



Southwestern Michigan College

Associate in Applied Science in Nursing

LPN-RN Program

Registered Nurses (RN)

A registered nurse administers hands-on patient care and patient education in various settings, including hospitals, medical offices, long-term care, and other facilities. Registered nurses work with physicians and other health care team members to provide quality care to diverse populations. The national median salary is \$72,000.

Accreditation

The Accreditation Commission accredits the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing program at Southwestern Michigan College for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The Michigan Board approves the RN program of Nursing.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
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Atlanta, GA 30326
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RN Licensing

The associate degree nursing program at Southwestern Michigan College meets the state education requirements for an RN nursing license in Michigan and Indiana. Southwestern Michigan College has not determined if the associate degree nursing program at Southwestern Michigan College meets the state education requirements in any other state or any U.S. Territory. Contact the state regulatory agency for nursing in any other state for which this information is needed.

Prerequisites

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Course ID	Course
BIOL 214	Basic Human Anatomy
BIO 215	Principles of Human Anatomy
ENGL 103	Freshman English II
NURS 167	Principles of Medication Administration
PSYC 101	General Psychology
MATH 127	College Algebra

- Students are required to take all prerequisite courses. No testing out of courses or course waivers will be accepted.
- A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN of more than two years satisfies the courses: NURS 160, 168 and 170. A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN license of two years or more satisfies the courses: NURS 160, 168, 170, ENGL 103/103W, MATH 127, BIOL 214, BIOL 215, and PSYC 101.
 - Students meeting the above requirements will be granted 31 credits for prior learning.
- A minimum grade of a C is required in all general education course, with the exception
- of BIOL 214.
- A student must receive a "B-" (2.67) or above in BIOL 214

- Students must have a minimum of a 2.75 prerequisite GPA in order to be eligible to apply.
- A student may only attempt prerequisite courses two times. Only the most recent attempt on prerequisites will be considered for admission requirements, this includes attempts at other institutions. If attempts are five years or older, the student can retake the courses and be considered for admission. An attempt includes "W" withdrawals.
- Math and science prerequisites expire after five years and must be retaken before admission consideration.
- English and Psychology courses may be retaken after five years, but not required.
- If a student has attempted a higher-level prerequisite class(es) (i.e., MATH 130), that will be the class(es) that will be used to calculate the prerequisite GPA. The prerequisite attempt rule also applies to these courses.

Nursing Program Admission Deadlines

Timeline	Planned Admission for Fall	Planned Admission for Spring
Deadline for Application to the Nursing Office	June 1 st Note: Students with in progress Spring and Summer Semester classes will be considered for admission	November 1 st Note: Students with in progress Fall semester classes will be considered for admission
Notification of Application Results	July 15	November 15
Student Accepts Seat in Nursing Program Via SMC Email	July 30	November 30

All students MUST meet with an academic advisor to ensure they have met the academic requirements to apply for the nursing program. All applications must be turned in to the Nursing and Health Services office. No incomplete applications will be accepted. Due to the competitive nature of the Nursing program, students who have completed all prerequisite courses prior to the application deadline will be given priority consideration for Nursing program admission.

The number of LPN to RN students admitted depends on available seats.

Students taking prerequisite classes at other institutions

- Students may be given conditional admittance into the nursing program if currently enrolled in prerequisite courses at another institution.
- The student must provide proof of enrollment in the prerequisite courses. Proof of enrollment must also include the expected course completion date.
- The student must provide an official transcript within two weeks of course completion. Failure to provide an official transcript within two weeks of course completion may result in forfeiture of the student's seat in the nursing program.
- If an LPN-RN's Kaplan Admission Score is 60 or higher, the Math and Science expiration will be waived.

Kaplan Admission Test

The Southwestern Michigan College Nursing program is Selective Admissions. This means that students are admitted to the program on a competitive basis, and the program does have specific entrance requirements beyond successful completion of the prerequisite courses. Candidates must also score successfully on the Kaplan Admissions Test. While the Prerequisite GPA is used to rank applicants, the student must also pass the Kaplan Entrance exam with a score of 60% to be an eligible candidate for the program. If students do not score a 60% on their first attempt in the event, they may retake the Kaplan Entrance test; however, it must be in a different application cycle. After the second attempt, if a student does not score a 60%, they are not eligible for the program but may re-apply after two years and reattempt the Kaplan Admission Exam.

Applicants who have applied for the program will need to schedule with the Testing Center to complete the Kaplan Admission Test. This must be done before the application due date for the cycle that the student is submitting their application. There is no cost to complete the first attempt of the exam. However, there is

a \$50 fee for the second attempt.

The SMC Library has reference material available to help prospective nursing students prepare for the Kaplan Admissions Exam. Visit the library's information desk for assistance in locating the reference material.

All students must take the Kaplan Admission Exam at SMC to be considered for the Nursing Program. This includes all traditional, transfer and LPN-RN students. Kaplan exam scores are valid for one year.

Required Immunizations and Certifications

The following immunizations are required as part of the Nursing Program. More information about these immunizations can be found on the Nursing Program Application.

- Tuberculosis
- Tetanus
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Chicken Pox
- Covid-19 Vaccine
- CPR

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen

Upon admission to the Nursing Program, all students are subject to a comprehensive background check. The Nursing Program follows the state of Michigan's Workforce Background Check, Public Acts 26, 27, 28, and 29 of 2006, as they relate to the types of crimes and their implications to employment suitability in health/adult foster care facilities and agencies. The Nursing Program uses Viewpoint to run background checks on all those admitted into the nursing program. If you have any questions regarding the background check please reach out to the Nursing and Health Services office at nhs@swmich.edu.

The SMC Nursing Program, enforces a zero-tolerance drug policy; including the use of marijuana. All students are required to pass a drug screen prior to starting the Nursing Program. If a student tests positive for any federally illegal substances, including marijuana, the student will not be allowed to continue in the Nursing Program. A medical marijuana card does not exempt students from this policy.

Required Materials

Additional equipment may include but is not limited to are stethoscope, sphygmomanometer, scissors, watch with second hand, and uniforms. All of these items can be purchased at the SMC bookstore.

How to calculate your Total GPA Points for the Nursing Program

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Course ID	Credits	Multiply	GPA of Course	Equals
BIOL 214	4	X		=
BIO 215	4	X		=
ENGL 103	3	X		=
NURS 167	2	X		=
PSYC 101	3	X		=
MATH 127	4	X		=
Total Pre-Req Credits	24		Add all Points	

Take the number equivalent to the letter grade you earned in the class (see grading scale below), and multiply that number by the number of credit hours for the course. Add the total class points you earned and divide that by the total number of prerequisite credit hours. This number will be your prerequisite GPA.

GPA-Letter Equivalencies

Letter	GPA
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	0.67
F	0.00
I *Incomplete	0.00
W *Withdrawal	0.00

Course Equivalencies

MATH 127:

Alternative math courses for the Nursing program:

Math 130, 141, 142, 201, 203, 205 equivalencies

MATH 098, 101, 102, 128, 129, 150, 153, 154 are not acceptable pre-requisite courses

Advanced Placement Conversion

Score Range	Grade
5	A
4	A
3	B

MATH 130

Grade	Equiv in MATH 127
A	A
B	A
C	B

MATH 141+

Grade	Equiv in MATH 127
A	A
B	A
C	B

Special Notes for LPN to RN Students:

- LPN to RN students will enter the program in the 2nd semester,
- LPN to RN must receive an 85% in the NURS 167 class as a passing grade.
- National League of Nursing (NLN) examinations are available for both pharmacology (NURS 178) and psychosocial nursing (NURS 186, NURS 187). This testing must be done by the application due date. If the testing is not done or the student does not pass, the student will have to take 2nd- semester classes. Please note: the student must meet with the academic advisor to schedule NLN testing. The test must be ordered by the Testing Center and can take 10 business days to come in, and please plan accordingly.
- If a student decides to test for both or one of the tests, the passing grade is a 78% for each test.
- LPN-RN students can take MATH 127 and NURS 167 in the same semester.

Disclaimers

- Students with approved status and/or benefits through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) are responsible for being aware of their status and/or benefits and any changes that may affect it. Southwestern Michigan College is not liable for any problems that may occur when applying for the examination, licensing, and employment after you complete the program.
- Please note the information in this packet is subject to change without notice. Please meet with your advisor if you have any questions. Students are responsible for adhering to any changes made that may affect them.