

Fall Entry 2027

Practical Nursing Admission Requirement Booklet



Performance Requirements

The following are examples of activities that you will be required to perform in order to successfully complete any Allied Health or Nursing program:

1. **Critical Thinking:** Possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical and class judgment. Example: You must be able to identify cause and affect relationships in clinical situations, participate in development of nursing care plans, etc.
2. **Ethical Behavior:** Provide services with respect for human dignity and the uniqueness of the patient/client unrestricted by consideration of socioeconomic status, personal attributes, or the nature of health problems. Example: You will care for patients/clients assigned regardless of race, gender, religion, or diagnosis.
3. **Legal Behavior:** Provide care within the scope of practice as stated in the North Carolina Nursing Practice Act. Example: You will learn to assess the patient's/client's physical and mental health.
4. **Interpersonal Skills:** Possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc. from a variety of psychosocial cultural backgrounds. Example: You will establish rapport with patients/clients and health care team members by behaving in a professional, courteous manner.
5. **Communication Skills:** Possess communication abilities sufficient for verbal and nonverbal interaction with others. Example: You will be able to clearly explain treatment procedures to patients/clients/family, document patient/client responses, and report to others regarding nursing care.
6. **Mobility:** Possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand and walk for extended periods of time. Example: You will be able to ambulate within the room, transfer patients; assist with procedures.
7. **Motor Skills:** Possess gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care. Example: You will be able to calibrate equipment, position patients/clients, administer injections, etc.
8. **Hearing Skills:** Possess auditory ability sufficient to monitor health needs and collect data. Example: You will be able to listen to other alarms, listen to heart and breath sounds, and hear a cry for help as well as identify pitch differences on Doppler applications.
9. **Visual Skills:** Possess visual ability sufficient for observation and data collection. Example: You will be able to observe the color of skin and read scale on a syringe.
10. **Tactile Skills:** Possess tactile ability sufficient for data collection. Example: You will be able to detect pulsation and feel skin temperature.
11. **Weight Bearing:** Possess the ability to lift and manipulate/move 40-50 pounds. Example: You will be able to move equipment, position patients, etc.

Practical Nursing Admission Process

Please see the website regarding application window. Application window is generally from February to April.

Practical Nursing is a competitive admission program beginning in the fall of each year. Practical Nursing is a one-year diploma program, and all applicants must meet the minimum requirements to be considered for admission. **However, meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.**

All applicants must complete Phase I through Phase II in order to submit the Practical Nursing Program Application before the deadline listed on the website. Qualified applications will be ranked based on points.

Phase I: Complete your SPCC Admissions File

- Complete the SPCC **Application for Admissions**

Must be within last year or general education course taken at SPCC within last year.

- Submit **official high school transcripts** (or adult high school/high school equivalent transcript).

- Submit **official college transcripts** for **all** colleges listed on your application.

All transcripts are required even if courses will not apply to this program. Transcripts are usually evaluated within 72 hours after they are received. Once all transcripts are received, you will be notified if a **Placement Test** is required. The Registrar will notify applicants which classes successfully transfer to South Piedmont.

Phase II: Practical Nursing Program Requirements

- Complete the Phase II application request form to receive the PN application.**

- Have taken or are **eligible to take ENG 111**

- Have taken or are **eligible to take BIO 168**

- Earn a grade of **“C” or higher in all completed general education courses** listed on Practical Nursing curriculum map

- Have a **GPA of 2.5 or higher in completed general education courses listed in the Practical Nursing Degree Curriculum Map**

- Current **NC Nurse Assistant I (CNA) certification**. Students must successfully pass the state written and skills exam. NOTE: NAI program must be state approved with theory, lab, and clinical

- Take the **ATI TEAS test** (*Minimum Score of 65*) *within two years of deadline.*

Above documentation must be legible and have student name and date of completion.

Once all items above have been completed, send all documentation to healthadmissions@spcc.edu
You must have all the items above in order to complete the application successfully and be considered for entry to the program.

Application Review Check List - Please bring checklist and all documentation with final application.

- Completed all requirements in Phase I and II.**
- All current college transcripts are on file and have been evaluated for transfer credit.**
- Any completed coursework on Page 6 with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and a C or higher in all courses**
- Completed Phase II application**
- Current proof of successful completion and/or certification of Nurse Assistant I** (passed state/national licensure test) NOTE: Student must have an active CNA registry.
- ATI TEAS** within **two (2) years** of deadline with **65** or higher overall score.
- Copy of SPCC Advising Transcript with transfer credits evaluated.** Copies of all college transcripts evaluated and on file with SPCC Registrar.

Above documentation must be legible, have student name and date of completion.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for admissions to the Practical Nursing program?

- Complete Phase I and II of the admissions requirements listed previously.
- Collect Nurse Aide Certification/passing test results or registry information, ATI TEAS Score Report, and any additional documentation to meet minimum requirements, if applicable.
- Email Phase II application and required documentation to healthadmissions@spcc.edu

When are students admitted into the Practical Nursing program?

- Students are admitted during the fall semester once a year.
- Notification of acceptance/regrets will be emailed to the SPCC student email within one month of the deadline
- The selection is based on highest points earned (see selection below).
- **All health programs have limited seats. Admission is competitive.**
- If all seats are not filled, the application period may be extended. Any extension will be posted on www.spcc.edu.
- Mandatory orientation details will be sent to accepted students through their SPCC email. Attendance is required; failure to attend the mandatory orientation will result in you forfeiting your seat in the nursing program

How do I earn points?

Points Item	Criteria	Score/Points
Overall, TEAS Score	Minimum Overall 65 within 2 years of deadline	
BIO 168	A= 30, B= 15	
BIO 169	A= 30, B=15	
PSY 150	A= 30, B= 15	
Total Points:		

To receive points, you must attach a document for each item above proving points earned.

TEAS: ATI TEAS score report from ATI student portal.

How do I take the TEAS test?

- You must create an ATI username/password prior to testing at www.atitesting.com.
 - Select *South Piedmont CC* as the institution.
- After your ATI account is created, you can schedule the test and pay through SPCC.
- SPCC testing appointments must be made online at www.spcc.edu.
- SPCC student cost is \$78; non-SPCC student cost is \$93 (fee subject to change) paid to SPCC Business Office on the phone or in person.
- Must present a photo ID, SPCC receipt, and know ATI login at testing appointment.
- The TEAS can be taken every 30 days at SPCC or another testing center.
 - ATI TEAS test cannot be taken virtually. TEAS test must be proctored in a testing center.

I was in another Nursing Program. Can I transfer to SPCC's PN program?

Nursing students enrolled in another nursing program and/or nursing courses are not eligible for transfer into the LPN program at SPCC.

How will I know if I am accepted into the Practical Nursing program?

Within one month of the program application deadline, you will receive notification of your provisional acceptance by e - mail to your SPCC student email address. **ONCE YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER, you must:**

- Complete any steps listed in your provisional acceptance letter by the deadline.
- Mandatory orientation details will be sent to accepted students through their SPCC email. Attendance is required; failure to attend the mandatory orientation will result in you forfeiting your seat in the nursing program

Practical Nursing GPA Calculation Information

A = 4 B = 3 C = 2 D = 1 F = 0

GPA Calculation Chart				
Course	Letter Grade	Grade Value	Credit Hours	Quality Points
ENG 111			X	=
PSY 150			X	=
BIO 168 AND			X	=
BIO 169			X	=
			Totals:	
GPA = Total Quality Points/Total Credit Hours				GPA:

- Use only completed general education courses listed above (unless approved by substitution).
- If course was transferred, use grade received at that college (only credits transferred by SPCC Registrar will be used).
- BIO 165/166 may be used for BIO 168/169 (course sub required after acceptance).
- CLEP are not calculated into the GPA.
- AP credit will be included in the GPA based on the scale below:
 - A= 5
 - B= 4
 - C= 3
- GPA is calculated to two decimal places and is NOT rounded (2.689 is 2.68).

Note: Students are encouraged to complete General Education courses prior to taking NUR courses.

If you intend to use any other course than those listed above, you must complete a *Health Pre-Course Substitution* Form. Forms can be accessed on www.spcc.edu in Student Forms.

Confirmation of the substitution approval must be attached to the Practical Nursing Phase II Application.

Curriculum Map

Practical Nursing Degree (D45660) – 44 Credit Hours

General Education Requirements

Course		Lec	Lab	Crd
Communication: Take Course Below				
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	3
Social Sciences: Take Course Below				
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	3
Natural Sciences/Math: Take Both Courses				
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I &	3	3	4
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
				Total: 14 hours*

Students are strongly encouraged to complete General Education courses prior to taking any NUR course.

Fall Semester – 1st Year

Course	Course Name	Lec	Lab/Clinic	Credit
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	7	6/6	11
				Total 11

Spring Semester – 1st Year

Course	Course Name	Lec	Lab/Clinic	Credit
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	7	0/9	10
NUR 103AB	Practical Nursing III (Part I)	3	0/0	3
				Total 13

Summer Semester – 1st Year

Course	Course Name	Lec	Lab/Clinic	Credit
NUR 103BB	Practical Nursing III (Part II)	3	0/9	6
				Total 6

Accreditation Statements

The Practical Nursing program is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. Contact the Board of Nursing at P.O. Box 2129, Raleigh, NC 27602-2129 or 4516 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607 or call 919-782-3211 for questions about the approved program.

SPCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Disclosure Statements

- Courses for this program are held on the Old Charlotte Hwy campus in Monroe.
- Healthcare Provider CPR will be required at Orientation if accepted to program.
- Student must be on a NAI Registry at July Orientation if accepted to the program and certification must be kept current during the program.
- Accepted applicants will be required to complete a criminal background check and a drug screen. Costs are the responsibility of the student. Based on the criminal background check and drug screen results, hospitals or clinical facilities where onsite training is conducted may deny you access to their facility, resulting in your inability to complete the clinical portion of the program. If you are unable to complete the clinical training, you will be unable to progress in the program; resulting in your removal from the program.
- All tattoos must be covered when in lab, class or clinical. Facial piercings are considered body piercings and are not allowed. The only exception to this rule is a stud nose piercing or stud eyebrow piercing. These must be covered with a clear retainer at all times during class, lab, or clinical.
- By accepting a seat in any SPCC Health Program, you forfeit your place on any alternate list for any other program.

Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Undocumented Student Notice

NCCCS policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at SPCC at the out of state tuition rate. Acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program. DACA students are eligible to apply to any Allied Health/Nursing programs. Undocumented students are not eligible for consideration in the application process to Allied Health or Nursing programs. According to North Carolina and Federal law, DACA and undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure.

This information is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.

Availability of Disability Services

SPCC provides ongoing services that encourage students with disabilities to integrate themselves into all aspects of college life. The Disability Services provider are available to assist with registration counseling, academic advisement and arrangements for appropriate accommodation(s). Reasonable accommodations are established on an individual basis. Students must provide documentation for a disability from a physician or other licensed professional in order to establish eligibility for services. Please email counselors@spcc.edu for assistance.

SPCC Practical Nursing Estimated Cost

This is an ESTIMATE of costs effective 02/2026. Fees are subject to change.

General Tuition and Fees		
In State		\$76.00/credit hour
Out-of-State		\$268.00/credit hour
Technology Fee		\$48.00/semester
Student Insurance		\$1.40/semester
Campus Parking Fee (CAPS)		\$15.00/semester
Student Activity Fee		\$35.00/semester
Textbooks		\$22.00/credit hour
	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition: General Education Courses:14 credit hours. <i>(Cost will vary depending on number of hours taken per semester)</i>	\$1,064.00	\$3,752.00
Textbooks	\$308.00	\$308.00
Pre-Orientation Expenses	\$85.00	\$85.00
Total General Education:	\$1,372.00	\$4,060.00
Fall - Semester 1, 1st Year (11 credit hours)		
Pre-entrance physical exam, all immunizations (as listed on health form)	Varies	Varies
Tuition	\$836.00	\$2,948.00
Textbooks	\$242.00	\$242.00
Uniforms	Varies	Varies
Lab Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$13.00	\$13.00
ATI Testing & NCLEX Preparation Fees	\$610.33	\$610.33
Watch with second hand	Varies	Varies
Stethoscope	Varies	Varies
Total Fall Semester 1	\$1,751.33	\$3,863.33
Spring - Semester 2, 1st Year (13 credit hours)		
Tuition	\$988.00	\$3,484.00
Textbooks	\$286.00	\$286.00
ATI Testing & NCLEX Preparation Fees	\$610.33	\$610.33
Total Fall Semester 2	\$1,884.33	\$4,380.00
Summer- Semester 3, 1st Year (6 credit hours)		
Tuition	\$456.00	\$1,608.00
Textbooks	\$132.00	\$132.00
Graduation Fees	\$20.00	\$20.00
Nursing Class Pin	\$26.00	\$26.00
ATI Testing & NCLEX Preparation Fees	\$610.33	\$610.33
NCBON Testing Fee/Licensure	\$350.00	\$350.00
Total Summer Semester 3	\$1,274.33	\$2,426.00
Estimated Total Cost	\$6,281.99	\$14,729.33



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