

Practical Nursing - Diploma (Spring Start)

West Burlington Campus, Keokuk Campus, and select courses available Online.

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.

Program Information

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 higher:
 - 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.



The Southeastern Community College Associate Degree in 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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Prerequisites (Not part of program)	Credit
BIO-168 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO-173 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO-186 Microbiology	4
Semester Total.....	12

Additional Courses (Must complete prior to PNN-535)	Credit
ENG-105 Composition I	3
PSY-121 Developmental Psychology	3
Semester Total.....	6

Spring Semester 1	Credit
PNN-160 Introduction to Nursing Practice	2
PNN-222 Pharmacology I	1
PNN-534 Nursing I	12.5
Semester Total.....	15.5

Fall Semester 1	Credit
PNN-311 PN Issues and Trends	1
PNN-535 Nursing II	12
Semester Total.....	13

Program Total.....	46.5
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