Associate Degree Nursing Advanced Placement for LPNs

Associate in Applied Science

For Students Seeking Entry to NUR 112 in Spring 2026

The Associate Degree Nursing program at Sandhills Community College 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

ADMISSION INFORMATION

All students are classified in the Associate of General Education-Nursing (AGEN) major until they are selected for and begin taking nursing clinical classes (NUR).

The Associate Degree Nursing – Advanced Placement option is designed for Licensed Practical Nurses who are returning to school seeking an Associate Degree in Nursing. Students will join a cohort of Associate Degree Nursing students, not a separate track. This program is full time and requires on campus attendance.

Advanced Placement begins with NUR 112 in the spring semester. Students will complete four sequential semesters of ADN classes.

Seating is limited. Admission decisions are based upon an application process held in March and September each year. It is to the student's advantage to complete all as many general education courses as early as possible, preferably by the fall prior to beginning NUR 112 in the spring. Official notices from the Nursing Department will be sent to SCC student email addresses only.

DEADLINES TO APPLY FOR NUR 112 (spring semester)

Upon completion of Stage I requirements, students must take the HESI Nursing Fundamentals exam. Students who achieve the required score must submit a Stage II worksheet to be considered for a seat in NUR 112 in the Associate Degree Nursing program . If selected, students are responsible for completing Stage III requirements in a timely manner.

Early Consideration will not be held for the Spring 2026 class.
Stage I deadline:	September 23, 2025
Application Period:	September 16-25, 2025

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Stage I: Prerequisites

Application: Complete an SCC admissions application online. Set up your SCC student email account. Students who have never taken classes at SCC, or have not taken classes for two or more 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 all college transcripts to the college.

Letter of Intent: Complete the online *Letter of Intent* and submit to the Director of Health Programs Student Support as early as possible.

Prerequisite Classes:
- Complete a **Chemistry** course with a grade of "C" or better as verified by high school or college transcript.
- Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better as verified by college transcript:
      ENG 111, BIO 165/168, PSY 150

Math Placement Requirements: Place out of or complete MAT 043, 052, or 071, or complete MAT 003 with a grade of P2; or complete an equivalent course, such as MAT 025, 070, 080, 121, 140, 143, 151, 152, or MAT 171 with a "C" or better.

Graduation Verification: Submitted college transcripts must verify graduation from a state-approved school of nursing or accredited military or college Practical Nursing program.

HESI A2 (Admission Assessment) Exam:
- All applicants must take the HESI A2. Scores from other tests are not accepted.
- 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 (Aug-July).
- Cost is $55 (price subject to change).
- HESI A2 scores for tests taken within the last three years will be reviewed.
- Tests must be scheduled in advance; dates and registration are online.

HESI Nursing Fundamentals Exam: Students who achieve a **Conversion Score of 79%** will be placed into NUR 112, which begins in January. Students who do not achieve this score are encouraged to apply to start the ADN program from the beginning. Cost is $55 (price subject to change). Students may take this exam once. Tests must be scheduled in advance; dates and registration are online.

Students Completing Prerequisites in Fall Semester: Students who have passed the HESI A2 exam and HESI RN Fundamentals exam and are actively enrolled in, attending, and passing a prerequisite course may apply after receiving permission from the Director of Health Programs Student Support. If offered a seat, admission is contingent upon completing the prerequisite course successfully. Students must provide an email from their course instructor indicating their enrollment and current grade as of September 23, 2025.

Stage I Review: Upon completion of Stage I requirements, email the Director of Health Programs Student Support to request a confirmation. Responses will be sent to SCC student email addresses only. 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 confirmation is not received.

Stage II: Competitive Selection

Admission decisions are based upon an application process held in March or September. The most qualified applicants are selected based on a points system. Points are awarded for grades in completed courses, CPR certification, employment verification, etc. The Stage II Worksheet may be obtained from the SCC web site or in the Nursing Department.

For Spring 2026 entry, Stage II Worksheets are due no later than 4pm on the last Thursday in September, and must be delivered to Foundation Hall 1002. Applicants will be notified of an acceptance decision via SCC student email by mid-October.

All students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0.

Stage II worksheets must be completed in full, including attachment of required documents. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Stage II Worksheets must be accompanied by the following documents:

- Transfer Course Equivalency Report with grades.
- Documentation from the NC Board of Nursing website indicating a current unrestricted license to practice as an LPN in North Carolina.
- Documentation of current CPR certification: American Heart Association *Heart Code/Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program*. Certification must remain valid through the final semester of the ADN program. If the certification will expire before program completion, students are responsible to re-certifying before expiration.
- Documentation of work experience may be attached for additional points. (see below)

Stage III: Final Placement

Orientation: Attend the required orientation in November, date TBD. Orientations typically last from 1-4 PM.

Medical Forms and Immunization Records: Drug screens, criminal background checks, and immunizations are required by our clinical affiliates. Complete information regarding the procedure will be provided at the orientation. A full list of specific immunizations is available on the ADN Admissions website. Complete and submit all required documents by the first Thursday in December.

Employment Verification: If not attached with the Stage II application: Submit documentation by the first Thursday in December (if not attached with Stage II worksheet) to verify completion of six months of full-time employment within the last three years **in an LPN role**. Employment verification must be documented on the LPN Employment Verification Attestation form on the SCC website, and be received in a sealed envelope, signed by the Director of Human Resources or Director of Nursing (or applicable equivalent), or emailed directly from the person verifying the employment to the Director of Health Programs Student Support. If electronic verification is required, the student must request and bear any costs associated with the verification.

Completion of HESI RN Fundamentals Remediation for any sections on which the student scores less than 850 by Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Students who complete Stages I, II and III will receive an email indicating final placement into the ADN program for the spring term.

Students are responsible for the cost for textbooks, uniforms, supplies, medical exam, insurance, criminal background checks and drug screenings, and travel to clinical sites. **Initial costs for the first semester may exceed $3,000.**

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, pages 45, or speak with the Director of Onboarding & Engagement.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

- The use of computers is integral to this curriculum; some courses are delivered in a hybrid format. Instruction for all NUR courses require on-campus attendance.

		Class Hours Per Week		Semester Hours	
		Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
SPRING SEMESTER					
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	0	2	0	1
BIO 166/169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	0	4
ENG 112 *or*	Writing/Research in Discovery *or*	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
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SUMMER SEMESTER					
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts	3	0	6	5
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	0	3
		6	0	6	8
FALL SEMESTER					
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
SPRING SEMESTER					
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	4	3	15	10
_____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*	3	0	0	3
		7	3	15	13

Additional Semester Hours Credit   56

*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