

Stanly Community College

Practical Nursing – *Diploma*

The Practical Nursing curriculum provides knowledge and skills to integrate safety and quality into nursing care to meet the needs of the holistic individual which impacts health, quality of life, and achievement of potential.

Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes safe, individualized nursing care and participation in the interdisciplinary team while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Applications are open from February 5th – May 30th, 2024.

Applicants seeking admission into the Practical Nursing program must complete steps 1 and 4 in entirety by May 30th, 2024, to be considered for acceptance for Fall Semester 2024.

Print this admission procedure for your records to track completion of all steps. Refer to the frequently asked questions document found on the College website and your Success Coach for assistance in the application process.

Step 1: Application _____ (date completed)

- Submit a completed CFNC SCC (Stanly Community College) Application by choosing the “Spring 2024” enrollment term and “Practical Nursing - AGE” as the program of study. You can access the electronic application from the SCC homepage, www.stanly.edu and select the “Apply” button (in the top right corner).
- Applications do not roll over from the previous year(s). A new application must be completed for the intended year of entry into the practical nursing program.

Step 2: Transcripts _____ (date completed)

- Submit to the Admissions Office an official high school transcript and official post-secondary transcripts for all institutions attended. Applicants who obtained a GED/Adult High School diploma must submit an official GED/AHS transcript *and* a high school transcript even if the applicant did not complete high school.
- Transfer credit will be given to BIO courses taken within the last 10 years. There are no other time limits on transfer courses within the ADN program of study currently.
- After the Enrollment Management Office has received and evaluated other college transcripts, applicants may view transfer credit awarded by viewing “My Progress” within Student Planning of Self-Service. For questions related to transfer credits, contact the Enrollment Management Office at 704-991-0212.

Step 3: Complete one course of Algebra (high school level or higher), and Chemistry (high school level or higher) with a grade of “C” or higher. _____ (date completed)

- Submit evidence of high school or college-level algebra and chemistry with a grade of “C” or higher.
- It is recommended to use the MAT and CHEM courses approved by the general UNC articulation agreement. Success Coaches have access to courses which transfer because of this articulation agreement. Contact with your Success Coach is paramount.
- Applicants wishing to complete these credits at other colleges should contact the Enrollment Management Office (704-991-0212) at Stanly Community College to ensure the credits are acceptable.
- To determine if credit was awarded for these courses, view the “My Progress” within Student Planning of Self-Service or contact your Success Coach.

Step 4: Prove college readiness.

- Be eligible to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 143 WITHOUT a co-requisite. The following links explain RISE (Reinforce Instruction for Student Excellence) <https://www.stanly.edu/current-students/academic-planning/resources-rise> and provide a complete list of eligible placement tests https://www.stanly.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/2018/placement_testing_guide.pdf.
- Note: Not all transcripts have placement scores listed, so placement scores from outside of SCC must be obtained and submitted by the deadline to be considered.
- If you have questions regarding your eligibility to enroll in ENG 111 and MAT 143, please contact your Success Coach, Melanie Alexander at malexander0134@stanly.edu, or (704)991-0166.

Step 5: Maintain GPA (ongoing)

- For the applicant that completed any college level courses taken with SCC before admission into the PN program, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.

Requirements 1 and 4 must be completed no later than May 30th, 2024, to be considered for acceptance into the PN (Practical Nursing) program.

Step 6: TEAS Testing _____ (date completed and score)

- Take the standardized nurse entrance exam, Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Only those applicants who successfully complete steps **1 & 4** above will be eligible to take the TEAS exam. Applicants eligible to take the TEAS exam will be notified through their SCC student email account by the Admissions Office regarding TEAS registration. This email will include steps for signing up for the exam. Students are responsible for checking their SCC student email often to meet TEAS registration deadlines. There is a minimal fee for the exam, and it must be taken at SCC. Test scores are valid for two years and must be valid when applications are evaluated by admissions.
- The TEAS exam is used as a ranking tool for applicants.
- TEAS prep courses are periodically offered through SCC’s continuing education division. Contact Rita Love at 704-991-0328 or rlove9827@stanly.edu for upcoming prep course offerings.
- TEAS scores are not accepted from other colleges/universities.
- All eligible applicants must take the most current version of TEAS offered at SCC. SCC currently uses ATI TEAS 7th Edition.

- An invitation to take the TEAS does not mean all admission requirements are met. It is the student's responsibility to meet all admission requirements. Contact Admissions at 704-991-0215 or hburnette9430@stanly.edu for questions about missing requirements and TEAS eligibility.

After conditional acceptance is granted by the admissions office, applicants must provide successful completion of the following:

- Submit a completed **SCC medical form**. The medical form will be mailed to applicants who are conditionally accepted to the ADN program, and must be completed by a physician, physician's assistant, or a nurse practitioner by the date given on the conditionally accepted letter.
- Submit evidence of current certification in **CPR** for the Healthcare Provider endorsed by the American Heart Association.
- Information about the medical form, CPR and how to submit these documents will be covered in a practical nursing orientation session. Attend **Practical Nursing Orientation** held by the nursing faculty. Information regarding the dates for the nursing orientation will be in the mailed acceptance letter.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/DRUG SCREENING

Applicants accepted for admission to health services programs at Stanly Community College are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screening after notification of acceptance and prior to participation in on-site clinical training. Based on the results, clinical affiliates where the student will participate in on-site training may deny access to their facility, resulting in the student's inability to complete the clinical portion of training. **Students unable to complete the clinical portion will be unable to progress in the program.** Students are responsible for paying all costs associated with this requirement.

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants seeking admission to the Practical Nursing program will be ranked based on TEAS scores and admitted based on rank order. Applicants accepted for admission must complete all admission requirements by the date specified in their acceptance letter. Applicants who fail to complete all admission requirements for the PN program will be removed from the acceptance list and replaced by applicants on the alternate list.

ALTERNATE LIST

As vacancies arise on the acceptance list, applicants on the alternate list are contacted in rank order and offered acceptance to the program. Applicants on the alternate list who are not offered acceptance to the PN program for the year in which they have applied to enter will **not** be carried over to a waiting list the following year. Applicants must apply each year they wish to be considered for admission into the practical nursing program. Any concerns about acceptance should be directed to the Director of Admissions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants to the practical nursing program are advised to familiarize themselves with all admission requirements for this program of study. If an applicant has any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the SCC Admissions Office or your Success Coach for clarification. Note: Admission requirements are subject to change. Please contact the SCC Admissions Office, your Success Coach, or the website for a current list of requirements for your intended year of entry.

CRITERIA FOR PROGRESSION

Progression policies specific to the nursing program are in the Practical Nursing Student Handbook.

ADVANCED STANDING POLICY (for previously enrolled SCC practical nursing students only)

Advanced standing policies are in the Practical Nursing Student Handbook. Contact the Director of Nursing through email (cspeight-washbur7545@stanly.edu) for advising.

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION <https://catalog.stanly.edu/current/academic-regulations/graduation-requirements.html>

LICENSURE

1. The nursing faculty must verify a student as a candidate for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing based on academic achievement and professional accountability.
2. The North Carolina Board of Nursing application for licensure includes a criminal background check. Before an individual can sit for a licensure exam (NCLEX-PN), the application process must be completed. An applicant may then sit for the licensure exam; however, an individual may be denied licensure based on a criminal background check. If the individual has been convicted of a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude, the NCBON (North Carolina Board of Nursing) may deny that individual a license even if he or she has passed the NCLEX exam. This process is between the individual and the North Carolina Board of Nursing. The nursing program validates only the successful completion of the diploma.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Stanly Community College is an equal opportunity educational institution and employer. The College does not practice or condone discrimination in any form against students, employees, or applicants on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, or disability consistent with the Assurance of Compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1992.

Full policy can be accessed at <https://www.stanly.edu/college-information/notice-nondiscrimination>