



Applying to Practical Nursing

Application period for programs beginning in August 2021 is from 1/11/2021 at 8:00 am until 3/1/21 at 4:30 pm.

We are unable to accept applications submitted through the mail.

(Please note the application submission process is subject to change due to COVID-19 regulations)

Updated on 2/18/2021: See the Minimum Requirement Checklist

Program Description

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare the student to meet the licensure requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), as established by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE). The program progresses from simple to complex and consists of classroom instruction, lab practicum and supervised clinical activities in accredited hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care agencies. Upon graduation, the student is awarded a diploma and is eligible to apply for the National Council of State Boards Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)

The NCLEX is a test that is administered to all Practical Nursing (PN) graduates. It is meant to ensure that each nurse is competent and can practice safely as a new nurse. The test is based on Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT). CAT basically means that each test is different. Each candidate receives an individualized and unique testing experience. The NCLEX exams are produced by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Each year, the NCSBN surveys newly licensed nurses in order to update and ensure relevancy for the NCLEX. This ensures that the test matches up with what nurses are really doing in their field. The content for the NCLEX-PN falls into 4 main categories with several smaller subcategories. All test content is based on client needs. Nurses must use their knowledge of medical procedures, assessment, and more to care for the client in the best way possible. Students will receive their license from LSBPNE upon completion of NCLEX-PN.

Application Process

Applying to the Practical Nursing program at South Louisiana Community College is a two-part process. The first part is the **Evaluation Phase**. Each applicant must be evaluated to verify that they meet the minimum requirements for admission to the program. An applicant should request the evaluation only after meeting the minimum test scores provided below. Those who pass the evaluation will be recommended to the Practical Nursing department and can complete the second part of the application process which is the **Selection Phase**. Only applicants who are recommended to the Practical Nursing department will complete the Selection Phase of the application process. Applicants who do not pass the evaluation phase can schedule courses recommended at the end of this packet and apply for Practical Nursing in the future.

The Practical Nursing program is highly competitive and has limited seating; therefore, admission is offered only to the top-ranking applicants. Meeting the minimum qualifications for admission does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

Financial Aid recipients should meet with a financial aid advisor to verify that they will have the aid needed to complete the program. SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) must be met each term to continue receiving aid.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

- Complete the SLCC online application for **General Studies for Practical Nursing** and be fully admitted to the college. Students currently enrolled at SLCC do not need to complete this step. Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance to the Practical Nursing program.
- **Update on 2/18/2021: We will accept the substitution of college-level English or math with a C or higher for minimum scores. We prefer that students who have completed these courses retest, instead of using the substitution.**

The following items must be completed before an evaluation request is made:

- Submit all transcripts from prior colleges to the Admissions Office. Additional copies will be required for the Selection Phase if the applicant advances.
- Must not be currently serving under any court-imposed order of supervised probation, work release, school release or parole in conjunction with any felony conviction(s) or plea agreement.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Must have earned the minimum standardized test scores, provided below, in order to be accepted into SLCC's Practical Nursing Program. All tests must have been taken within the three (3) years prior to the start of the program. *For example, if Practical Nursing classes start on August 16, 2021, then test scores must have been taken after August 16, 2018.* If an applicant needs updated test scores, SLCC offers the Accuplacer NextGen test. For more information, visit the SLCC Testing Center webpage at www.solacc.edu/students/testing/accuplacer.

Test Type	Math (The student has passed Math 0083, the equivalent, or higher)	Math (The student has NOT passed Math 0083, the equivalent, or higher)	Reading	Language
ACT	18	18	20	English 18
Accuplacer Classic	Elem. Alg. 48	Elem. Alg. 65*	65	Sentence Skills 74
Accuplacer NextGen	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Stats 243	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Stats 250	Reading Comp 250	Writing 250

Applicants request an evaluation by completing the online request form at https://form.jotform.com/SLCCadmissions/PN_Evaluation_Request.

Applicants should keep copies of all documents that are submitted throughout the application process. Submitted materials will not be returned. Communications about evaluation, recommendation, and admissions are sent via email. Applicants should ensure that updated contact information is always on file with SLCC.

Upon approval in the Evaluation Phase, applicants will receive a Recommendation Form and a Practical Nursing Programmatic Form via email. A copy of all documents should be retained by the applicant. The Admissions Office is unable to provide additional copies of documents to forward to the Practical Nursing Department. The Practical Nursing Department will not return the original application or supporting documents.

All requested information must be received by the published deadlines and must be accurate and legible. Late applications and information are not accepted. Submitting false information or omitting information is cause for elimination from the application process. Applicants can apply to only one nursing program/campus in a single term; if apply to more than one, you will be disqualified for all campuses. Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in any Practical Nursing (HNUR) courses. LSBPNE reserves the right to refuse approval for admission.

PHASE 2 – Selection

Upon approval in the Evaluation Phase, applicants will receive a Recommendation Form and a Practical Nursing Program Application Form. Applicants must bring the Recommendation Form and a Practical Nursing Program Application Form to the main office of the campus they wish to attend (Cashier's Window at Lafayette Campus) and pay a non-refundable \$20 processing fee. **Applicants to the Lafayette Campus will submit all information to the Practical Nursing department in Room 209 of the Health & Sciences building after the processing fee is paid.**

ITEMS TO SUBMIT

- Evaluation form
- Practical Nursing Program Application Form
- Receipt from SLCC cashier for \$20 application fee
- Copy of current allied healthcare provider license/certification (if applicable)

The Practical Nursing department will notify via email all applicants of their admission status, either admitted or denied, after all applications have been reviewed by the Admissions Committee. All admitted students must attend the following mandatory events to receive information regarding additional requirements.

1. Practical Nursing Advising Session
2. Practical Nursing Student Success Live Registration Session
3. Practical Nursing Orientation

Once a student is admitted, additional requirements that must be completed before beginning the program include:

- Proof of high school graduation or equivalency
- Earned 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Health History, Physical Examination, TB Skin Test and Immunizations
- CPR for HealthCare Providers
- Criminal Background Check and Fingerprint Cards as required by LSBPNE
- Official Birth Certificate and Valid Driver's License/ID
- Completed Application to the LSBPNE

Program Starts Scheduled at SLCC Campuses and Office Locations

LOCATION	NEXT START	CONTACT INFORMATION
Acadian Campus (Crowley)	Fall 2021	Main Office: 1933 W. Hutchinson Ave. Crowley, LA 70526 337.788.7521
Lafayette Campus	Fall 2021	Admissions – Ardoin Building: 1101 Bertrand Dr. Lafayette, LA 70506 337.521.9622
CB Coreil Campus (Ville Platte)	Fall 2020	Main Office: 1124 Vocational Dr. Ville Platte, LA 70586 337.363.2197
Evangeline Campus (St. Martinville)	Fall 2021	Main Office: 6305 Main Highway St. Martinville, LA 70585 337.394.2750
Gulf Area Campus (Abbeville)	Fall 2020	Main Office: 1115 Clover St. Abbeville, LA 70510 337.893.4984
TH Harris Campus (Opelousas)	Fall 2021	Main Office: 332 E. South St. Opelousas, LA 70570 337.943.1518
Young Memorial (Morgan City)	Fall 2020	Main Office: 900 Youngs Rd. Morgan City, LA 70380 985.380.2957

How to Improve Your Ranking

The Practical Nursing program does not have required prerequisite classes that must be completed for admission to the program. However, there are **recommended classes** student(s) can complete in order to increase their Profile Score for admission to the program.

Suggested Courses for Prospective PN Students	
ENGL 1010	Rhetoric and Composition
MATH 1105	College Algebra
BIOL 1000	Introduction to Biology I
*BIOL 2017	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology
*BIOL 2042	Human Nutrition
HLSC 2103	Medical Terminology
CNA	Certified Nurse Assistant
Choose from General Education Courses History (HIST), English (ENGL 2XXX) except ENGL 2045 & 2070, or Communications (CMCN) except CMCN 1170, 1270, and 2145.	Humanities

Choose from General Education Courses: Anthropology (ANTH), Criminal Justice (CJUS), Economics (ECON), Geography (GEOG), Political Science (POLI), Psychology (PSYC 2010 or 2080), or Sociology (SOCL).	Social / Behavior Sciences
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*highly recommended to be completed prior to starting the PN Program

If students need to improve their standardized test scores, or have more recent test scores, SLCC offers the Accuplacer test at all campuses. For more information about study links, practice tests, and testing times, visit our Testing Center webpage at: www.solacc.edu/students/testing/accuplacer.