to reserve their seat in the program.
- Alternate List applicants are notified of their status (not accepted to the program, currently on the alternate list).
- Non-accepted applicants are notified and are encouraged to meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss:
 - Ways to improve your application before reapplying to the program.
 - Your educational options / course selection for next semester.
 - Other program and opportunities at SCTCC.

Students admitted to the A.D.N. program

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

Students 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.
- Students placed on this list will be eligible for admission to the program if spaces open prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
- ALL students 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. In order 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:	= 31 credits
<u>PN Program credits transferred to the ADN program</u>	<u>= 9 credits</u>

TOTAL 64 credits

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

Fall Semester

NURS 2401 Transitional Nursing Concepts	3 credit
NURS 2415 Nursing Concepts I	5 credit
NURS 2418 Clinical Concepts I	4 credit

TOTAL 12 credits

Spring Semester

NURS 2421 Nursing Concepts II	5 credit
NURS 2424 Clinical Concepts II	4 credit
NURS 2411 Professional Nursing Concepts	3 credit

TOTAL 12 credits

Estimated Cost of Program

- Tuition & Fees (64 credits) \$14,841
- Books, Supplies, Materials \$ 2,420
- \$17,261

Please visit <http://www.sctcc.edu/financial-aid> for tuition and fees rate, cost of credits and programs. Also, there is information on how to apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships.

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 will be 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?

Each pre-requisite course may be re-taken 1 time. Please check with an advisor before re-taking classes. Students may not receive Financial Aid for the re-take course.

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 pursuing pre-accreditation candidacy status from 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 TEAS Examination

When can I sign up to take the TEAS exam?

Students MUST be invited to take the TEAS exam at SCTCC. Students are invited to take the TEAS exam after the PN / ADN program applications have been reviewed. Explicit directions are included in the invitation that is sent via email and mailed letter.

If I am invited to take the TEAS exam can I take it closer to my home?

Students can take the TEAS at a different location but scores MUST be submitted by the deadline of the last 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 TEAS exam?

No, there is no expiration date.

How many times can I take the TEAS exam?

Students can take the TEAS exam each time they are invited to take the TEAS exam at SCTCC or can take at other locations.

What is the minimum score accepted for the TEAS exam?

- TEAS exam results of 52.0 or higher will be acceptable for the PN program.
- 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 TEAS exam?

Students have the option to submit a previous TEAS Exam score if they have already completed the TEAS Exam. The applicant can use that score with their application, or choose to retake the 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 TEAS exam?

The 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 TEAS exam?

Upon completion of the 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 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!

Checklist to Acceptance

Health Programs at St. Cloud Technical & Community College (For Students Currently Enrolled at SCTCC)

Cardiovascular Technology • Dental Assistant • Dental Hygienist • Paramedicine
Practical Nursing • **Nursing (A.D.N.)** • Sonography • Surgical Technology

- Register for pre-requisite courses for intended health major (each semester you and an advisor will review your academic plan).
- Earn a high GPA to be considered for health majors.
- Apply to the health major when requirements have been met and the program application window is open.

For details, please refer back to the Packet Information.

Visit SCTCC! – Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Information Session

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 Nursing Information Session to learn more about
the program. <https://www.sctcc.edu/infosessions/HEALTH>

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

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