

Practical Nursing - Diploma

West Burlington Campus and Keokuk Campus

You have a calling to help others, you are compassionate, you want to give back. A career in nursing provides rewards beyond measure.

Other programs in the Nursing pathway are [Nursing Aide](#) which is a one-class course offered in afternoons in many locations and in hybrid format to accommodate high school students and working individuals.

Successful completion of the [Nursing Diploma](#) program can be completed in Summer, Fall and Spring semesters (11-months) allows the student to test for the NCLEX-PN for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

Successful completion of the [Nursing AAS](#) program can be completed in two years (starting in Summer) allows the student to test for the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse.

Admission Criteria for Nursing Programs (#317) applies to this program. Below is a summary of the guidelines for convenience and is subject to change. Application deadlines apply to this program. *Please contact Enrollment Services for more details.*

Admission Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalency.
- Current Iowa Certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant**.

- Complete and attain minimums in standardized scores within 24 months of review for acceptance into the program:
 - ACT
 - Reading: 19
 - Math: 19
 - English: 17
 - OR Composite of 20
 - SAT
 - Reading/Writing: 330
 - Math: 510
 - OR Composite of 1040
 - Next-Gen ACCUPLACER:
 - Reading: 248
 - Writing: 260
 - ALEKS:
 - Math: 14
- Complete the following classes with a grade of C or better:
 - BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
 - BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
 - BIO-186 Microbiology

Additional Requirements

- Students are required to attend nursing orientation and complete the following requirements once admitted to the program.
- Students will be required to pass a mandatory background check.
- Students will be required to submit (at their own expense) a completed physical examination form and immunizations for health care providers.
- Current certification in CPR-Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers**.
- Current certification in Mandatory Reporter-Adult & Child Abuse**.
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement.
- Current HIPAA Certification.
- Current Blood Borne Pathogen certification.

**Certifications may be obtained at Southeastern Community College. Students should work with a Student Success Advocate for the appropriate courses and dates to obtain these certifications.

All health career programs require students to earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or above in all coursework within the program. All other eligibility requirements must be met. See a Student

Success Advocate for further information or assistance with these requirements.



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The Southeastern Community College Practical/Vocational Nursing Program holds initial accreditation from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. 202-909-2487.

Verification of program accreditation can be found on the National League of Nursing website: <https://cnea.nln.org/accredited-programs#IA>

View Program Outcome and Accreditation information at <https://nursing.iowa.gov/>

For specific information regarding program rules and expectations, please view the [Nursing Program Handbook](#).

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Program Requirements

Prerequisite	Credit
BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO-186 Microbiology	4
Semester Total.....	12
Summer Semester	Credit
ENG-105 Composition I	3
PNN-160 Introduction to Nursing Practice	2
PSY-121 Developmental Psychology	3
Semester Total.....	8
Fall Semester I	Credit
PNN-222 Pharmacology I	1
PNN-534 Nursing I	12.5
Semester Total.....	13.5
Spring Semester I	Credit
PNN-311 PN Issues and Trends	1
PNN-535 Nursing II	12
Semester Total.....	13
Program Total.....	46.5