Shawnee Community College

Licensed Practical Nursing Program
2027 Application Packet

The Licensed Practical Nursing program at Shawnee Community College, located at the Main Campus in Ullin, IL is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Practical Nursing Program is Initial Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm

Dear Prospective Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program at Shawnee Community College. The College has an Open-Door Admission Policy, however, there are some programs that have admission requirements. You will find the admission requirements for the LPN Program on the next page of this packet. **Please read through the information carefully.**

Admission into the LPN Program is based on the composite score of the required entrance test and points awarded for excelling in the designated prerequisite science classes. Additional points may also be received for completing a high school College and Career Pathway Endorsement (CCPE). This process is explained in detail within this packet. Please note that our LPN program requires prerequisite courses English Composition I, Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology I, and Anatomy and Physiology II. We also strongly recommend taking Human Biology, Medical Terminology, and Math for Healthcare Professionals prior to starting this program.

If after reviewing this material you have any questions regarding the program or the admission criteria, please call the Allied Health and Nursing Office at (618) 634-3282.

Again, thank you for your interest in Shawnee Community College and best wishes in your educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dr Judith April Dollins DNP, RN

Dr. Judith A. Dollins, DNP, RN
Interim Director of Nursing

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRACTICAL NURSING (PN) PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

The following procedures apply to all prospective students seeking admission to Shawnee Community College LPN program. Failure to comply with the deadline dates designated by the College will terminate the application for the class in which the applicant is seeking admission; and it will be the responsibility of the applicant to inform the Allied Health Department if he/she wishes to be considered for admission to a future program.

A. **All application materials must be submitted to the Nursing Administrative Assistant by March 31st, 2027 to be considered for the 2027-2028 PN Program.** The required application materials include: a completed PN Application form (page 7 & 8 in this packet), degree audit, unofficial College Transcript, driver's license/ID & TEAS scores. Transfer/Not current students, complete the online Shawnee Community College application for admission to SCC.

B. Follow the procedure for taking TEAS Exam as listed in this packet. A TEAS Score of 60 or greater is required.

C. Students are rank-ordered for admission. **Preference is given to in-district applicants**. All other out-of-district applicants are rank-ordered at the bottom of the in-district list.

D. Points will be added to the Adjusted Individual Total Score (provided you have made at least 60% on TEAs Exam), for successful completion of Biology 221-222, Anatomy and Physiology I & II. Points will be given as follows: A = 3 points, B = 2 points. These points will be counted only at the time of the class selection in April. Classes completed after that time will not count as points toward admission, as those courses are prerequisites. **Please note: Anatomy and Physiology class must be completed in the last seven years** prior to admission.

E. The following courses must be completed with a grade of C or better before beginning the PN program:
ENG 111 - English Composition I, BIO 221/222 – Anatomy & Physiology I & II, and HLT 211 - Nutrition.
BIO 115 - Human Biology, MAT 122 - Math for Healthcare Professionals & HIT 100 - Medical Terminology are strongly recommended prior to the start of the program.

F. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher is required for admission to the PN program.

G. Students accepted into the program must submit a completed Shawnee Community College Physical Form that demonstrates physical capabilities to perform all clinical work expected of a student nurse. Do not submit documentation until after acceptance and the informational meetings. The form will be provided at the informational meetings.)

H. Students must submit to a criminal background check and drug test **after** being accepted into the program at student expense. Instructions for completing these tasks will be provided at the informational meetings. Do not complete before the informational meeting. Please note, A felony conviction may adversely affect the ability to sit for the NCLEX-LPN exam and/or attain licensure.

I. Students must provide proof of personal health insurance or a medical card, physical exam, & proof of immunizations* or titers (Do not submit documentation until after acceptance and the informational meetings. More information, including checklist/forms, will be provided at the informational meetings.) *see Covid-19 Vaccination information below

J. Applicants who are not admitted or fail to comply with required deadlines will not be carried over for the next year. If interested in applying for next year's program, a new application must be submitted.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the Allied Health and Nursing Department at (618) 634-3282. The toll-free number is 1 (800) 481-2242, ext. 3282.

*Covid-19 Vaccination Requirements for Practical Nursing

Some of our clinical partners have strict COVID-19 vaccination mandates in place *without accepting exemptions*, as those facilities prioritize the health and safety of colleagues, patients, infants, children, those unable to receive vaccination, and other vulnerable populations. We will make a sincere effort to place you at clinical sites according to your current vaccination status, however, we are unable to guarantee your clinical placement, therefore we recommend you provide proof of vaccination or exemption after being accepted into the program.

FACT SHEET FOR POTENTIAL
PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS

1. Selection of the class will be completed and letters of notification will be mailed by May 1, 2026. Potential students will receive a letter indicating their acceptance into the program or not. Any individual not receiving a letter by May 14th, 2027 should contact the Allied Health and Nursing Department.

2. The length of the full-time program (excluding pre-requisite courses) is 12 months from start to finish. Program begin Summer 2027 Semester.

3. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from the campus and to and from your assigned clinic site. The clinic sites currently in use are located in Anna, IL, Marion, IL, Metropolis, IL, Paducah, KY, Herrin, IL, Carbondale, IL, and Cape Girardeau, MO and surrounding areas. A student may not stay at the same clinical site throughout the program, as it is valuable for students to have varied experiences in this program.

4. **Potential PN Students should not purchase anything until after they have attended the nursing informational meetings!**

5. **Informational meetings** will be at the SCC main campus in the nursing department (Lower L building). Prospective students must attend <u>one</u> of the meetings. The informational meetings can be attended on either **April 21st, 2027 at 3:00pm or April 22nd, 2027 at 9:00am.**

6. **PN Orientation** for students who have been accepted into the program and who have provided all of their required documentation will be in room L1019 at the SCC main campus on **May 20th, 2027 at 8:00am. Attendance at orientation is Mandatory** to begin the PN program. No alternative dates will be offered.

7. The <u>approximate</u>* cost for the PN program, <u>including</u> prerequisite courses is $13,500 - $14,000 This cost includes tuition, fees, textbooks, uniforms, & equipment.
   Licensure application fee ***not included in above estimate*** (upon completion): $500 NCLEX-PN
   *costs subject to change and are approximate based on tuition rate, textbook fees, etc. as of 9/25/26.

The Licensed Nursing program has been chosen as a targeted program for the Perkins Grant. This Federal Vocational Grant supplies supplemental services such as tutoring, adaptive equipment, supplies, etc. for students who would qualify as academically challenged, physically handicapped, economically disadvantaged, LEP (Limited English Proficient), and non-traditional (male) students in this targeted program. Information on this program will be provided during orientation.

Shawnee Community College is an equal opportunity affirmative action institution. Admission, financial aid, student employment, curriculum requirements, extra-curricular participation, counseling, placement services, and athletic programs shall be available to all students without regard to race, sex, age, national origin, or disability. Contact the College's Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator if you have a question or concern.

Upon successful completion of the program, students are required to pass the NCLEX-LPN exam for employment in the field of study.

Nursing Program Entrance Test Procedure

The test given for entry into the Shawnee Community College Nursing program is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) from the Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI). **Applicants wishing to prepare for the test can purchase the most recent TEAS Study Manual or access to online practice tests. A combination package of the study manual and online access is also available. Please note that these products are optional. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items go to www.atitesting.com and click on Online Store for more information**.

1. Each applicant may take the entrance test twice between October 31, 2026 and March 31, 2027. Any additional tests beyond the first two may not be counted. The highest composite score of the two tests will be accepted. A minimum of two weeks between the tests are required. A **TEAS score of 60 or greater is required.**

2. The cost of the test is $75.00 each time it is taken and can be paid the day of the test.

3. The applicant should schedule the entrance test through the Shawnee College Testing Center. Please follow https://shawneecc.edu/student-success-center/testing-center/teas/ to schedule your TEAS exam. On the Testing Center page, you will see an "appointments" button. Click that to schedule your exam. If you are unable to schedule through that link, please email **testing@shawneecc.edu**. The test is administered via the computers in the Testing Center. All efforts will be made to accommodate the student in regard to scheduling, however due to the high usage of the testing center it is recommended that individuals schedule a testing time well in advance. **You must have your receipt for payment and photo ID in order to take the exam (No exceptions).** Payment is to be made at the Bursar's Office and a receipt for payment will be given to the payee.

4. Upon taking the test the applicant will be given a photocopy of the test results. The original copy of the test results will stay with the testing coordinator. **Please bring your test scores to the Nursing Department Administrative Assistant to be copied and placed in your application file.**

5. Test scores are good for two years. However, a student must complete a new application form for each year and submit it by the required deadline.

6. The applicant must pay the fee for testing before or on the day of testing.

7. The test scores should be submitted to the Nursing Department Administrative Assistant once completed. The **last date for test scores and applications to be accepted** for the 2027/2028 PN Program is **March 31, 2027.**

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Admissions Checklist 2026-2027

__ NEW STUDENTS: complete the online New Student Application

__ Submit OFFICAL transcripts for prerequisites not taken at SCC

__ Meet with the Academic and Career Advising Center for a Degree Audit and establish a schedule for taking any prerequisites still needed, at Shawnee Community College (SCC)

__ Review current guidelines for the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

__ Determine the best study and testing plan for the ATI TEAS

__ Schedule your TEAS, Do not wait until last minute as the availability becomes limited the closer you get to the application deadline.

__ Include a copy of your valid Driver's License or Photo ID

__ Understand that once accepted into the program, students must:

- Attend one of the information meetings offered *(Dates/times on page 4)*
- Attend the **mandatory** PN Student Orientation *(Dates/times on page 4)*
- Follow the NUR course sequence and maintain a 2.0 (C) or better GPA in each course.
- Register and maintain a personal ViewPoint account used to gather and store clinical data for the nursing program. Details are given at the informational meeting.
- <u>After the informational meeting</u>:

  Submit documentation required for clinical by deadline:

  - Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider CPR (online AND in-person components)
  - Current health insurance
  - SCC Physical form, TB test, & immunizations including: TDaP, MMR, Varicella, Hepatitis B, COVID-19, & Annual influenza
  - Background check
  - Drug Screen

Submit ALL documentation at the same time including: PN Program Application (page 7 & 8), Degree Audit, unofficial transcript, copy of photo id/license & ATI TEAS scores to:

Email: Nursing@shawneecc.edu
In-person: Allied Health and Nursing Office. (Office Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:00pm
Mail: Allied Health & Nursing, 8364 Shawnee College Road Ullin, IL, 62992

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APPLICATION

Application Information

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____
Last First M.I.

Previously used names: _____ SSN: _____

Address: _____
Street address Apt# City State Zip Code

SCC Email: _____ Non-SCC Email: _____

Student ID: _____ Graduated High School: _____
(Year only)

Current Employment

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

The mandated state information below is being gathered at the request of the U. S. Department of Education for statistical purposes only and is <u>not</u> used for admission of students.

Sex: M F Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Mark all the races that apply:

RACE: African American _____ Asian_____ American Indian _____

Hispanic _____ Caucasian _____ Other (specify)

This information used only for statistics in the Annual Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Report

Disclaimer and signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that submitting this application does not guarantee program acceptance. I understand I will receive acceptance notifications via mail or email after the deadline has passed.

I have read and understand the above information. I certify all information on this form is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Application Checklist

1. **Submit to Admissions Office**
   (New SCC Students only)

   _____ **Shawnee Community College Application**

   _____ **High School Transcript**

   _____ **Official College Transcript(s) (transfer credits)**

2. **Submit all documentation below together to Nursing Department:**

   _____ **Nursing Program Application**

   _____ **Degree Audit Verification completed and signed off by an SCC advisor**

   _____ **Unofficial College Transcript(s), cumulative GPA 2.5 or higher**

   _____ **For current LPN, documentation of LPN credentials is included in my application**

   _____ **Copy of Driver's License**

3. **Please go to https://shawneecc.edu/student-success-center/testing-center/teas/ to schedule your TEAS exam. If you have questions regarding the TEAS test or study materials, call (618) 634-3316 or email testing@shawneecc.edu.**

   _____ **Date of scheduled test (submit to Nursing Administrative Assistant once completed)**