



ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the status of SSC's Nursing revitalization process?

As you may know, our Associate Degree Nursing program has been working through an exciting revitalization over the past two years to ensure that we are providing a state-of-the-art program that prepares graduates to be successful and meets the needs of employers. We are pleased to have started the first class of students under the new curriculum this fall, and we hope that you will be a part of the next class in 2014!

What is the program's accreditation status and when will your program probationary process end?

Our ADN program is accredited with the HLC (Higher Learning Commission), which is the critical accreditation for the recognition of credits and degrees. We voluntarily withdrew from the NLNAC (now called ACEN) in Fall-2012. Our voluntarily drop participation in NLNAC's optional program in no way affects students in taking their licensure exams, nor does it affect the validity of degrees awarded. Our current probationary status is pending the NCLEX fourth quarter results, but our recent graduates have done exceedingly well with first, second and third quarters combined NCLEX pass rate of 86%.

How many credits are required to complete your program, how long is it, and is there a part-time option?

The ADN program is a full-time, 69 credits hour, four semester program. We do not offer a part-time program.

Do you accept transfer credits? Can I enter your program as a Bridge LPN student? Do you accept CNA credit?

Yes, transfer courses are accepted with a grade of C or better; however, we do not accept nursing courses as transfer credits. The science course must be less than five years old. Currently, we are not offering a Bridge LPN Program. SSC is only offering a non-credit CNA program through the Continuing Education Department at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2497.

How many students do you accept and when?

We admit students once per year in August and the number of students admitted varies. All students will be notified in writing of their admission status by July 1, 2014, for fall admissions. Students accepted into the program are required to attend an orientation prior to the first day of scheduled class. The orientation dates will be announced in the acceptance letter. Failure to attend the orientation shall result in the student being dropped from the program.

How many times can I apply to your program? Do you readmit students?

Students may apply as many times as they want to the program. Students are required to take the Preadmission Entrance Exam each time they apply to the program, as many times as needed. We do not readmit students. If students withdraw or fail a nursing course, they must apply to the program again.

Does your program provide mentoring or tutoring?

South Suburban College provides tutoring for all students via Academic Assistance Center. The Department of Nursing offers weekly tutoring via 850 Club. (See the SSC College Catalog for comprehensive services.)

Where can I go to take my background check and drug screen?

Students must order their background checks and drug screens through [Certified Background](#) after February 3, 2014. The results are posted to their website in a secure, tamper-proof environment where the student as well as the dean can view the results. To order a background check and drug screen:

1. Go to www.certifiedbackground.com.
2. In the "place order" box, enter the package code "so44" and click go.
3. Follow instructions and fill out the information needed.
4. You must print the order confirmation page and bring it to the Nursing Office (Room 4120) to pick up a drug screen form. At that time, the student will receive information about which laboratory to go to for urine drug screening.

What if I have a positive drug screen?

Students who have a positive urine drug screen will not be eligible to receive an application to South Suburban College Nursing Program for one academic year. (Please see SSC College Catalog page 98.)

How can I expunge my criminal background record?

Positive criminal background results must be expunged or otherwise properly removed to be eligible to receive an application into Nursing. Students are encouraged to consult with their County Clerk's Office.

Who should I talk to about applying to the nursing program?

Prior to receiving an application to the ADN Program the student is required to:

- Submit a South Suburban College application to Admissions, utilizing the NUR.AAS.PREQ academic code.
- Forward official high school or GED and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
- Complete the college placement test prior to meeting with a Counselor.
- Complete required college preparatory classes as indicated by the college placement test.
- Meet with a Nursing Counselor (708-596-2000 ext. 2306) for assistance in academic planning.

What is the application process?

- Obtain an ADN Application from the Nursing Department. Applications will be available March 3, 2014 for Fall Admission.
- Submit a completed ADN Application with attachments to the Nursing Department. **All information must be on file by May 16, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. for Fall-2014 admission. Applicants who submit their application after this deadline will not be considered for Fall-2014.**
- Obtain a permit to register for the standardized preadmission nursing entrance examination from the Nursing Department when the application is submitted. Applicants must test on one of the established testing dates. Preadmission nursing examination is at the **student's expense**.

What is the acceptance process?

The Admissions Committee reviews all applications to the ADN program. Acceptance to the program is based on:

- Completion of placement test and required college preparatory classes.
- Cumulative college GPA of 2.5 or better.
- A minimum grade of "B" for preadmission courses with the exception of MTH 097 or its equivalent (minimum grade of "C").
- Satisfactory performance on standardized preadmission nursing examination, at the expense of the student. All students will be notified in writing of their admission status by July 1, 2014, for fall admissions. Students accepted into the program are required to attend an orientation prior to the first day of scheduled class. The orientation dates will be announced in the acceptance letter. Failure to attend the orientation shall result in the student being dropped from the program.

Is financial assistance available?

Financial Aid is available to qualified students. Visit Financial Aid & Veterans Services in Room 2355, or call (708) 696-2000, ext. 2321, 2322, or 2319.

How many times can I repeat pre-nursing courses?

Repetition of courses – prerequisites and/or general education coursework – may be repeated twice for a total of three enrollments in a course without exception.

What subjects will I be tested on the preadmission entrance exam?

- Grammar - minimum score of 60.
- Biology - minimum score of 50.
- Math - minimum score of 70.
- Reading Comprehension - minimum score of 70.
- Anatomy & Physiology - score of 30.

Is there a study guide for the Preadmission Entrance Exam?

The review text is titled HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT Exam Review 3rd Ed. by HESI.

When can I take the Preadmission Entrance Exam and how much is it?

There are three dates available: May 27, 28, and 29, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Computer Room 2345. The exam is purchased through our vendor and the cost may vary each year.

I am an LPN, do I have to take HIT 103 (Medical Terminology)?

Yes, HIT 103 is a prerequisite course.