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.
**Academic Advising Center - Current Student / Advisor Meetings**

Current students are required to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to ensure they are preparing for the PN application. Students will 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:**
- Been fully accepted to SCTCC by completing 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: advising@sctcc.edu

**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 66.66%). Students who are on academic warning or probation will not be considered for the program.

P.N. applications: [https://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-admissions-0](https://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-admissions-0)

**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 August 1st - September 1st
ATI TEAS exam MUST be complete by September 1st

**Application Period for Fall Semester PN program start date:**
Full Time PN Program application period is from January 15th – February 15th
Part-Time PN Program application period is from January 15th –February 15th
ATI TEAS exam MUST be complete by February 15th

The P.N. program is highly competitive and the college may not be able to accept all applicants that meet the minimum admission standards.
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 up to three times (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 66.66%).

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MATH Requirement
Student may be exempt because of multiple measures/college credits or Accuplacer QAS minimum score of “260”. If score not met, register for level of math based on Accuplacer to be prepared for program requirement. Consult an advisor - may include one of the following courses:

MATH 0420 – Pathway to College Math (4 credit) OR MATH 0410 – Math Literacy (6 credit)

Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work:

✓ Nurse Assistant requirement (1 of these 4 options must be met):
- Provide MN State CURRENT Registry # when applying to the PN program ______________
- Provide verification of a 75-hr Nurse Assistant course ______________
- Complete HLTH 1402 Nurse Assistant (3-credit course) at SCTCC ______________
- Complete HCCC series (total 6-credit course) at SCTCC ______________

COURSE COMPLETION MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF PROGRAM START DATE

Example: passed Nurse Assistant course in fall semester 2021 – will expire August 2026 (course meets the requirement until fall semester 2026 PN program start date)

✓ CPR requirement: MUST BE American Heart Association - Basic Life Support (BLS)
- Provide a copy of CPR card AFTER accepted to the Practical Nursing program
  (During Practical Nursing orientation meeting)

Course options at SCTCC: EMSC 1480 (1 credit course) OR HBHE 1513 (Hour based course)
Practical Nursing Program - OPTION B:
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.
- 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).
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Students MUST supply documentation OR take course work at SCTCC:

- Nurse Assistant requirement (1 of these 4 options must be met):
  - Provide MN State CURRENT Registry # when applying to the PN program ____________
  - Provide verification of a 75-hr Nurse Assistant course – Valid for 5 years only ____________
  - Complete HLTH 1402 Nurse Assistant (3-credit course) at SCTCC ____________
  - Complete HCCC series (total 6-credit course) at SCTCC ____________
  COURSE COMPLETION MUST BE WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF PROGRAM START DATE

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

Courses listed below are NOT required for the PN program, additional courses for the A.D.N. program
- BLGY 2330-Microbiology
- BLGY 1325-Nutrition
- GER0 1300-Gerontology
- PHIL 1320-Ethics
- CMST 1320-Intro to Comm OR CMST 2310 – Interpersonal Comm
**Historical Applicant Data – Full Time Practical Nursing Program**
(Previous years – Student Data)

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**Historical Applicant Data – Part Time Practical Nursing Program**
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** No ATI TEAS Exam was given/used due to COVID 19.
Application Timeline for the PN Program at SCTCC
Estimated dates and are subject to Change!

Must be Current SCTCC student to apply to the program

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 August 1st - September 1st
**ATI TEAS EXAM MUST COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST**

Application Period for Fall semester PN program start date:
Full-Time PN Program application period is from January 15th – February 15th
Part-Time PN Program application period is from January 15th – February 15th
**ATI TEAS EXAM MUST COMPLETE BY FEBRUARY 15TH**

PN Application can be found at [https://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-admissions-0](https://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-admissions-0)

ATI TEAS exam Information:
- ATI TEAS testing will be 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 attempt. Accomodations are available for those who qualify.
- Applicants have to option to provide previous ATI TEAS scores to SCTCC.

8 weeks after application period closes:
- Acceptance letters sent to the top 50 students for the F/T program.
- Acceptance letters sent to the top 8 students for the P/T program.
  Students offered admission to the P.N. program must respond with required information by the date noted in letter to reserve their seat in the program.
- **Alternate List** applicants will be notified of their status (not accepted to the program, currently on the alternate list).
- **Non-accepted applicants** are notified and 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 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 credits
Minimum pre-requisite credits: = 11 credits
TOTAL 40 credits

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
PRSG 2439 Clinical Application I 3 credit
TOTAL 14 credits

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
PRSG 2460 Mental Health Nursing 2 credit
TOTAL 15 credits

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. 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-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
TOTAL 40 credits

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
TOTAL 5 credits

Second Semester
PRSG 2409 Basic Nursing Concepts 3 credit
PRSG 2419 Nursing Skills 3 credit
PRSG 2439 Clinical Application I 3 credit
TOTAL 9 credits

Third Semester
PRSG 2402 Medical Surgical Nursing II 3 credit
PRSG 2450 Maternal Child Nursing 3 credit
TOTAL 6 credits

Fourth Semester
PRSG 2411 Bridging to Nursing Practice 2 credit
PRSG 2440 Clinical Application II 5 credit
PRSG 2460 Mental Health Nursing 2 credit
TOTAL 9 credits

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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?
The full-time P.N. application window is open January 15th through February 15th
(for Fall Semester/August start date)
The full-time P.N. application window is open August 1st through September 1st
(for Spring Semester/January start date)

The part-time P.N. application window is open January 15th through February 15th
(for Fall Semester/August start date)
The part-time P.N. application window is open August 1st through September 1st
(for Spring Semester/January start date)

Application can be found at https://www.sctcc.edu/practical-nursing-admissions-0

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. Benedict's 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. 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.

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 08/01 – 09/01: exam must be taken by 09/01
Students applying to the P.N. Program between 01/15 - 02/15: exam must be taken by 02/15

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 10/01/2021 – valid until 10/01/2024.

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.
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 (2-year RN) • 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! – Practical Nursing (P.N.) 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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