



ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM

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St. Catharine College

St. Catharine College is an independent, coeducational college and is committed to the free pursuit of truth. Consistent with the Dominican tradition on which it was founded, the College provides quality education, shares Christian values in a supportive community, and encourages students to develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and a just society.

The College holds membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, National Catholic Education Association, Dominican Higher Education Council, Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and meets the requirement of the Kentucky Board of Nursing.

What is an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)?

Nursing programs that require approximately two years of full time study in the nursing major. At SCC a student completes 72 college credit hours to earn an Associate Degree in Nursing.

How long will it take to complete my nursing program?

The nursing major can be completed in two years. However, there are pre-requisite courses that must be completed prior to entering the nursing major.

How do I become a registered nurse (RN)?

Graduates of an approved program take a licensing examination for registered nurses. Upon passing the NCLEX-RN examination and meeting other state requirements, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure by the Kentucky Board of Nursing and use the title registered nurse (RN).

What courses do I need before entering the nursing major?

Academic courses are indicated on the nursing curriculum plan of study provided on the reverse side.

Where do I complete my clinical nursing experiences?

In order to provide a well balanced clinical experience, health care agencies across central Kentucky are used for nursing experiences. Agencies include Baptist Hospital East, Central State Hospital, Flaget Memorial, Hardin Memorial Hospital, Norton Health Care, Sansbury Care Center, and SpringView.

How often are classes admitted?

A nursing class is admitted each fall and spring. Selection criteria include GPA and Admission HESI Exam scores.

What is the application process?

Steps of the application process and additional requirements are noted on the reverse side.

What do I need to do to be successful in the program?

Nursing is a demanding program of study. The majority of nursing courses include classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences and range from 12-18 hours per week of time. Approximately three hours of study per credit hour is recommended each week. The ability to prioritize, organize one's time and have good study habits are critical outcomes.

Is there a LPN bridge program?

No. Licensed Practical Nurses are eligible for advanced placement into the second or third semester of the ADN Program. To be eligible for advanced placement, an LPN must have received his/her license within the last five years.

CURRICULUM PLAN OF STUDY

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Semester One

BIO 204 Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4)
ENG 101 English Composition I (3)
MAT 106 College Algebra (3)
PSY 100 General Psychology (3)

Semester Two

CHE 103 Chemistry with Lab (4)
BIO 205 Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4)
ENG 102 English Composition II (3)
PSY 150 Developmental Psychology (3)

ADN COURSES (Upon Admission to the ADN Program)

Semester One

NUR 115 Fundamentals of Nursing (6)
NUR 120 Pharmacology (2)
REL xxx Religion Course (3)
(Preferred: REL 310 World Religion)

Semester Two

NUR 201 Nursing of Childbearing Families (4)
NUR 202 Psychiatric Nursing (4)
BIO 250 Introduction to Microbiology (4)

Semester Three

NUR 223 Medical/Surgical Nursing I Adult/Child (9)
PHI 330 Professional Ethics (3)

Semester Four

NUR 232 Medical/Surgical Nursing III Adult/Child (6)
NUR 235 Professional Nursing Management (1)
NUR 240 Nursing Application to Practice (1)
NUR 242 Integrated Nursing Practicum (2)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1:** Apply for admission to St. Catharine College; call the Admissions Office, ext. 1259.
- Step 2:** Contact the pre-nursing adviser (ext. 1304 or 1205) to discuss pre-requisite nursing course needs.
- Step 3:** Attend a mandatory overview session. Overview sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of February, March, April, August, September, and October. Dates and times TBA.
- Step 4:** Earn a minimum GPA of 2.65 or higher in the 8 prerequisite courses **and** earn at least a “C” in all prerequisite courses.
Key point – Prerequisite course grades are the only grades considered when evaluating applicants.
- Step 5:** Schedule to take the Admission HESI examination. The Admission HESI exam will be given the last Friday of February, March, April, August, September and October. Admission HESI scores are evaluated as part of the selection process. A \$35.00 fee is due when the exam is scheduled. The exam may be scheduled by contacting the Department of Nursing. Dates and times TBA.
- Step 6:** Complete an ADN program application and submit to the Nursing Office. Applications can be found at sckcy.edu or in the Nursing Office. Applications are due May 1 for Fall admission and November 1 for Spring admission.

UPON ACCEPTANCE

1. Submit all official transcripts or grade reports including the summer semester no later than one week prior to the start of classes.
2. Register for nursing courses by the Monday prior to the start of the semester. Applicants who do not register by the Monday prior to the start of the semester forfeit their spot in the class.

UPON ADMISSION

1. Submit Physical Examination form, including documentation of immunization and Tb skin test through CertifiedBackground.com.
2. Provide verification of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification through CertifiedBackground.com.
3. Provide verification of SRNA certification through CertifiedBackground.com.
4. Submit to background check and random urine drug analysis through CertifiedBackground.com.
Key point – The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall have the authority to deny access to completing the RN licensure examination to anyone who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.
5. Remit all remaining program fees to include the costs of the background check and drug analysis.

It is the policy of St. Catharine College not to discriminate in its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid or other school administered programs on the basis of age, race, color, disability, gender, religion or national origin.