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Program Information and Application

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Practical Nursing program prepares the individual to assist in providing general nursing care requiring basic knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological, and sociological science, and of nursing procedures which do not require the substantial skills, judgment, and knowledge required of a registered nurse. This care is performed under the direction of a registered nurse, physician, or dentist.

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Graduates of the twelve-month program will be awarded the Certificate of Practical Nursing and may apply for licensure to the Mississippi Board of Nursing. Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN).

Students who complete the program requirements, three semesters, as identified by the Mississippi Community College Board, will be eligible to apply for LPN licensure. The graduate of the program functions as a provider of care and a member of a profession. This curriculum references the Client Needs and Integrated Process Categories from the Test Plan for the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Practical Nursing (PN) program supports the mission and goals of the College. The PN program is designed to prepare graduates for entry level nursing practice in a variety of health care settings by providing a quality educational program using a curriculum that is in compliance with the Mississippi Curriculum Framework for practical nursing programs.

GOALS:

1. To provide opportunities that assists students in academic and career advancement beyond practical nursing.
2. To provide a program that prepares students to meet the healthcare needs of the community served.
3. To provide students opportunities in diverse service areas throughout the community.

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Health Examination Form
- Current 2-step TB Skin test or results of last 2 annual tests or Quantiferron blood test
- Evidence of 2 immunizations of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- Hepatitis B vaccine series, titer, or signed declination of refusal
- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or titer or signed declination of refusal
- Current BLS CPR certification given by the American Heart Association
- Copy of valid driver’s license or state issued ID
- Substance Abuse Testing
- Criminal History Background Check

Practical Nursing Program
Admissions Policy

1. Applications are reviewed for accuracy and to verify if applicant meets the admission criteria.
2. In addition to regular college admission requirements, the admission criteria for entrance into the Practical Nursing Program are as follows:
   a. Applicant must meet all SMCC general admission requirements.
   b. Applicant must submit a completed PN Program Application and notarized Health Care Criminal History Background Affidavit
   c. Any student seeking admission (including readmission), must have: ACT Composite score of 18 or higher and 17 or higher subscore in reading and math.
   d. If you do not have the required Composite Score of 18, you must retake the ACT test through the
National ACT Testing center. If student does not have a math score of 17 completion of MAT 1233 with a “C” or better is required. If a student does not have a reading score of at least 17, completion of BIO 1111 & BIO 1113 with a “C” or better is required.

3. Students will be admitted to the Practical Nursing Program based on competitive admission.

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| **Minimum 18 composite, 17 on reading, 17 on Math** (if student does not have a math score \( \geq 17 \), completion of MAT 1233 with a “C” or better is required; if a student does not have a reading score of \( \geq 17 \), completion of BIO 1111 & BIO 1113 with a “C” or better is required.) | 36 = 10 pts  
34 to 35 = 9 pts  
32 to 33 = 8 pts  
30 to 31 = 7 pts  
28 to 29 = 6 pts  
26 to 27 = 5 pts  
24 to 25 = 4 pts  
22 to 23 = 3 pts  
20 to 21 = 2 pts  
18 to 19 = 1 pt |
| **County of Residence**                 |              |
| Amite = 1 pt  
Pike = 1 pt  
Walthall = 1 pt  
Wilkinson = 1 pt |              |
| **Overall GPA**                         |              |
| Will use high school GPA if no college courses have been taken | 3.76 to 4.0 = 8 pts  
3.51 to 3.75 = 7 pts  
3.26 to 3.5 = 6 pts  
3.01 to 3.25 = 5 pts  
2.76 to 3 = 4 pts  
2.51 to 2.75 = 3 pts  
2.26 to 2.5 = 2 pts  
2.0 to 2.25 = 1 pt |
| **Academic courses with points value assigned as follows:** | **Course** | **Grade** | **Points** |
| C = 2 points  
B = 3 points  
A = 4 points | A&P I | | |
| **Academic course completed at SMCC** | Yes = 1 point  
No = 0 points |

4. The following items must be completed and submitted for consideration of application:
   a. Application for Admission to Southwest Mississippi Community College available on the SMCC website at [www.smcc.edu](http://www.smcc.edu)
   b. Application to the Practical Nursing Program, ACT, and transcripts.
   c. Notarized Health Care Criminal History Background Affidavit.

5. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all material has been received.
6. Invalid or incomplete applications will not be returned or considered.
7. Falsification of information on this application will result in denial of admission or dismissal from program.
8. Only those applicants with a completed application packet will be considered for admission.
9. The admission process is competitive and completion of application is not a guarantee of admission.
10. Students seeking readmission to the program will be considered on an individual basis according to the SMCC Practical Nursing Program Readmission Policy.

Policy for Transfer from Associate Degree Nursing Program to the Practical Nursing Program

1. Students must successfully complete the following courses with a “C” or better.

- BIO 2511 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
- BIO 2513 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 2521 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
- BIO 2523 Anatomy & Physiology II
- NUR 1119 Foundations of Nursing
- NUR 1215 Introduction to Health and Illness Concepts

2. Student must apply for transfer within 12 months of completion of the last ADN course in which the student was enrolled.
3. The student must submit an application for the Practical Nursing Program.
4. The student must provide a letter of recommendation from the Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
5. Students will be considered based on space availability.
6. The table below defines the approved course substitutions:

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

1. Complete the application (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) and return to: one of the Practical Nursing advisors or

   The Administrative Assistant,
   Henry L. Lewis Health Occupations Center
   1156 College Drive
   Summit, MS 39666

2. ACT scores and transcripts must be submitted to the Registrar’s office.
Information related to applying for licensure to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse, upon completion of the Practical Nursing Program, is contained in the Mississippi Nursing Practice Law (Effective Date: July 1, 2010). Graduates must apply to the Mississippi Board of Nursing to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) ®. In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse, an applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty of any offense specified in Section 7315-33. To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.

Practical Nursing Program applicants should be aware of the following restriction regarding who may qualify to write the NCLEX-PN®: “The Board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended or any provision of this chapter.”*
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

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Date: ____________  Student ID# __________  Last 6 of SSN# _________________

Name: ___________________________________________________________________

                                    (Last)   (First)   (Middle)   (Maiden)

____________________________________________________________________________

Mailing address  City  State  Zip Code

____________________________________________________________________________

Home phone  Cell phone  Other

____________________________________________________________________________

Email address  County of Residence

Are you currently enrolled in another school?  Yes  No
If yes:  Where _____________________________  Major_______________________________

Have you ever been enrolled in a Practical Nursing Program?  Yes  No
If yes:  Where______________________________

What was the reason for not completing program: _________________________________

IF THE ANSWER IS YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW, YOU MUST MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING BEFORE THE APPLICATION WILL
BE REVIEWED FOR ADMISSION.

Have you ever been convicted of or have charges pending against you for a felony or misdemeanor in
any state? _______ yes _______ no

Have you ever been disciplined by any state, federal regulatory agency, or national certifying agency?
_______ yes _______ no

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