Nursing
General Information

Program Objective
The objective of the Nursing Associate in Applied Science is to prepare students to pass the NCLEX licensing exam and enter the workforce as a registered nurse. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses.

Program Accreditation
The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Seminole State College, located in Seminole, OK is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000. In addition, the Seminole State College Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

Majoring in Nursing at SSC
Majoring in nursing at SSC requires formal admission to the Nursing Program. Students with the intention of applying for formal admission should select Health Sciences as their major with a Nursing Emphasis. Formal admission to the nursing program is a rigorous and competitive process as described in the next section.

Admission to the Nursing Program
Separate applications to SSC and the Nursing Program are required. Nursing admission application packets are available on request at the Nursing Program Office or on the SSC website. SSC admits students to the Nursing Program twice per year. Students admitted during the spring admission process enter the nursing program and begin their nursing curriculum (other than NURS 1104) in the fall semester. Students admitted during the fall admission process enter the nursing program and begin their nursing curriculum (other than NURS 1104) during the spring semester.
  - Spring Admission leads to Fall Entrance
  - Fall Admission leads to Spring Entrance

Minimum Admission Standards for Candidacy
To be considered a candidate for admission to the SSC Nursing Program, students must satisfy at least one of two minimum admission standards (*a* or *b*) below. Students with 12 or more college credit hours applicable to the nursing degree may only use their college GPA (option *a*) to satisfy minimum admission standards. Satisfying minimum standards for candidacy does not guarantee admission to the program, it merely allows applicants to be considered candidates for admission.

  a. College GPA of 2.50 in twelve or more credit hours applicable to the nursing degree and must have passed with a minimum grade of C, NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing and BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology. (All courses applicable to nursing degree for which a grade was transcribed must be included in GPA calculation.)

  or

  b. Applicants with eleven credit hours or less applicable to the nursing degree must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 or greater and a composite ACT score of at least 19 taken within the past five years.

Application Procedure
To be considered for admission during the spring or fall admission process students should submit (1) a properly completed Nursing Program Application for Admission, (2) copies of all college transcripts, and (3) a copy of ACT scores to the Nursing Program Office prior to the following deadlines:

Application Deadlines
  - Spring Admission/Fall Entrance   February 1st
  - Fall Admission/Spring Entrance   September 1st

Students are responsible for making sure their transcripts and other application materials are received in the Nursing Program Office on or before the application deadline. It is recommended that students schedule a time to meet with the Nursing Program Director well before the deadline to determine if they meet the minimum qualifications to advance to candidacy. Prior to the application deadline, students who do not meet the admission standards have the option to submit updated materials in support of advancing to candidacy during the current admission cycle. After the application deadline for a given cycle, students may submit updated materials for consideration during the next admission cycle only.

Admission Points Ranking System
Admission to the Nursing Program is limited to assure quality clinical learning experiences for students. To ensure objective, fair and equal access to the nursing program admission, a point system is used to rank candidates for admission. The points available for that purpose are as follows:

Minimum Admission Standards (25 pts. min.)	40 pts. max.
Pre-Nursing Course Grade (calculated at mid-term)	50 pts. max.
Composition Courses Grades	20 pts. max.
Biology Course Grade	20 pts. max.
ACT Score	54 pts. max.
Relevant Work Experience	16 pts. max.
Total Admission Points	200 pts. max.

Admission points are awarded and tracked for each applicant in a *Nursing Admission Worksheet* maintained in the Nursing Office. Applicants are encouraged to keep a copy of the worksheet for their own reference. Below is a brief description of how admission points are awarded.

Minimum Admission Standards Points (Maximum of 40 points)
Minimum admission standards points will be awarded for the prior academic performance of applicant based on the minimum admission standards method used. Applicants will use either the College GPA Method or the High School GPA + ACT Method. Applicants must earn at least 25 points in this category to be considered a candidate for admission. Applicants may earn a maximum of 40 minimum admission standards points toward their admission points total.

Students with 12 or more applicable non-nursing credit hours must use the college GPA method in which only the grades for applicable non-nursing courses taken contribute to the GPA. In this method, all applicable non-nursing courses taken must be used to calculate the GPA. The following courses are considered applicable non-nursing courses:

Human Anatomy	Microbiology
Composition I	Principles of Biology
Composition II	U.S. Government
General Psychology	U.S. History to/since 1877
Human Physiology	Pre-Nursing

College GPA Method

Applicable College GPA x 10 = Admission Points

Students who have not completed 12 or more credit hours of applicable non-nursing courses must use the High School GPA + ACT Score Method to satisfy minimum admission standards. The high school GPA + ACT method requires ACT scores taken within the past five years.

High School GPA + ACT Score Method

High School GPA x 5 =	Minimum Standard Points
	+
Composite ACT Score x 1 =	Minimum Standard Points
	Admission Points

Pre-Nursing Course Grade Points (Maximum of 50 points)

College-ready students who think they are ready to major in nursing will be advised to take NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing. Students who are passing Pre-Nursing with a 78% or better at mid-term will be awarded 50 points.

Pre-Nursing Course Grade Points

Passing Pre-Nursing at mid-term=50 Admission Points

Composition Course Grades Points (Maximum of 20 points)

Students who earn a grade of A in ENG 1113 Composition I will be awarded 10 admission points. Students who earn a grade of B in the course will earn 5 admission points. Students who earn a grade of A in ENG 1213 Composition II will be awarded 10 admission points. Students who earn a grade of B in the course will earn 5 admission points. Students earning less than a B in a Composition course will not receive admission points for their grade in the course.

Composition Courses Grade Points

A in Composition I =	10 Admission Points
B in Composition I =	5 Admission Points
A in Composition II =	10 Admission Points
B in Composition II =	5 Admission Points

Biology Course Grade Points (Max. of 20 points)

Biology course grade admission points are awarded for any grade of A or B in Principles of Biology, Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology. A maximum of twenty points are available for the highest grade in one of these courses. Students earning less than a B in all of these courses will not receive admission points for their grades in the courses.

Biology Course Grade Points

A in Prin. of Biology, Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology =	20 Admission Points
B in Prin. of Biology, Anatomy, Human Physiology, or Microbiology =	10 Admission Points

ACT Subscore Points (Maximum of 54 points)

ACT subscore points are awarded for a math subscore of 16 or higher and a reading subscore of 21 or higher taken within the past five years. Residual ACT results are acceptable in addition to ACT results from national test dates. The maximum number of points available for ACT subscores is 54 points.

ACT Subscore Points

ACT reading subscore x.0.75 =	ACT Subscore Points
	+
ACT math subscore x 0.75 =	ACT Subscore Points
	Admission Points

Relevant Work Experience Points (Maximum of 16 points)

Admission points for documented relevant work experience within the past five years will be awarded at the discretion of the Nursing Program Director based on the criteria below. The maximum number of admission points possible for relevant work experience is 16 points.

Relevant Work Experience Points

6-12 months relevant work experience = 5 Admission Points
13-24 months relevant work experience = 10 Admission Points
> 24 months relevant work experience = 16 Admission Points

Admission Committee

The responsibility of selecting applicants based on admission points rankings for admission to the SSC Nursing Program belongs to the Admission Committee. The Admission Committee is a standing committee that consists of seven SSC employees including the Nursing Program Director who chairs the committee, two SSC nursing faculty members, one SSC non-nursing faculty members, an SSC Student Affairs advisor, a representative from the SSC Office of Admissions, and one advisor from SSC grant programs with student advising functions. The Admission Committee performs its duties under the supervision of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA). Changes to the standards and procedures specified in this document may be changed for the subsequent catalog year with a majority vote of the Admission Committee, but only when a quorum is present. A quorum of the Admission Committee will be established when six members are present.

Admissions Procedure

Applicants who meet minimum admission standards, have earned a C or better in NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing and BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology and who have submitted (1) a properly completed *Nursing Program Application for Admissio*n, (2) copies of all college transcripts, and (3) a copy of ACT scores, will be considered candidates for admission by the Admission Committee. The Admission Committee will meet approximately two weeks after the established application deadline for each admission cycle to select members of the next incoming nursing class based on the admission points ranking system. Students may be admitted contingent upon meeting certain criteria prior to the beginning of the semester as determined by the committee.

Following the initial selection of candidates for admission, each candidate will be notified in writing of the admission status by the nursing Program Director. Admitted students will have two weeks from the date of their notification to formally accept their admittance into the SSC Nursing Program.

Any candidate not selected for admission is encouraged to meet with the Program Director and/or nursing faculty for advisement and continued planning for possible future admission to the program.

Post-Admission Entrance Requirements

Once admitted to the program, students are required to fulfill additional entrance requirements prior to beginning nursing program courses other than BIOL 1124 Principles of Biology and NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing. These requirements are listed below and are not to be submitted until accepted into the program. Specific instructions for meeting these requirements will be supplied to admitted students when appropriate.

- American Heart Association CPR healthcare provider (less than 1 year old)
- Enrollment into health requirements tracking program which will track and provide the following components:
  - Criminal background check (less than 3 months old)
  - Cleared or negative urine drug test
  - Specific documentation of immunization history
- Purchase ATI software and books **prior** to the first day of class.

Suggested Plan of Study

Below is a suggested schedule of course study for nursing students. Student progress will vary depending on academic preparation and prerequisite courses required. It is essential that students consult their Nursing Program Advisor prior to enrolling each semester.

Pre-Nursing Semester

STSC	1002	Learning Strategies	2
ENG	1113	Composition I	3
BIOL	1214	Principles of Biology	4
NURS	1104	Pre-Nursing#	4
			13

First Year/1st Semester Nursing

NURS	1214	Med Surg Nursing I	4
NURS	1213	Med Surg Clinical I#	3
PSY	1113	General Psychology	3
BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy **	4
			14

First Year/2nd Semester Nursing

NURS	1225	Maternal, Newborn & Peds# (1st 8-wks)	5
NURS	1113	Nursing Pharmacology	3
BIOL	2214	Human Physiology**	4
			12

Second Year/Summer Semester

BIOL	2224	Microbiology***	4
			4

Second Year/3rd Semester Nursing

NURS	2214	Med-Surg II	4
NURS	2223	Med Surg Clinical II#	3
GOV	1113	American Government	3
ENG	1213	Composition II	3
			13

Second Year/4th Semester Nursing

NURS	2225	Psychosocial Nursing#	5
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 **or**	
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877	3
NURS	2226	Leadership in Nursing#	6
			14

Total Program Hours   70

- *Plus an additional 484 Clinical Hours performed in Med-Surg Clinical 1; Maternal/Newborn; Med-Surge Clinical II; Psych; Leadership*

To graduate from Seminole State College with an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing, students must meet the following graduation requirements:

1. Complete at least 70 designated semester credit hours.
2. Grade of C or better in all required courses including clinical labs.
3. Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better.
4. Fifteen semester credit hours in attendance at SSC.
5. Completion of Graduate Exit Survey.

Nursing Licensure Requirements

Students are responsible for applying for degrees and licensing examinations within the deadlines set by the College and Oklahoma State Board of Nursing. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens and to U.S. nationals and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present, in person, valid documentary evidence of the following items:

1. Valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. Pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the Unites States in refugee status;
4. Pending or approved application for temporary status in the Unites States;
5. Approved deferred action status, **or**
6. Pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a criminal history background, disciplinary action on another health-related license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. Other than cases involving felony charges, such cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made. An individual with one or more felony convictions cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

Transfer Credit

Applications for transfer of nursing courses into the Nursing Program will be considered on an individual basis by the SSC Nursing Program Director.

Graduation Requirements

Readmission Procedure

1. In determining eligibility for readmission, the Admission Committee will consider the following factors:

    a. Number of students currently enrolled in the program.
    b. Rationale for failure to successfully complete the program the first time.
    c. Compliance with the plan developed during the exit interview.
    d. Educational and work experiences during the interim.
    e. Input from admission committee members and nursing faculty.
    f. Length of interim since last enrollment in nursing with primary consideration for changes in the Nursing Program and the interim not to exceed <u>one year</u>.

2. Procedure:
    a. The applicant seeking readmission will complete and file with the Nursing Office an *Application for Readmission* by the established deadline.
    b. The application will be considered and acted upon by the Admission Committee.
    c. The applicant will be notified in writing of the committee's decision by the Nursing Program Director. Should the application for readmission be denied, a written statement of the rationale for the decision will be included in the letter.

Nursing
Associate in Applied Science

Degree Program Mentor
For additional information regarding this degree, contact the Degree Program Mentor.

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or
Applicants with eleven credit hours or less applicable to the nursing degree must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 or greater and a composite ACT score of at least 19 taken within the past five years.

Competitive Admission
In addition to meeting minimum standards for candidacy for admission, students desiring to be accepted into the SSC Nursing Program must complete an application for admission and be selected through a competitive admission process.

Entrance Requirements
1. American Health Association CPR Certification (less than 1 year old).
2. Criminal Background check (less than 3 months old).
3. Cleared or negative random urine drug test.
4. Specific documentation of immunization history (requirements supplied by the nursing program after admission into the program).
5. Enrollment into health requirements tracking program.
6. Purchase of ATI and Books/Ebooks prior to first day of class.

Graduation Requirements
1. At least 70 designated semester credit hours.
2. Grade of C or better required in all courses.
3. Grade Point Average of 2.0 or better.
4. Fifteen semester credit hours in attendance at SSC.
5. Completion of Graduate Exit Survey.

General Education Requirements **21**

GOV	1113	American National Government
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 **or**
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877
ENG	1113	Composition I
ENG	1213	Composition II
PSY	1113	General Psychology
BIOL	1214*	Principles of Biology
STSC	1002	Learning Strategies

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BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy
BIOL	2214	Human Physiology
BIOL	2224	Microbiology

Technical-Occupational Requirements **37**
Enrollment in NURS courses other than NURS 1104 requires formal admission to the SSC Nursing Program

NURS	1104**	Pre-Nursing
NURS	1214	Med Surg Nursing I
NURS	1213	Med Surg Clinical I
NURS	1113	Nursing Pharmacology
NURS	1225	Maternal, Newborn & Peds
NURS	2214	Med Surg Nursing II
NURS	2223	Med Surg Clinical II
NURS	2225	Psychosocial Nursing
NURS	2226	Leadership in Nursing Capstone

MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE **70**

*   The combination of BIOL 1114 General Biology **and** CHEM 1114 Introduction to Chemistry may be substituted for BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology.

**   NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing needs to be completed within two years of admission to nursing program. If NURS 1104 is older than two years, it must be repeated and may not be covered by federal financial aid.

- *Plus an additional 484 Clinical Hours performed in Med-Surg Clinical 1; Maternal/Newborn; Med-Surge Clinical II; Psych; Leadership*

Nursing - Associate in Applied Science
Degree Requirements Checklist
2024-25

	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
6 hrs.	**Social Sciences** □ GOV 1113 American National Government □ HIST 1483 American History Survey to 1877 **or** HIST 1493 American History Survey since 1877
6 hrs.	**Language Arts** □ ENG 1113 Principles of English Composition I □ ENG 1213 Principles of English Composition II
4 hrs.	**Science** □ BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology
3 hrs.	**Behavioral Sciences** □ PSY 1113 General Psychology
2 hrs.	**Student Success** Required during first semester □ STSC 1002 Learning Strategies
21 hrs.	**TOTAL REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS**

	TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
12 hrs.	□ BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy □ BIOL 2214 Human Physiology □ BIOL 2224 Microbiology

	TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
37 hrs.	**Pre-Nursing Semester** □ NURS 1104 Pre-Nursing *Enrollment in the NURS courses below requires formal admission to the SSC Nursing Program:* **First Nursing Semester** □ NURS1214 Medical-Surgical Nursing I □ NURS1213 Medical-Surgical Clinical **Second Nursing Semester** □ NURS1225 Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatrics □ NURS2214 Medical-Surgical Nursing II **Third Nursing Semester** □ NURS1113 Nursing Pharmacology □ NURS2223 Medical-Surgical Clinical II **Fourth Nursing Semester** □ NURS 2225 Psychosocial Nursing □ NURS 2226 Leadership in Nursing Capstone
49 hrs.	**TOTAL REQUIRED MAJOR FIELD HOURS**
70 hrs.	**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

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LPN to RN Advanced Standing Nursing Option
Associate in Applied Science

Advanced Standing for Licensed Practical Nurses Admitted to SSC Nursing Program

The SSC Nursing Program offers Licensed Practical Nurses who wish to obtain an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing, the opportunity to earn up to 19 credit hours of college credit for nursing program courses through an advanced standing exam. Credit for the first year nursing courses is awarded after successful completion of the third semester of the nursing program.

Advanced Standing Requirements

To earn advanced standing credit through prior learning assessments, LPNs must meet the following requirements:

1. Present documentation of active, unencumbered LPN license.
2. Be admitted to the SSC Nursing Program.
3. Complete NURS 1513 and third semester nursing courses with at least a C.

LPN to RN Admission

The LPN applicant must meet the following criteria on or before the deadline of *September 1st for a spring entrance* or *Feb 1st for a fall entrance* in order to be a candidate for admission into the second-year nursing courses:

1. Meet minimum admission standard of a 2.5 GPA.

2. Earn a C or better in all required general education and support courses (history may be taken with the last semester of nursing courses).
3. Take and pass the HESI Competency Exam with at least an 850 score (may only be taken twice in a 6 month period. 1/1 to 6/30 and 7/1 to 12/31) and once passed is good for one year.
4. Hold an unencumbered LPN license.
5. Submit a completed Nursing application
6. Submit up-to-date transcripts.
7. Earn a "P" grade in NURS 1513 Introduction to Associate Degree in Nursing.

The Admission Committee will meet approximately two weeks after the established application deadline for each admission cycle to select LPNs for the next nursing class. Should qualified LPNs exceed the amount of slots available, the committee would admit based on highest admission points. Should 2 or more candidates tie with Admission Points, a tiebreaker of the candidates' HESI scores will be used. GPA may be used as an additional tiebreaker if needed.

Following the initial selection of candidates for admission, each candidate will be notified in writing of the admission status by the nursing Program Director. Admitted students will have two weeks from the date of their notification to formally accept their admittance into the SSC Nursing Program.

Any candidate or applicant not selected for admission is encouraged to meet with the Program Director and/or nursing faculty for advisement and continued planning for possible future admission to the program.

Suggested LPN to RN Plan of Study

Below is a suggested schedule of course study. Each individual's progress will vary depending on his or her academic background and prerequisite courses required. It is essential that students consult with their nursing advisor prior to enrolling each semester.

General Education and Support Courses   **33**

STSC	1002	Learning Strategies	
BIOL	1214*	Principles of Biology (*)(**)	
BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy**	
BIOL	2214	Human Physiology**	
BIOL	2224	Microbiology**	
ENG	1113	Composition I	
ENG	1213	Composition II	
GOV	1113	American Government	
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 **or**	
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877	
PSY	1113	General Psychology	

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NURS 1513 Introduction to Assoc. Degree Nursing***	3
	3

Second Year/3rd Semester Nursing

NURS 2223 Med Surg Clinical II	3
NURS 2214 Med Surg Nursing II	4

Second Year/4th Semester Nursing

NURS 2225 Psychosocial Nursing	5
NURS 2226 Leadership in Nursing	6
	11

**Program Hours not including
Advanced Standing Credit**   **54**

*The combination of BIOL 1114 General Biology **and** CHEM 1114 Introduction to Chemistry may be substituted for BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology.

**All science courses must be complete prior to entering an LPN to RN option

***NURS 1513- For the Traditional LPN to RN option, this will be taught in the last 5 weeks of the semester prior to entering the program.

For the Online LPN to RN option this course will be taught starting approximately July 1 of each year.

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Degree Requirements Checklist
2023-24

	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
6 hrs.	**Social Sciences** □ GOV 1113 American National Government □ HIST 1483 American History Survey to 1877 **or** 　 HIST 1493 American History Survey since 1877
6 hrs.	**Language Arts** □ ENG 1113 Principles of English Composition I □ ENG 1213 Principles of English Composition II
4 hrs.	**Science** □ BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology
3 hrs.	**Behavioral Sciences** □ PSY 1113 General Psychology
2 hrs.	**Student Success** Required during first semester □ STSC 1002 Learning Strategies
21 hrs.	**TOTAL REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS**

	TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS
12 hrs.	□ BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy □ BIOL 2214 Human Physiology □ BIOL 2224 Microbiology
21 hrs.	TECHNICAL OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
	Third Nursing Semester □ NURS 1513 Bridging to Assoc. Degree in Nursing □ NURS 2214 Medical-Surgical Nursing II □ NURS 2223 Medical-Surgical Clinical II **Fourth Nursing Semester** □ NURS 2225 Psychosocial Nursing □ NURS 2226 Leadership in Nursing Capstone
33 hrs.	**TOTAL REQUIRED MAJOR FIELD HOURS**
54 hrs.	**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE**