

(052) Associate in Applied Science

This program prepares graduates to function with the knowledge, skill and attitudes needed to adapt quickly within the ever changing health care environment for entry level nursing practice in a variety of health care settings. This program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Work and Employment

Registered nurses deliver care to patients in all areas of the health care spectrum in collaboration with interprofessional members of the health care team in hospital, long-term care or in the patient's home environment. Nurses also provide services in community facilities such as health departments, industry, schools and clinics. Promotion of health and general well-being is provided by the registered nurse in all settings. With experience and education, nurses may work in specialized areas such as obstetrics, pediatrics, emergency or intensive care units. Nurses may obtain bachelor's degrees and advanced degrees such as master's or doctorate degrees.

TEAS Testing-Requirement for All Nursing Applicants

- All new applicants and re-applicants to the nursing program must take the ATI TEAS test.
- TEAS testing must be completed prior to the application deadline date.
- Testing will included areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Science.
- Applicants may not test any more than once a semester. Retesting allowed in subsequent semesters. Test may be repeated three times.
- TEAS testing applicable for admission **MUST** be completed at SVCC or additional charges ATI transcripts are incurred.
- **You must set up an ATI account with a user name and password.**
 - Go to www.atitesting.com
- Contact the SVCC Testing Center 815/835-6350 to schedule a time.
 - **Fee will be paid to ATI per credit card at the time of testing.**
- **BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE TESTING SESSION:**
 - **ATI user name, password and ID number**
 - **Photo ID**
 - **Credit card for payment to ATI**
- Study guides are available in the SVCC Library or may be purchased online at <http://www.atitesting.com> For free practice tests, please visit http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.html
- TEAS score valid for 3 years.

Points will be awarded according to your score as detailed in the Nursing Admission Handbook.

Special Considerations

In order to become licensed as a registered nurse, one must complete a state approved program like Sauk Valley's and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses (RN).

Admission Requirements

Satisfy all of the following academic criteria:

1. Active CNA certificate on file with IDPH with verification of work history or documentation of successful completion of a state approved CNA program or VOC 121 within the last 2 years. CNA work history verification can be documented via: tax records, payment stub, IDPH registry (if clinical updates are present) or a letter from the employer. (Advanced Placement students - LPN license is applicable for this requirement.)
2. Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or above.
3. **ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS** (Note: only one of the following criteria must be met. the most recent score or grade will be utilized. (This category does not provide points for admission.)
 - SVCC Placement Test/ACT Writing Score of 22 or above.
 - Completed ELA 099 or ENG 101 with a grade of "C" or better

4. MATH (Note: only one of the following must be met. The highest level point standard achieved will be utilized. Applicants are encouraged to complete higher level math courses without risk to points earned.)

- Four semesters of high school algebra with a "C" or better (**within the last five years of when the algebra course was taken.**)
- Satisfactory completion of MAT 081 or a higher level math course with a grade of "C" or better at SVCC.
- Grade of "C" or better in an equivalent course at another college/university.
- Placed into entry-level transferrable college level math, (MAT 110/115; 121/240 or higher).

5. CHEMISTRY (Note: only one of the following must be met. The most recent score or grade will be utilized.)

- Grade of "C" or better for two semesters (1 year) of high school chemistry (**within the last 5 years of when the chemistry was taken.**)
- Grade of "C" or better in CHE 103, CHE 102, or higher at SVCC.
- Grade of "C" or better in an equivalent course at another college/university..

6. BIOLOGY (Note: only one of the following must be met. The most recent score or grade will be utilized.)

- Grade of "C" or better for four semesters of high school biology (**within the last 5 years of when the biology was taken.**)
- Grade of "C" or better in BIO 105 or BIO 108 at SVCC. BIO 105 qualifies for higher points.
- Grade of "C" or better in an equivalent course at another college/university.

High school coursework used to fulfill requirements must be completed within 5 years of application to the program. This means the last course completed not the graduation date.

The biology department requires a student who has not had a high school biology course within 5 years with a grade of "C" or better, to complete BIO 105 or BIO 108 prior to registering for BIO 109 and BIO 110. Also, those candidates who did not complete high school chemistry with a grade of "C" or better within the last 5 years must complete CHE 103 prior to registering for BIO 109. It is highly recommended that associate degree nursing applicants complete high school algebra, biology and chemistry.

Admission Procedure

1. Complete the college's general admission procedure.
2. Attend a nursing information meeting.
3. Meet with the Health Career Education Advisor and develop an academic progression plan.
4. File a current Nursing program application form with the Dean of Health Professions.
5. Submit two letters of recommendation to the Dean of Health Professions.

Further admission information is available in the Admission Handbook.

Application Deadlines

The admission requirements and the admission procedure must be completed by March 1 of the year the applicant wishes to be admitted. If the class is not filled, candidates must meet the second candidate evaluation deadline of June 1.

Out-of-District Application

Out-of-district applicants to the nursing program will be considered after June 1, if space is available and there are no qualified in-district applicants.

Program Requirements

A grade of "C" is the minimum passing grade for all major field requirements, social science, humanities, natural science, and mathematics courses. Successful completion of a nursing course requires a "C" in the classroom, satisfactory clinical performance and "Pass" on clinical competency or skills based performance measures. A student who is unsatisfactory in any one of these areas will receive a failing grade for the course. If an NRS course is failed, it may be repeated once. No more than one NRS course may be repeated.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354;
Office of Health Professions, 815/835-6374.

Major Field Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 44

- NRS 140 - Fundamentals of Nursing Practice 9 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 141 - Pharmacology for Nursing 2 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 142 - Medical Surgical Nursing I 9 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 243 - Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing 8 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 244 - Pediatric Nursing 2.5 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 245 - Reproductive Health 3.5 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 246 - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 247 - Transition into Practice Capstone 6 Semester hour(s)

General Education Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 17

- Communications: (ENG 101 required): 3 semester hours
- Social/Behavioral Science (PSY 103 required): 3 semester hours
- Humanities (PHL 101 required): 3 semester hours
- Physical/Life Sciences (BIO 109 and 110 required): 8 semester hours

SVCC Requirement - Sem/Hrs: 1

- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for A.A.S. Degree: 62

The NRS courses are organized to be completed in a two-year sequence. However, provisions are made for those who need to distribute the general education courses over a longer period of time. See Option I and Option II.

Footnote

*MAT 240, CHE 103 or CHE 105, BIO 111, PED 115, ENG 103, COM 131, SOC 111 and PSY 200 are recommended for those intending to continue their education toward a baccalaureate degree. Refer to your transfer institution for specific requirements.

OPTION I

Pre-Admission - Sem/Hrs: 7

- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)
- PHL 101 - Introduction to Logic and Formal Reasoning 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 140 - Fundamentals of Nursing Practice 9 Semester hour(s)

- NRS 141 - Pharmacology for Nursing 2 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 13

- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 142 - Medical Surgical Nursing I 9 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 17

- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 243 - Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing 8 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 244 - Pediatric Nursing 2.5 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 245 - Reproductive Health 3.5 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 10

- NRS 246 - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 247 - Transition into Practice Capstone 6 Semester hour(s)

OPTION II

Successfully complete the following courses. Begin NRS course sequence upon acceptance into the nursing program.

The sequence of NRS courses is the same as Option I.

- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- PHL 101 - Introduction to Logic and Formal Reasoning 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

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