

# Associate Degree Nursing

## Associate in Applied Science

For Students Seeking Clinical Admission Fall 2026



## ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Associate Degree Nursing program accepts students through a competitive admissions process. Sandhills uses the term “stage” to describe students’ progress through the Nursing admission process. Stage I—Qualification stage, during which all **prerequisites** for application must be met.

- Stage II—Application stage, during which **points** are calculated and reviewed for consideration.
- Stage III—Conditional-admission stage, during which final requirements – **such as Nurse Aide** – must be met in order to receive final placement into the program.

## PROGRAM FORMAT

**All students are classified in the Associate of General Education-Nursing (AGEN)** major until they are selected for and begin taking nursing clinical classes. Enrollment in this program does not imply or guarantee admission to the ADN program. Students are encouraged to begin prerequisites, and may take as many of the general education courses in the program curriculum as possible before applying to the nursing program. Please consult with your assigned nursing advisor if you have questions. Advisors are assigned after students meet with their admissions navigator. See page 5 of this document.

Sandhills does not expire courses, regardless of how long ago they were taken.

Nursing clinical classes begin in the fall semester only and require five consecutive semesters, regardless of any previous or transfer credit. Classes are held face-to-face on the Pinehurst campus in daytime hours. Seating is limited and selection is competitive.

*The Associate Degree Nursing program at Sandhills is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.*

*Sandhills Community College Associate Degree in Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037, 202-909-2526*

## 2025-26 ADMISSION DEADLINES FOR FALL 2026 CLINICAL ENTRY

### Early Consideration:

Stage I: January 26, 2026  
Stage II: January 26-February 5, 2026  
Stage III: July 30, 2026

### Late Consideration:

Stage I: May 21, 2026  
Stage II: May 21-June 4 2026  
Stage III: July 30, 2026

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## Stage I: Prerequisites

**Admission to SCC:** Complete the SCC admissions application online. Set up your SCC student email account. New students or returning students who have not attended SCC for two years will be required to meet with an admissions navigator before an advisor will be assigned to you/registering for classes.

**Transcripts:** Submit official (sealed) high school/high school equivalency and college transcripts to the SCC Registrar or transcripts@sandhills.edu.

### Course Placement:

- Place into ENG 111 without a prerequisite or corequisite.
- Place out of or complete MAT 025, 035, 043, 052, or 071 or complete MAT 003 with a grade of P2; or complete MAT 025 with a C or better, or complete an equivalent course, such as MAT 070, 080, 121, 140, 143, 151, 152, or MAT 171 with a "C" or better.

**Prerequisite Class:** Complete a **Chemistry** course with a grade of "C" or better as verified by high school or college transcript.

### HESI A2 (Admission Assessment Exam):

- A **75+ cumulative score**, including a **75+ on the reading comprehension section** and a **75+ on the math section**, is required on one single test date. (The cumulative score is the average of all five sections tested: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Anatomy & Physiology, and Math.)
- Students may only take the HESI A2 twice in an academic year (August-July).
- HESI A2 scores must be less than three years old on the day of clinical program entry.
- Test dates and registration are available online from the nursing department webpage.
- Cost is \$55 (price subject to change).
- A photo ID is required.

### Documentation of Stage I:

Students who achieve the required HESI A2 scores will receive a Stage I status email. All communications will be sent to the student's SCC student email account.

- If all Stage I requirements are complete, the student will be placed in the 2026 Qualified Applicant Pool and must complete Stage II in order to be considered for admission.
- Students who have completed Stage I for previous academic years need to contact the Director of Health Programs Student Support to determine whether they meet current criteria for entry in Fall 2026.
- It is the student's responsibility to keep a current address and phone number on file with Student Services and to follow-up if a Stage I email is not received.

## Stage II: Selection Procedure

Qualified students must submit an **ADN Stage II Worksheet** along with supporting transcripts in order to be considered for admission. **Stage II worksheets and supporting documents must be submitted directly to the Nursing Department in Foundation Hall no later than 12:00 PM/noon on the final day of the consideration period.** Late submissions will not be reviewed. Nursing Department office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- Only students who have received a Stage I confirmation email may submit a Stage II worksheet.
- All students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- Stage II Worksheets, instructions, and samples are available on the SCC Nursing website.
- Students wishing to use classes for points that have not been transferred to SCC must meet with the Director of Health Programs Student Support prior to submitting their Stage II forms.
- Students are notified of selection via SCC email.
- Students selected must attend a Nursing Department Information Session (date to be announced).
- Students not selected in Early Consideration must resubmit an **ADN Stage II Worksheet** in Late Consideration in order to be considered.

## Stage II (continued)

Students with the highest scores will be offered admission into the Fall 2026 class. A total score is determined by:

- HESI A2 Cumulative Score, and
- Academic performance in high school or college:
  - \* College Coursework: See **ADN Stage II College Course Worksheet** on website.
  - \* High School Weighted GPA: Students who graduated from high school from December 2024 through Spring 2026 may accumulate points based on weighted GPA or utilize the **ADN Stage II College Course Worksheet**—whichever is highest (see **ADN Stage II High School Points List** on website).

## Stage III: Conditional Admission

Students selected in Stage II to enter the Fall 2026 class must attend a Nursing Department Information Session and Orientation and submit all required documents by the deadlines provided. A seven-day grace period may be extended on a case-by-case basis. Students will receive a final placement letter once orientation is completed and all additional requirements have been met. Students who do not complete all Stage II requirements by deadlines given at the information session may have their admission rescinded.

### Required Documents:

- SCC medical form, official immunization records, criminal background check, and drug screen ;
- American Heart Association **BLS CPR for Healthcare Providers**;
- Nurse Aide **Certificate of Completion**: **ALL** students **MUST** take a NC state-approved Nurse Aide I course. LPNs with a current, unrestricted license to practice in NC will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Other certifications are not considered or exempt from this requirement.
  - \* **If the course was completed before June 1, 2024** submit a Certificate of Completion from a state approved NA I training program having theory, lab and clinical components completed **AND** current active listing on North Carolina NA I registry;
  - \* **If the course was completed after June 1, 2024** submit a Certificate of Completion from a state approved NA I training program having theory, lab and clinical components.
  - \* **If you completed Nurse Aide training outside of NC**, your course must first be approved by the Nurse Aide Program Director, and you must have a current active listing on North Carolina NA I registry.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

- Students who have never taken classes at SCC or have not attended SCC for two years **must submit a new admissions application** and meet with an admissions navigator before they will be assigned a nursing advisor and able to register for classes. This includes high school students who have taken SCC classes while in high school.
- Students are responsible for costs for uniforms, supplies, medical exams, insurance, criminal background checks and drug screening, travel to clinical sites, and clinical agency requirements. Initial costs may exceed \$3000.
- Students with a criminal conviction on the North Carolina *Nurse Aide I Registry* listing with substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation may not be eligible for licensure, which is required for employment. In North Carolina, each situation is evaluated individually by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.
- Drug screens, criminal background checks, and immunizations are required by our clinical affiliates in order to attend clinical rotations. Complete information regarding the procedure will be provided at the Information Session. A full list of specific immunizations is available on the ADN Admissions website. See page 5 of this document.
- Management of the clinical agency requirements is reserved to Sandhills Community College employees only. Students may not contact clinical agencies directly to discuss requirements. Doing so may result in denial of admission or dismissal from a program.
- If you have previously been enrolled in the Sandhills Nursing program (ADN or PN) please speak with your nursing advisor.
- In accordance with North Carolina and federal legislation, undocumented immigrants are not permitted to be admitted to a program of study that requires a professional license. For more information, please refer to the SCC *College Catalog*, page 45, or speak with the Director of Onboarding & Engagement.

## ADN PROGRAM CURRICULUM—Sample Plan

		<u>Class Hours Per Week</u>		<u>Semester Hours</u>	
		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>					
BIO 165/168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	0	4
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3	0	0	3
NUR 111	Intro. To Health Concepts	4	6	6	8
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
		13	9	6	18
<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>					
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
BIO 166/169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
ENG 112 <b>OR</b>	Writing/Research in Discovery <b>OR</b>	3	0	0	3
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting				
NUR 112	Health-Illness Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 211	Health Care Concepts	3	0	6	5
		12	5	12	18
<b>SUMMER SEMESTER</b>					
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
		6	0	6	8
<b>FALL SEMESTER</b>					
BIO 275	Microbiology	3	3	0	4
NUR 113	Family Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
NUR 212	Health Systems Concepts	3	0	6	5
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	0	3
		12	3	12	17
<b>SPRING SEMESTER</b>					
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
_____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
		7	3	15	13
<b>Total Required Minimum Semester Hours Credit</b>					<b>74</b>

\*Humanities/Fine Arts Elective course—Choose one of the following:

ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215, PHI 240, HUM 115

# Associate of General Education-Nursing

## ADN Prerequisites

*Take or place out of prior to program application.*

## AGEN\* Courses for ADN

*Take all courses in this list.*

## AGEN\* Courses for BSN

*Choose one from each category.*

*Take these courses only after you have taken all courses in the pervious column.*

**ENG & MAT prerequisites may not be needed by all students.** Speak with your advisor before registering for ENG or MAT courses

**ENG 025 w/C** or ENG 002 w/P2\*\*

or ENG 011

**MAT 025 w/C** or MAT 003 w/P2\*\*

or MAT 043, 052, 071

or MAT 121+

**ACA 090\*\*** (required with above \*\*)

ACA 122

BIO 165/168

BIO 166/169

BIO 275

ENG 111

ENG 112 /114

Chemistry

PSY 150

HESI A2 Exam

PSY 241

Nurse Aide I / NAS 101 (Stage III)

SOC 210

Humanities-choose one from list

ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, PHI 215, PHI 240, HUM 115

ART 111, 114, 115, MUS 110, 112

PHI 215, PHI 240, or HUM 115

ENG 231 or 232

SOC 213, 220, 225, 230, or 240

HIS 111, 112, 131, or 132

ECO 251, ECO 252, or POL 120

CHM 130/130A or CHM 151

MAT 152

MAT 143 or 171

Elective-see list in catalog, page 286

**Total Required Minimum Semester Hours Credit, AGE-Nursing**

**60-61**

## ADVISING NOTES

The AGEN\* non-clinical program includes the general courses required for the ADN program at Sandhills and also the general courses needed for a BSN at a UNC-system university. If you are admitted to the ADN program, your major will be changed by Student Services.

ENG and MAT prerequisites may not be necessary for all students. You should meet/speak with your nursing advisor before registering for any ENG or MAT courses.

AGEN-BSN courses can be used to fill your schedule if you have completed all the AGEN-ADN general courses. These courses can also be used for points on the Stage II Worksheet. ADN general courses not taken prior to program entry must be taken no later than indicated on the previous page.

ACA 122 should be taken in your first semester at Sandhills. Take the section specifically for Nursing students.

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid/VA Benefits typically only pay for classes in one major at a time. AGEN-BSN courses may not be covered once a student enters the ADN clinical program. Each student's situation is different. Speak to Financial Aid or Veteran's Affairs to discuss your needs.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Sandhills Community College does not require specific immunizations in order to enroll or attend classes on campus. However, Health Sciences and Nursing programs require clinical hours. Students admitted to an SCC Health Sciences or Nursing program must comply with the requirements set by outside clinical agencies, which may include a criminal background check, drug screen, physical, and/or specific vaccines. Decisions about an individual student's presence in the clinical environment are made by the clinical agencies. Programs utilize multiple clinical sites, and must meet the standards of the most restrictive site for all students.

We are guests in our clinical facilities and in order to have clinical privileges, must abide by their requirements for students and faculty. Changes to agency requirements may come with little notice, but compliance will be mandatory regardless.

If requirements are made by a SCC clinical agency and a student chooses not to comply, they may not be eligible to complete the clinical requirements of the program and thus become unable to enter or complete a course and the program.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Nursing Course Planning Sheet

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ACA 122

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BIO 275

ENG 111

ENG 112 /114

PSY 150

PSY 241

SOC 210

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MAT 152

MAT 143 or 171

Elective-see list in catalog, page 286

**FALL**

**SPRING**

**SUMMER**

**FALL**

**SPRING**

**SUMMER**

**FALL**

NUR 111

**SPRING**

NUR 112

NUR 211

**SUMMER**

NUR 114

**FALL**

NUR 113

NUR 212

**SPRING**

NUR 213