

## SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Shelton State Community College Nursing Program. Shelton State Community College (SSCC) is committed to helping students reach their career goals. The SSCC Nursing Program prepares graduates to sit for the National Council Licensure Exams for the Registered Nurse or Practical Nurse (NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN). It is a balanced curriculum, including general education and nursing courses, which must be taken in sequential order. The program is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) track is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Call 404.975.5000 or visit [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org) for more information.

It is the mission of SSCC to graduate well-prepared nurses who are strong practitioners both clinically and academically. Nursing students should plan for twelve to fifteen hours per week of clinical experience. Although these hours will be planned as conveniently as possible, there may be nontraditional work hours, such as evening and weekend assignments. Clinical times are included in the course information and other documents available at the beginning of each semester. **Nursing applicants are encouraged to complete as many of the academic requirements (non-nursing courses) as scheduling will permit prior to admission to the nursing program.** Students are discouraged from working full time while attending the SSCC Nursing Program.

Transfer students to the nursing program will have to complete all other curriculum courses in the prescribed sequence. **Academic credits will transfer as usual; however, Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 201 and 202) credits must have been completed within the past five years. If not, then one course must be repeated.**

The SSCC Nursing Program offers the **Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)** track. Twenty-one (21) months, or five consecutive semesters, are required to complete the track. Students who successfully complete the ADN track through the end of the third semester may opt to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam to become a **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)**. A student may opt out of the ADN track at this point to work as an LPN, or the student may continue as long as progression criteria are met and complete the ADN track. Students who successfully complete the ADN track may take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam to become a **Registered Nurse (RN)**. Students may also bridge into the ADN Health Transition option from other health programs, i.e., paramedic to RN and LPN to RN. Refer to the application process for admission periods for the nursing program. Final student selection for either track is made by the Nursing Program Admissions Committee.

### **Information about Licensure:**

**Applicants for admission to Shelton State Community College Nursing Program should be aware of the following information about licensure:** The Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) application for licensure includes a series of questions regarding past arrests or convictions for DUI and/or criminal offenses (misdemeanor or felony), history of mental illness, substance abuse, placement on state or federal abuse registry, and previous court-martial or military discipline. Candidates are advised to respond honestly as failure to do so can result in denial of the ability to take the exam and to become licensed. Therefore, successful completion of the RN or PN tracks does not guarantee eligibility to write the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN exam for licensure. For further information, contact the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) office at RSA Plaza, Suite 250, 770 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900; contact 800.656.5318 and 334.292.5200, or visit [www.abn.state.al.us](http://www.abn.state.al.us).

### **Progression and Reinstatement:**

To progress in the program, a grade of C (75% or above) must be maintained in each nursing course and a grade of C (70% or above) in each general education course. Failure of one or more courses in a semester or withdrawal for any reason from one or more courses in two separate semesters will result in non-progression in the program. Failure to maintain the required grades in **any course** will result in non-progression in the program. Courses with a dosage calculation component require an **85%** grade in that component to pass the entire course.

Students who experience non-progression in the nursing program and desire reinstatement in the program must apply for reinstatement within one (1) year from the term of non-progression to be eligible. Students dismissed from the program for disciplinary reasons and/or unsafe client care are ineligible for reinstatement to the nursing program.



**Minimum Admission Standards for the ADN Program:**

1. Applicant must have unconditional admission to the College.
2. Applicant must complete and submit application packet for the ADN track by **June 1** for fall admission and October 1 for spring admission. Applications are completed online and accepted between May 1 and June 1 for fall admission and September 1 and October 1 for spring admission.
3. Applicant must have a minimum 18 composite ACT score report on national or residual tests **OR on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).**
4. Applicant must have a minimum 2.50 GPA in academic courses required for the nursing program and minimum 2.0 GPA at current, native institution or cumulative 2.0 in institution from which student is transferring. An official SSCC transcript with all transfer credit must be available by the application deadline.
5. Applicant must have a minimum 2.50 cumulative high school GPA (for students without prior college course work). An official high school transcript or GED certificate must be available by the application deadline.
6. Applicant must be eligible to enroll in or have completed the following:
  - a. ENG 101 and MTH 100 or higher as determined by College placement
  - b. BIO 201 during the first term of nursing courses (BIO 103 is a pre-requisite to BIO 201.)
7. Applicant must be in good standing with the College.
8. Applicant must meet the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
9. Applicant must attend a Health Services Information Session within one year of submitting an application for admission.

Admission to the ADN track is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

**Information for Admission:**

**Calculation of Points for Students Meeting Minimum Associate Degree Nursing Track Admission Standards:**

After meeting all minimum requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on the following:

1. Official ACT score  
There is a maximum of 36 points with no time limit on when the test was taken.
2. Points from required academic courses for the nursing program (i.e., ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201, and BIO 202. Points for grades are as follows: A = 3 points, B = 2 points, C = 1 point.)
3. An additional 10 points may be awarded as follows:

<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>Criteria</u></b>
3	Shelton State Community College students who completed eighteen (18) hours of required academic courses for the nursing program
3	Students who have completed eighteen (18) hours of required academic courses for the nursing program with a 3.0 or higher GPA
4	A minimum of six (6) months of work experience (215 hrs.) in a health-related field with direct patient care or the completion of a health-related program

**A total of fifty-eight (58) points is possible with these selection criteria.**

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**Minimum Admission Standards for the ADN Health Transition Track (Mobility Option):**

1. Applicant must have unconditional admission to the College.
2. Applicant must complete an application packet for the ADN Health Transition track by July 1 for spring admission. Applications are completed online.
3. Applicant must have a minimum 2.50 GPA in academic courses required for the nursing program and minimum 2.0 GPA at current, native institution or cumulative 2.0 in institution from which student is transferring. An official SSCC transcript with all transfer credit must be available by the application deadline.
4. Applicant must have completed prerequisite courses, including the following: ENG 101 English Composition I; MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra or higher level math as determined by College placement; BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I; BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II; SPH 106 Fundamentals of Oral Communications or SPH 107

Fundamentals of Public Speaking; and PSY 210 Human Growth and Development. **Note:** NUR 209 Concepts for Healthcare Transition Students is required for students who want to bridge into the ADN Health Transition track from other health programs, i.e., Paramedic to RN, LPN to RN, and LPNs who did not graduate from the ACCS Standardized Concept Based Curriculum within one (1) year.

5. Applicant must be in good standing with the College.
6. Applicant must meet the essential functions or technical standards required for nursing.
7. Applicant must have an official score report of ACT score of eighteen (18) or higher or official score report of Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
8. Applicant must have a valid, unencumbered Alabama Practical Nurse license or unencumbered Alabama paramedic license or equivalent license/credentials for other health professions.
9. Applicant must attend a Health Services Information Session within one year of submitting an application for admission.

Admission to the Associate Degree Nursing track is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

**Information for Admission:**

**Calculation of Points for Students Meeting Minimum ADN Health Transition Track (Mobility) Admission Standards:**

After meeting all minimum requirements, applicants are rank-ordered using a point system based on the following:

1. Official ACT or TEAS score report. A conversion score for each test will be used for the calculated score used for the application process.

There is a maximum of 36 points with no time limit on when the test was taken.

2. Points from required academic courses for the nursing program (i.e., ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201, and BIO 202. Points for grades are as follows: A = 3 points, B = 2 points, C = 1 point.)
3. An additional ten (10) points may be awarded as follows:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
5	Completed BIO 220-General Microbiology and a Humanities course
5	Completed LPN certificate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at Shelton State Community College <b>OR</b> Completed LPN certificate, paramedic certificate, or equivalent certificate for other health professionals program with a GPA of 3.5 or higher

**Note:** The nursing curriculum may change to meet the requirements of institutional, state, or national approval/accrediting agencies.

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**Listed below are estimated tuition, fees, and expenses for the SSCC Nursing Program:**

**NOTE:** The prices listed below are subject to change.

	<u>Two-Year</u>	<u>PN</u>
<b>Uniforms:</b>		
1 Pair of White Shoes	60.00	60.00
1 Lab Coat (SSCC monogrammed)	32.00	32.00
2 Uniforms (SSCC monogrammed scrubs)	100.00	100.00
1 Deluxe Dual Head Stethoscope	30.00	30.00
1 Pocket Organizer	6.00	6.00
1 Reusable Penlight	8.00	8.00
1 Pair of Scissors	5.00	5.00
1 Watch (with second hand)	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>281.00</b>	<b>281.00</b>
<b>Tuition (including academic courses) and Fees:</b>		
Tuition, Maintenance, and Instruction Fees	10,032.00 (66 hours*)	6,840.00 (45 hours*)
Books (estimate)	1,950.00	1,950.00
ATI Testing & NCLEX Review Fees	2,250.00	1,350.00
Accident and Liability Insurance	40.00	40.00
Preclinical Screening/Background Check	41.10	41.10

ESS Document Tracking	40.00	20.00
Nurse Pac	175.00	175.00
NCLEX Application, Licensure, & Transactions	<u>303.50</u>	<u>303.50</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>14831.60</b>	<b>10719.60</b>

**Optional:**

Cap and Gown for Graduation	40.00	40.00
Composite Pictures	40.00	40.00
Nursing Pin and Lamp	65.00	65.00
Temporary Permit	50.00	50.00
Student Nurses' Association Dues	<u>45.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>240.00</b>

**Total Approximate Cost for SSCC Nursing Program** \$15352.60 \$11240.60

\*Additional hours are required if the student must take BIO 103 or NUR 209.

Tuition/fees are due the day of registration. If a portion of the registration expenses is to be paid by some type of financial aid or by a sponsoring agency, then it is the responsibility of the student to provide written evidence of such arrangements to the Cashier's office at or before registration.

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**Alabama Community College System Concept Based Curriculum**

**First Semester**

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
<b>NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing</b>	7	4	6	3	13
MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra or Higher	3	3	0	0	3
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	3	2	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>

**Note: Following successful completion of the first semester, the student has met the requirements to become a Nursing Assistant and is eligible to take the Nursing Assistant Certification Exam.**

**Second Semester**

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
<b>NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I</b>	8	4	3	9	16
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	3	0	0	3
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	3	3	0	0	3
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	3	2	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>

**Third Semester**

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
<b>NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II</b>	8	5	0	9	14
<b>NUR 115 Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning</b>	2	1	0	3	4
SPH 106 or 107 Speech	3	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>

**Note: Students are eligible to take NCLEX-PN licensure exam after successful completion of the third semester to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).**

#### Fourth Semester

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
<b>NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts</b>	7	4	0	9	13
BIO 220 General Microbiology	4	2	4	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>

#### Fifth Semester

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
<b>NUR 221 Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning</b>	7	3	0	12	15
Humanity Elective (Ethics Preferred)	3	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Program Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>106</b>

**Note: Students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam after successful completion of the fifth semester to become a Registered Nursing (RN).**

#### Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

<b>Nursing Credits</b>	<b>39</b>	Academic and Nursing Theory Contact Hours	660
Academic Credits	<u>27</u>	Academic and Nursing Lab Contact Hours	255
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>66</b>	Nursing Clinical Contact Hours	<u>675</u>
		<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CONTACT HOURS</b>	<b>1,590</b>

#### Practical Nursing (PN):

		Academic and Nursing Theory Contact Hours	480
Academic Credits	20	Academic and Nursing Lab Contact Hours	195
Nursing Credits	<u>25</u>	Nursing Clinical Contact Hours	<u>360</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CONTACT HOURS</b>	<b>1,035</b>

#### Associate Degree Health Transition Nursing (Mobility) Program ACCS Concept Based Curriculum

#### Prerequisite Courses Prior to NUR 209

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
MTH 100 – Intermediate College Algebra or higher math	3	3	0	0	3
*BIO 201 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	3	2	0	5
BIO 202 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	3	2	0	5
ENG 101 – English Composition I	3	3	0	0	3
PSY 210 – Human Growth and Development	3	3	0	0	3
SPH 106 – Fundamentals of Oral Communication OR SPH 107 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	3	0	0	3
**NUR 209 Concepts for Healthcare Transition Students	10	6	3	9	18
<b>Total without NUR 209</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total with NUR 209</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40</b>

### First Semester

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts	7	4	0	9	13
BIO 220 General Microbiology	4	2	4	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>

### Second Semester

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
NUR 221 Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	7	3	0	12	15
***Humanity Elective (Ethics Preferred)	3	3	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Program Total without NUR 209</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Program Total with NUR 209</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>77</b>

#### Program Credit Hour Totals:

Academic 27  
 Nursing 14-24  
**Total Credits 41-51**

#### Health Transition Nursing (Mobility) Contact Hours:

Academic and Nursing Theory 450-540  
 Academic and Nursing Lab 120-165  
 Nursing Clinical 315-450  
**Total Program Contact Hours 885-1155**

\*\*Required for students who want to bridge into the ADN-RN track from other health programs (example: paramedic to RN and LPN to RN). After completion of the NUR 209 course, fifteen (15) non-traditional hours of credit will be awarded and placed on the student's transcript. Total credits awarded after completion of the course will be twenty-five (25) credits. LPNs completing the ACCS Standardized Concept Based Curriculum can return for RN completion within one year but must meet the current admission criteria to the program. The course is offered the fall semester prior to starting the Health Transition Program.

\*\*\*Students may choose from art, art history, foreign language, literature, music, music history, philosophy, ethics, religion, theater, and dance.

Note: The nursing curriculum may change to meet the requirements of institutional, state, or national approval/accrediting agencies.