



Nursing Program Application

Notice: Admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice.

Name: Last _____ First _____ MI _____ SUSCC Student ID# _____

List all previous names you may have records under: _____

(attach additional sheet if needed.)

Application to more than one deadline requires separate applications. Admission desired (check ONE [1]):

■ Check one deadline:

- Fall Admission (Opelika Campus) – Deadline March 1st
- Spring Admission (Opelika Campus) – Deadline September 15th
- Summer Admission (Wadley Campus)- Deadline February 1st

*If bringing applications in person, please check office hours.

**Students may not apply as new to the Nursing Program if currently enrolled in the Nursing Program.

Please see nursing progression policies in the nursing handbook available online.

Application Checklist

Information Session Verification of Attendance must be attached to the program application. Applicants without an ORIGINAL Information Session Verification dated, signed, and stamped within 1 year of application will not be ranked or admitted to the program. Copies not acceptable.

Completed SUSCC Application for General Admission and admission requirements for Southern Union. To avoid delays, apply to the College before sending official transcripts.

Official transcripts from EACH college attended (or high school transcript for applicants with no prior college coursework) must be in the Registrar's office in **Wadley** before the deadline. Transfer credit listed on other college transcripts will NOT be accepted as replacement for official transcripts from EACH college. **Faxed and hand-delivered transcripts are not considered as official.** Official transcripts are not considered as "received" until they have entered the **Wadley** Records Office. It is your responsibility to check with Records Office and verify that **transcripts have been received by the Records Office before** the application deadline. **Mail transcripts directly to Records Office at: Southern Union State Community College, Admissions, P.O. Box 1000, Wadley, AL 36276.**

Course descriptions must be attached for transfer courses required for nursing program. Contact previous college for descriptions. **Descriptions must be from the catalog in effect the year course was taken. If you do not attach descriptions, you may not receive credit for the courses used for ranking in the application process.**

Current class schedule must be attached if currently enrolled in college other than SUSCC. Latest "In-progress" transcript from college you are currently attending must be in Records Office before application deadline. In-Progress transcripts must have grades for any previous semesters completed. If you are no longer enrolled, a finalized transcript with grades is required.

Meet minimal admission requirements for application to nursing program (Requirements available on page 3).

Completed ORIGINAL program application for the specific program for which you are applying. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Health Sciences Admissions Office (Ebony Mark) has received your COMPLETE application for the **correct** program prior to the deadline. You may verify application has been received if application is submitted and request is made two weeks before the deadline by emailing emark@suscc.edu. Faxed, scanned, and emailed applications not accepted.

Essential Functions form read, answered, and signed by applicant. Student must maintain ability to meet essential functions for nursing with or without reasonable accommodations. **Application will be considered incomplete without applicant's answer regarding ability to meet essential functions and signature.** Physician's signature will be required following admission to program.

Scores submitted on ACT NATIONAL OR ACT RESIDUAL. Attach a copy to application and submit score to Records Office by deadline date. Application will be incomplete without score attached. ACT Residual scores can be accessed by logging in to your mysuscc account. To schedule testing, see directions on web at www.suscc.edu.

****READ and sign:** I have included ALL of the above items, as required, in my application packet. I understand that meeting minimal admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. I further understand that if any of the above items are missing, ALL my official college transcripts are not in the registrar's office and my official ACT score has not been received before the deadline for application, my application will not be considered for admission to the program.

Signature _____

Date _____

PERSONAL DATA

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Maiden: _____

SUSCC Student # _____

Phone #: _____ Cell: _____ Email Address: _____

***Address must be correct in Records Office for you to receive notification of admission status.**

PRIOR EDUCATION

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

GED (if applicable): _____ Date Completed: _____

International students should make sure their visa or green card does not expire prior to end of program.

College: List all colleges attended (including Southern Union):

Name of College	City, State	Name(s) on transcript during attendance	Currently enrolled? Indicate Yes or No
(Attach additional sheet if needed)			

Are you currently enrolled in a college other than SUSCC? _____ If yes, attach current class schedule and in-progress transcript must be located in Records Office by deadline.

Have you ever been enrolled in another nursing program? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, give the name of the institution attended, dates attended, and the reason for withdrawal: _____

TESTING

Have you taken the ACT National or ACT Residual _____ Yes: _____ No: _____

Name as documented at the time of testing: _____

INDICATE WHERE YOU HAVE TAKEN (OR ARE ENROLLED IN) THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Transfer students must attach course descriptions from the catalog in effect at the time course was taken. Copy of front of catalog should be included. Applications without course descriptions may not be considered.

SUSCC Course number and name	Title of Course that you completed	College/University Granting Credit	Grade	Year
English 101 (English Composition I)				
Math 100 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher level math				
Biology 201 (Anatomy & Physiology I)				
Biology 202 (Anatomy & Physiology II)				
Biology 220 (Microbiology)				
PSY210 (Human Growth and Development)				
SPH106 or SPH107 (Speech)				
Humanities Elective				

***It is the applicant's responsibility to verify transferability with the Academic Advisor for Health Sciences. Course descriptions ARE REQUIRED for transfer courses.**

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Verification of Attendance at Health Sciences Information Session.
2. Unconditional admission to the college. (See College Catalog)
3. Completed application for the nursing program(s) by published deadline.
4. Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA of completed nursing required academic core courses from a regionally accredited institution **and** transfer students must enter College on clear academic status.
5. Minimum 2.0 GPA at Southern Union.
6. Minimum of 2.5 high school 12th grade GPA for students without prior college work (GED passage acceptable in place of 2.5 GPA).
7. Eligibility for English 101, Math 100 and satisfaction of College reading requirement. This is verified by meeting College's ACT, SAT, COMPASS, OR ACCUPLACER placement score requirements, or transfer of English Composition I (for reading and English requirements) and intermediate algebra or higher level math (for math requirement).
8. A minimum of 18 composite score ACT National or Residual. Test scores must be on file with Records office and a copy must be attached to program application.
9. Good standing with the college.
10. Meet the essential functions required for nursing.

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. **Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.**

ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE

Legal requirements for licensure in the State of Alabama are listed in the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code. The Alabama Board of Nursing determines the eligibility for licensure based on the applicant's response to certain questions. **It is important that you understand that successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to take the NCLEX exam. The Board of Nursing may deny an individual permission to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) based on an investigation.** Applicants do not need to respond to the questions for application to the program, but must be aware that when applying for licensure they must answer the questions honestly or risk denial of application for licensure. For more information, please contact the Alabama Board of Nursing.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the official policy of the Alabama State Board of Education and Southern Union State Community College that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, gender, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Persons requiring reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Southern Union State Community College ADA Coordinator at (334) 745-6437 extension 5351.

Applicants please read and sign below:

I understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the nursing program. I understand this application must be resubmitted if I am not selected for the indicated application period. All application materials become the property of Southern Union State Community College. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Nursing Department has received all of the requested documentation.

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason for dismissal and/or refusal of admission.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Send or Deliver Completed Applications to:
Southern Union State Community College
ATTN: Ebony Mark
301 Lake Condry Road, Opelika, AL 36801

Nursing Program Essential Functions

The Alabama College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with Southern Union State Community College Policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities. The essential functions below are necessary for nursing program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective nursing care. The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

- 1) Sensory Perception
 - a) Visual (with or without corrective lenses)
 - i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
 - ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
 - iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
 - iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
 - v) Read cursive writing
 - vi) Read at varying distances
 - vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
 - b) Auditory
 - i) Interpret monitoring devices
 - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
 - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment
 - iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
 - c) Tactile
 - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
 - d) Olfactory
 - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment
- 2) Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships
 - a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
 - b) Work effectively in groups
 - c) Work effectively independently
 - d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
 - e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
 - f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
 - g) Obtain communications from a computer
- 3) Cognitive/Critical Thinking
 - a) Effectively read, write and comprehend the English language
 - b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical nursing decisions in a variety of health care settings
 - c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations including mathematical computations without a calculator
 - d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives
- 4) Motor Function
 - a) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
 - b) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
 - c) Maintain balance from any position
 - d) Stand on both legs
 - e) Coordinate hand/eye movements
 - f) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
 - g) Stand, bend, walk and/or sit for 6-12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self or others
 - h) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
 - i) Function with hands free for nursing care and transporting items
 - j) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
 - k) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely
 - l) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
 - m) Maneuver in small areas
 - n) Perform daily care functions for the client
 - o) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective nursing care
 - p) Calibrate/use equipment
 - q) Execute movement required to provide nursing care in all health care settings
 - r) Perform CPR and physical assessment
 - s) Operate a computer
- 5) Professional Behavior
 - a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others
 - b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age appropriate in relationship to the client
 - c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
 - d) Perform safe, effective nursing care for clients in a caring context
 - e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the College and clinical agencies
 - f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
 - g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline
 - h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Board of Nursing
 - i) Not to pose a threat to self or others
 - j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing nursing care
 - k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
 - l) Remain free of chemical dependency
 - m) Report promptly to clinical and remain for 6-12 hours on the clinical unit
 - n) Provide nursing care in an appropriate time frame
 - o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
 - p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
 - q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with nursing care or learning

STUDENT VERIFICATION

Read the declarations below and answer only one option. Sign and print your name. If you are unable to fully meet any criterion, you will need to direct your request to the Coordinator of Disability Services.

_____ I have reviewed the Essential Functions for this program and I certify that to the best of my knowledge **I currently have the ability to fully perform these functions.** I understand that further evaluation of my ability may be required and conducted by the nursing faculty if deemed necessary to evaluate my ability prior to admission to the program and for retention and progression through the program.

_____ I have read the Essential Functions for this program and **I currently am unable to fully meet the items indicated without accommodations.** I am requesting the following reasonable accommodations: (use additional sheet if needed)

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name

Student #

SUSCC Nursing Program Worksheet

Printed Applicant's Name _____		Student ID# _____	
Required Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on nursing required academic core courses listed on page 2 and a minimum of 2.0 GPA at SUSCC or entry to College on clear academic status if never enrolled at SUSCC. Students without prior college work must have a minimum 2.5 GPA from 12 th grade coursework (GED acceptable). HAVE YOU MET THE MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENT? YES: _____ NO: _____			
SECTION A			
ACT NATIONAL or RESIDUAL COMPOSITE SCORE. NOTE: There is no time limit of when the test was taken. Applicants who do not have their ACT test score submitted to the Admissions office before the deadline and have a copy attached to their program application will not be ranked for admission purposes. Verify with the Records office that the ACT score you want used matches those on file. You can access your submitted score through your MYSUSCC account.			
ACT English = _____	ACT Mathematics= _____	ACT Reading= _____	ACT Science= _____
ACT Composite Score (TOTAL POINTS FOR SECTION A): _____			Points (max. 36 points)
SECTION B			
Points Awarded for Specific Coursework. NOTE: You should consult with an Academic Advisor regarding the transferability of courses taken at another institution. A maximum of four (4) grades you have earned can be used for points as indicated in the following scale: A=3 points; B=2 points; C=1 point.			
BIO 201 Anatomy and Physiology I	Grade _____ = _____ points		
BIO 202 Anatomy and Physiology II	Grade _____ = _____ points		
ENG 101 English Composition I	Grade _____ = _____ points		
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or higher level	Grade _____ = _____ points		
TOTAL POINTS FROM SECTION B: _____			Points (max. 12 points)
SECTION C			
<u>A total of THREE (3) additional points are earned by students who have completed either Academic Courses or Health Sciences Courses at Southern Union.</u> <u>Additional Academic Courses Points.</u> THREE (3) additional points are earned by students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours for the following ACADEMIC courses at SUSCC : ENG 101 (3 hrs.), MTH 100 or higher level math (3 hrs.), BIO 201 (4 hrs.), BIO 202 (4 hrs.), BIO 220 (4 hrs.), PSY 210 (3 hrs.), SPH 106 or 107 (3 hrs.), or HUM Elective (3 hrs.). All courses must have been completed with a grade of "C" or better. <u>Additional Health Sciences Courses Points.</u> EMT or AEMT, PLB, or Wellness Certificate will be awarded one (1) point . EMT + AEMT, MCT, AMA, Wellness and Personal Trainer Certificate, or Therapeutic Massage Certificate will be awarded two (2) points . Students who have completed the Practical Nursing, Surgical Technology, Radiologic Technology, Paramedic, or Medical Assisting Technology programs at SUSCC may be awarded 3 (three) points ONLY if the student has not earned 12 hours of academic credit with courses listed above. _____ 3 points Three (3) points awarded if student has Associate Degree or higher awarded from a regionally accredited institution. Degree must be posted on official transcript. _____ 3 points			
Total Additional Points _____ (max. 6 points)			
Applicant will receive an additional point (1) for grade of A or B in the following college courses:			
Course	Grade	Course	Grade
BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I		BIO 220 Microbiology	
BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II		MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra or higher level	
Total Points from Above Courses _____			(max. 4 points)
TOTAL POINTS FROM SECTION C: _____			Points (max. 10 points)
<u>Total Applicant Score</u> = Section A + Section B + Section C= _____ (max. 58 points)			

Applicants are ranked by Total Applicant Score.

If a tie should exist between applicants, the core GPA will determine ranking.

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance. You must attend an information session for health sciences within 1 year of application to program. See www.suscc.edu for dates and times.