



PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN)

DIPLOMA PROGRAM - D45660G

The **Practical Nursing** curriculum prepares individuals with the knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to children and adults. Students will participate in assessment, planning, implementing, and evaluating nursing care.

Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) which is required for practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Employment opportunities include hospitals, rehabilitation/long term care/home health facilities, clinics, and physicians' offices.

The Practical Nursing program at Sandhills is accredited by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Admission Requirements: Practical Nursing - Diploma Program

For more information, contact the Admissions Office or your faculty advisor.

- Admission Application** — Apply online at www.sandhills.edu or applications are available through the Admissions Office -- Stone Hall Room 115A. **Indicate D45660G as your major.**
- Transcripts** (High School/GED and College) — Request an official copy of all of your transcript(s), which must be received in a sealed envelope from the issuing school.
- Placement Test** — Complete the ACCUPLACER test, offered on a walk-in basis at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) located in Boyd Library. A testing ticket (issued by Admissions), photo identification and a \$7.00 fee are required. Official ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, ASSET, SAT or ACT scores for tests taken within the past five years may also be accepted. Contact the Testing Office for additional information.
- Pre-Advisement** — After testing, see a Pre-Advisor in Student Services to discuss your test scores and receive your advisor assignment. You will also be given information about how to register for classes. If you are unable to meet with a Pre-Advisor, a New Student Pre-Advising Packet will be mailed to you. (Your test scores will not be mailed.)
- Registration** — Contact your advisor for an appointment to register for classes or participate in one of our New Student Registration Days. (Dates and times are given with Pre-Advising information.)
- Financial Aid** — (Optional) If you have any questions about paying for your education, contact our Financial Aid Office. To apply online for federal financial aid, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov

Stage I: Special Admission Requirements:

- Test score/class requirements** – Students must place into: ENG 111 and MAT 080 or higher.
- Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET)** - Achieve a 62+ composite score for this test. Students can only take this test twice in an academic year (Aug.-July). To schedule a test date, call 695-3733. Cost of the test is \$20, and a photo ID is required. HOBET/NET scores for tests taken within the last 5 years are accepted. Study guides are available at the SCC library and the bookstore.
- Documentation of Stage I**– Once you have passing HOBET scores, Tricia Donadio, Admissions Nursing Advisor, will verify receipt of all Stage I documentation. A letter will then be sent to you indicating you may proceed with the Stage II worksheet, which allows you to enter the “qualified applicant pool.” It is your responsibility to keep a current address and phone number on file with Tricia Donadio (910-695-3727, 127-A Stone Hall, donadiot@sandhills.edu) and to follow-up with her if you do not receive a letter.

Any questions regarding Stages II and III should be directed to your faculty advisor.

Stage II: Admission Summary Ranking:

- Complete an Admission Stage II Summary sheet, turn it in to the Nursing Department (Kennedy 124-A) and obtain a written receipt. Stage II documentation will be accepted starting March 16, 2009 and must be received by 4 pm on March 27, 2009.

Admissions

910-695-3738

Placement Test

910-695-3733

Pre-Advisement

910-695-3725

Financial Aid

910-695-3743



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Sandhills Community College is accredited by the Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees, certificates and diplomas.

- Complete Total Rank Score – Students with the highest rank scores will be offered admission into the entering fall class. A total rank score is determined by your submitted HOBET test score + grades in BIO 165, BIO 166, ENG 111 and PSY 110/150/241 or high school GPA (if graduated from high school between December 2007 through Spring 2009). Those with the highest rank scores will be offered admission for the Fall 2009 semester.
- Second Review of Rankings – In the event the number of available seats for Fall 2009 are unfilled during the March ranking, additional Stage II Admission Summary sheets will be received and ranked June 1-12, 2009. Check with the Nursing department (910-695-3834/Kennedy Hall Room 124-A) or with your advisor.

Stage III:

- Complete and submit all medical forms required of Sandhills students enrolling in Nursing.
- Obtain and submit documentation of current American Heart Association – Health Care Provider CPR certification prior to beginning nursing classes.
- Nurse Aide requirement: Documentation of one of the following must be received prior to attending nursing classes. If you have questions about this class or requirement, contact Dottie Bement at 695-3965, Kennedy Hall - Room 010.
 - Certificate of Completion from a state approved NA I training program having theory, lab and clinical components completed after June 1, 2007.
 - Certificate of Completion of a North Carolina Community College EMT transition to NAS program completed after June 1, 2007.
 - Certificate of Completion from a state approved NA I training program having theory, lab and clinical components completed before June 1, 2007 and current listing on the North Carolina NA I registry.
- Attend a nursing department orientation. (Date will be announced by the department.)
- Receive a Placement Letter – All applicants who submit a PN Admission Summary Sheet will be notified by mail regarding the nursing department's decision.

Special Program Requirements:

- Seating is limited. Apply and complete the above steps as early as possible. Students may begin general education classes prior to acceptance into the Practical Nursing program.
- Students are responsible for extra costs for uniforms, supplies medical exam, insurance and travel to clinical sites. Initial costs could exceed \$800.
- Students with a criminal conviction or NC Nurse Aide I Registry listing with substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation might not be eligible for licensure which is required for employment. In NC, each situation is evaluated individually by the NC Board of Nursing.

Curriculum by Semester

Required Minimum Credit Hours-47

Semester	Course #	Title	Course Hours Per Week			Credit Hours
			Class	Lab	Clinicals	
First Semester (Fall)						
BIO 165	Anatomy & Physiology I		3	3	0	4
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I		7	6	6	11
PSY 110	Life Span Development **		3	0	0	3
			13	9	6	18
Second Semester (Spring)						
BIO 166	Anatomy & Physiology II		3	3	0	4
ENG 111	Expository Writing		3	0	0	3
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II		9	0	12	12
			13	9	6	18
Third Semester (Summer Session)						
NUR 103	Practical Nursing III		6	0	12	10
			6	0	12	10

** It is recommended that students who already have credit for PSY 150, General Psychology, take PSY 241, Developmental Psychology, instead of PSY 110.