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 99%.
- The average Central MN hourly salary range is $21.00 per hour.
Practical Nursing Admissions Process – 1st Steps

First application

- Complete online application found at [http://www.sctcc.edu/application](http://www.sctcc.edu/application)
- Apply as an Pre-Practical Nursing / AA degree student
- Pay $20.00 application fee
- Submit high school / college transcripts
  - MN State college transcripts are available to SCTCC once student applies.
  - Official college transcripts are required from University of MN and all private colleges.

Students returning to St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) will contact Admissions office to re-open and update student file.

Students that are fully accepted to SCTCC will be notified by the Admissions office when to complete e-orientation and meet with an academic advisor.

Admissions Office: 320-308-5089 ● Email: enroll@sctcc.edu

If transferring to SCTCC

If you have previously earned credits and want to know if they will transfer in for the program pre-requisites, please apply to SCTCC as a Pre-P.N. student (see steps above) so the Registration Office can review your transcript(s).

Check [http://www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com) for unofficial course equivalency information

e-orientation

Applicants that are fully accepted to SCTCC will be notified by the Admissions office about when and how to complete e-orientation and meet with an academic advisor.

Students starting Fall Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in April.
Students starting Spring Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in November.
Students starting Summer Semester: e-orientation and advisor appointments begin in February.

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 assist 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
Practical Nursing Program - OPTION A:
Student Track to earn L.P.N. ONLY

Program Requirements

• 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.

• ALL of the pre-requisites must be completed before start of the program.

• Re-Take Options: Pre-requisites may be re-taken one time (consult with an advisor about the impact of repeats).

• 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%).

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Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC:

Nurse Assistant requirement:
• Provide verification of a 75-hr Nurse Assistant course OR
• Complete HLTH 1402 Nurse Assistant (3-credit course) at SCTCC

CPR requirement: MUST BE American Heart Association - Basic Life Support (BLS)
• Provide a copy of CPR card to the college when applying to the program (if not taken at SCTCC).
• Course options at SCTCC: EMSC 1480 (1 credit course) OR HBHE 1510 (Hour based course)

MATH Requirement:
• Accuplacer: Minimum Elementary Algebra minimum score of “44” OR QAS “242”
  If scores are not met, consult with an Academic Advisor to discuss course options.
• Students may meet the math requirement due to previous college math course work, consult with an Academic Advisor.

Students are encouraged to continue to take math courses to be prepared for the TEAS exam.
St. Cloud Technical & Community College

**Practical Nursing Program - OPTION B:**
Student Track to pursue A.D.N. (RN program) after L.P.N.

**Program Requirements**
- 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.
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**Courses listed below are NOT required for the PN program, additional courses for the A.D.N. program**
- BLGY 2330-Microbiology
- BLGY 1325-Nutrition
- GERO 1300-Gerontology
- CMST 1320-Intro to Comm **OR** CMST 2310–Interpersonal Comm
- PHIL 1320-Ethics
**P.N. Program application (2nd application):**

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

Students can apply to the program with pre-requisite courses in-progress, MUST be complete prior to start of the program. Priority given to students with all pre-requisite courses complete at time of application. Minimum GPA 2.5 for the pre-requisite courses.

Applicants must be in *Good Academic Standing* at SCTCC (cumulative GPA 2.0 and cumulative completion rate 67%). Students who are on academic warning or probation will only be considered through an appeals process.

P.N. applications: [http://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-applications](http://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-applications)

**Application Period for Spring Semester PN program start date:**
Full-Time PN Program application period is from August 1st - September 1st
Part-Time PN Program application period is from September 1st – September 15th

**Application Period for Fall Semester PN program start date:**
Full Time PN Program application period is from December 1st – February 1st
Part-Time PN Program application period is from March 1st – March 15th

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

**Historical Applicant Data – Full Time Practical Nursing Program**
(Previous years – Student Data)

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FAQs – Practical Nursing (P.N.) Program

Can I apply to the program without all of 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?
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.

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?
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Application Period for Fall Semester PN program start date:
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Part-Time PN Program application period is from March 1st – March 15th

Application can be found at http://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-applications

Are any of the P.N. courses offered online?
Once accepted to the program, classes are all held on-campus or at Clinical sites.

Once accepted to the P.N. 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 recognized 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 TEAS Examination

When can I sign up to take the TEAS exam?
Specific TEAS testing dates are announced approximately 4-weeks after the application period has closed. Top ranking students are invited to participate in the ATI Nursing Education TEAS test. The TEAS test is hosted at SCTCC. 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 participate in the ATI Nursing Education TEAS test 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.
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 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, 45 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?
Study Materials are available at https://www.atitesting.com/teas
A copy of the ATI TEAS study manual is available for use in the SCTCC library.
Checklist to Acceptance

Health Programs at St. Cloud Technical & Community College

Cardiovascular Technology • Dental Assistant • Dental Hygienist • Paramedicine
Practical Nursing • Nursing (2-year RN) • Sonography • Surgical Technology

☑ Complete Admissions Process – 1st Steps

☑ Complete e-orientation

☑ Schedule an Advising & Registration appointment
(available after completion of e-orientation)

☑ Register for pre-requisite courses for your 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! – Practical Nursing Information Session

Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing program at SCTCC! We invite you to sign up for a Practical Nursing Information Session to learn more about the program. [https://www.sctcc.edu/infosessions/HEALTH](https://www.sctcc.edu/infosessions/HEALTH)

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