

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Shelton State Community College (SSCC) Nursing Program. 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 associate degree and practical nursing programs at Shelton State Community College at the Martin campus located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama is approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) track and practical nursing program is also accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), located at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone 404.975.5000. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate degree and practical nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>**

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 SSCC 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, the nursing applicant must be enrolled in the anatomy and physiology retake no later than the semester of application to the nursing program.**

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. Students may choose the Practical Nursing only option offered as an evening class. Refer to the application process for admission periods for the SSCC Nursing Program. Final student selection for either track is made by the Nursing Program Admissions Committee.

Information about Licensure

Applicants for admission to the 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 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.

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.

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Minimum Admission Standards for the ADN and Practical Nursing Programs

1. Applicant must apply to the College and have unconditional admission prior to applying to the nursing program.
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. There is an associate degree evening program option offered every other year on odd years. Applications for this program option are completed online and accepted between March 1 – April 1. Applicant must complete and submit application packet for the Practical Nursing only evening option by October 1 for spring admission each year.
3. Applicant must have a minimum 18 composite ACT score report on national or residual tests.
4. Applicant must have a minimum 2.50 GPA in academic courses required for the nursing program and a minimum 2.0 GPA at the current, native institution or a cumulative 2.0 at the institution from which the 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 and Practical 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 Associate Degree Nursing Track and Practical 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 report (There is a maximum of 36 points on the ACT with no time limit on when the test was taken.)
2. Points from required academic courses for the nursing program (Academic courses include 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:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
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.

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

1. Applicant must apply to the College and have unconditional admission prior to making application to the nursing program.
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 the academic courses required for the nursing program and a minimum 2.0 GPA at the current, native institution or a cumulative 2.0 at the institution from which the 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 with a minimum 18 composite ACT score report on national or residual tests.
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 score report. There is a maximum of 36 points on the ACT with no time limit on when the test was taken.
2. Points from required academic courses for the nursing program (Academic courses include 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 OR Completed LPN certificate, paramedic certificate, or equivalent certificate for other health professional 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.

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>
Uniforms:		
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>
Subtotal	281.00	281.00
Tuition (including academic courses) and Fees:		
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 and NCLEX Review Fees	2710.00	1,626.00
Accident and Liability Insurance	40.00	40.00
Preclinical Screening/Background Check	46.10	46.10
Compliance Document Tracking	40.00	20.00
Nurse Pac	220.00	220.00
NCLEX Application, Licensure, and Transactions	<u>350.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Subtotal	15388.10	11,092.10
Optional:		
Cap and Gown for Graduation	40.00	40.00
Composite Pictures	40.00	40.00
Nursing Pin and Lamp	75.00	75.00
Temporary Permit	50.00	50.00
Student Nurses' Association Dues	<u>55.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Subtotal	260.00	260.00

Total Approximate Cost for SSCC Nursing Program \$15,929.10 \$11,633.10

**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.

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
NUR 112 Fundamental Concepts of Nursing	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
Total	14	10	8	3	21

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
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I	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
Total	18	13	5	9	27

Third Semester

Course Name and Number	Total Credits	Theory/Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Weekly Contact Hours
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II	8	5	0	9	14
NUR 115 Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	2	1	0	3	4

SPH 106 or 107 Speech	3	3	0	0	3
Total	13	9	0	12	21

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
NUR 211 Advanced Nursing Concepts	7	4	0	9	13
BIO 220 General Microbiology	4	2	4	0	6
Total	11	6	4	9	19

Fifth 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
Total	10	6	0	12	18
Program Totals	66	44	17	45	106

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)

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

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>
Total Credits	45	TOTAL PROGRAM CONTACT HOURS	1,035

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
Total without NUR 209	20	18	4	0	22
Total with NUR 209	30	24	7	9	40

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
Total	11	6	4	9	19

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
Total	10	6	0	12	18
Program Total without NUR 209	41	30	8	21	59
Program Total with NUR 209	51	36	11	30	77

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 885-1,155

**Required for students who want to bridge into the ADN-RN track from other health programs (i.e., paramedic to RN and LPN to RN). After completion of the NUR 209 course, fifteen (15) nontraditional 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.

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