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 average placement rate for the Practical Nursing program is 96%.
- The average Central MN annual salary range is $42k - $63k.
**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:** advising@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 up to three times (consult with an advisor about the impact of repeats).
- The ATI TEAS exam MUST be taken by the last day of open application period, is valid for 3 years and the minimum score for the PN program is 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 66.66%).

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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 at SCTCC:

✔ Nurse Assistant requirement (1 of these 4 options must be met):
  - Provide State MN CURRENT Registry # when applying to the PN program
  - Provide verification of a 75-hr Minnesota 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:
Student Track to pursue A.D.N. (RN program) after L.P.N.

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

Courses listed below are NOT required for the PN program, additional courses for the A.D.N. program
- BLGY 2330-Microbiology
- GERØ 1300-Gerontology
- PHIL 1320-Ethics
- BLGY 1325-Nutrition
- CMST 1320-Intro to Comm OR CMST 2310–Interpersonal Comm

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**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 on academic warning or probation will only be considered through an appeals process.

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 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**

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 3 times per SCTCC courses retake policy. 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?
Application Period for Spring Semester PN program start date:
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Application Period for Fall Semester PN program start date:
Full Time PN Program application period is from January 15th - February 15th
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PN 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, 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, 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, it is very difficult to 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 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. Accommodations are available for those who qualify.

NOTE: The ATI TEAS exam 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 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?
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 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 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, 45 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

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)

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

Admissions Office 320-308-5089 enroll@sctcc.edu
Academic Advising Center 320-308-5741 advising@sctcc.edu