

(E91) Certificate

This program is designed to prepare the graduate to function with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for the role of the beginning practical nurse to provide care in a variety of health care settings. The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Work and Employment

Licensed practical nurses assist in patient care with other interprofessional members under the direction of registered nurses, physicians, dentists or podiatrists. They perform procedures and treatments such as measuring vital signs, applying dressings and administering medications. LPNs work for nursing homes, clinics and other health care facilities where patients with chronic conditions receive care. Advancement in health care education is generally required for acute care and the specialized areas of nursing practice.

Special Considerations

In order to become licensed as a practical nurse, a person must complete a state-approved program like SVCC's and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for practical nurses (PN).

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 must be met. The most recent score or grade will be utilized.)
 - SVCC placement test OR ACT standard writing score of 22 or above.
 - Completed ELA 099 with a grade of "C" or better.
4. **MATH** (Note: only one of the following must be met. Applicants are encouraged to complete higher level math courses without risk to points earned. The highest level points achieved within the passing standard of a "C" or better will be used)
 - Placed into intermediate algebra (MAT 080, 081) or higher using SVCC placement or ACT score.
 - Completed beginning algebra (MAT 074 or 075) or higher level with grade "C" or better.
 - Completed an equivalent course at another college or university with a grade of "C" or higher.

Admission Procedure

Further admission information is available in the Nursing Admission Handbook

- Complete the College's general admission procedure.
- Attend a nursing information meeting.
- Meet with the health career education advisor and develop an academic progression plan.
- File a current nursing application form with the Dean of Health Professions.
- Submit two letters of recommendation to the Dean of Health Professions.

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 for official 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 www.atitesting.com. For free practice tests, please visit 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.

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

Sauk Valley Community College is required by law to give preference to in-district resident candidates. Out-of-district applicants will be considered if space is available after June 1 of the year of application to enter the program. Out-of-district applicants to the program coming from colleges with cooperative agreements will be given the same consideration (March 1 deadline) as in-district applicants.

Program Requirements

A grade of "C" is the minimum passing grade for all major field requirements, social science, and natural science. Successful completion of a nursing course requires a "C" in the classroom, satisfactory clinical performance and on skills testing. A student who is unsatisfactory in any one of those 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

Health Career Education Advisor, 815/835-6354;

Office of Health Professions, 815/835-6374.

Major Field Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 35.5

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- NRS 108 - Practical Nursing Fundamentals 13 Semester hour(s)
 - NRS 109 - Foundations of Modern Bedside Nursing II and Reproductive Health 7 Semester hour(s)
 - NRS 110 - Practical Nursing-Foundations of Medical Surgical Nursing I 7 Semester hour(s)
 - NRS 111 - Practical Nursing-Foundations of Medical Surgical Nursing III 5.5 Semester hour(s)
 - NRS 113 - Drug Dosage Calculations 1 Semester hour(s)
 - NRS 115 - Intravenous Therapy 2 Semester hour(s)

General Education Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 7

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- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
 - BIO 108 - Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology 4 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for Certificate: 42.5

Suggested Support Course

BIO 109 and 110 will meet the science requirements for the LPN program for students interested in advanced placement into the ADN program.

The NRS courses are organized to be completed in a one-year sequence. However, provisions are made for those students who need to distribute the general education courses over a longer period of time. See suggested programs.

- NRS 116 - Medical Terminology for Health Careers 3 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 Semester hour(s)

Suggested Program

OPTION I

For students entering the Program in the fall semester:

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 21

- BIO 108 - Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology 4 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 108 - Practical Nursing Fundamentals 13 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 113 - Drug Dosage Calculations 1 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- NRS 109 - Foundations of Modern Bedside Nursing II and Reproductive Health 7 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 110 - Practical Nursing-Foundations of Medical Surgical Nursing I 7 Semester hour(s)
- NRS 115 - Intravenous Therapy 2 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 5.5

- NRS 111 - Practical Nursing-Foundations of Medical Surgical Nursing III 5.5 Semester hour(s)

OPTION II

Begin NRS course sequence upon acceptance into the LPN program. The sequence of the NRS courses would then be same as Option I. Successfully complete the following courses:

- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- BIO 108 - Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology 4 Semester hour(s)

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