



SUSCC ADN Program

Overview

Nurses are responsible for gathering information about patients using communication, physical assessment, and analytical skills; administering medications; performing invasive and non-invasive procedures; working as member of the healthcare team and teaching patients and their families to promote or restore health. Nurses must respect the rights and dignity of individuals and display exceptional interpersonal skills, sensitivity, and tact with ill, injured, and suffering patients. Nurses must assume a commitment to patient care and the responsibility of life-long learning.

Approval

Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN)

Accreditation

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The **Practical Nursing** program is a candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Degree Earned

- * Occupational Certificate: 1 year / 3 semesters (45 semester hours)
- * Associate in Applied Science: 2 years / 5 semesters (66 semester hours)

Credentials Earned

- * *Licensed Practical Nurse* following successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)
- * *Registered Nurse* following successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)

Working Conditions

Pleasant temperature-controlled environment. Patient care environment may include working with persons with AIDS, AIDS-related diseases, Hepatitis, and other communicable diseases. Work schedules may include day, evening, or night shifts, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Curriculum

Course #	Course Name	Cr. hrs
Semester I		
BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Phys. I	4
MTH 100	Intermediate College Algebra or higher level math	3
NUR 112	Fundamentals Concepts of Nursing	7
** Students eligible to obtain Nursing Assistant Certification		
Semester II		
BIO 202	*Human Anatomy & Phys. II	4
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 210	Human Growth & Development	3
NUR 113	Nursing Concepts	8
Semester III		
SPH 107	Public Speaking (or SPH 106)	3
NUR 114	Nursing Concepts II	8
NUR 115	Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning (hybrid)	2
**PN Certificate awarded: students eligible to obtain licensure as a PN		
Semester IV		
BIO 220	General Microbiology	4
NUR 211	Advanced Nursing Concepts	7
Semester V		
Humanities Elective		3
NUR 221	Advanced Evidence Based Clinical Reasoning	7
Total Credit Hours		66

****Associate Degree in Nursing awarded: students eligible to obtain licensure as RN**

*BIO 201 is a prerequisite for BIO 202.

Classes in bold may be taken prior to entering nursing or taken in consecutive nursing semesters.

Application Deadlines

Opelika Campus: Classes are admitted two (2) times per year, fall and spring semesters.

Wadley Campus: Students are admitted one (1) time per year, summer semester. Nursing courses in semesters I, II, and III are completed on the Wadley campus. Nursing courses in semesters IV and V are completed on the Opelika campus.

Deadlines for applications:

- * February 1st for Summer Semester
- * March 1st for Fall Semester
- * September 15th for Spring Semester

Admission Requirements:

Notice: Admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice. Please check with Health Sciences Division and/or website for updates.

In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, admission to the Nursing program requires:

1. Health Sciences Information Session Attendance Verification. Register for session on Health Sciences webpage at www.suscc.edu.
2. Unconditional admission to the College.
3. Minimum of 2.5 GPA for nursing required academic core courses.
4. Current or previous Southern Union students must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher at SUSCC.
5. Transfer students must enter SUSCC on clear academic status (cumulative 2.0 GPA).
6. Official transcripts in the Records office from ALL post-secondary institutions attended, along with high school transcript.
7. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 100 and satisfaction of the College reading requirement.
8. Official score on ACT National or Residual with a minimum composite score of 18. (No time limit on when the test was taken.)
9. Submission of completed application for before deadline.

Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Admission to the nursing program is competitive, and the number of students admitted is limited by the number of clinical facilities available. After meeting minimal requirements, applicants are rank-ordered for acceptance using a points system based on score on ACT National or Residual and quality points from selected college courses. Students may be eligible to earn additional points (max. 10 pts.) See program application for details. (max. 10 pts.) See program application for details.

For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at www.suscc.edu.