

## Nursing Program General Information

### Program Objective

The objective of the Nursing Program is to prepare students for immediate employment as a registered nurse. Upon completion of the program, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses.

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 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 United States in refugee status;
4. Pending or approved application for temporary status in the United 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]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony charges. 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].

### Program Accreditation

The Seminole State College Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is ACEN accredited, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326. Phone 404-975-5000.

### Majoring in Nursing

Selecting nursing as a major is open to all SSC students and can be accomplished through an advisor just like any other SSC major field of study. However, formal admission to the nursing program is a more rigorous and competitive process as described in the next section.

### Admission Process

Separate applications to Seminole State College and to the Nursing Program are required. Admissions packets are available on request at the Nursing and Health Science Division Office or on the SSC website. Enrollment in the Nursing Program is limited to assure quality clinical learning experiences for students who are admitted to the program. Since enrollment is limited, early application to the Nursing Program is advised. Selection of candidates for admission is based on their *Academic Profile Ranking* in which points are given for specific levels of academic performance in the following areas:

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ACT composite score
- ACT Math subscore
- Grade achievement for any of the following classes:
  - ENG 1113 Composition I
  - ENG 1213 Composition II
  - BIOL 1214 Principles of Biology
  - BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy
  - BIOL 2214 Human Physiology
  - BIOL 2224 Microbiology
- Score on Nelson-Denny Reading Test
- Certified Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide Certification

### Admission Requirements

A properly completed application for admission that includes documentation of the candidate's fulfillment of the requirements shown below must be submitted to the Nursing Office **on or before March 31**.

1. College GPA of 3.0 in 12 or more hours applicable to the Nursing Degree. (11 hours college credit or less applicable to the Nursing Degree: must use high school GPA of 3.0).
2. Composite ACT score of 19 or better is required (within the last 5 years).
3. Math ACT subscore of 16 or better is required (must be within the last 5 years).
4. Nelson Denny Reading score of 15 or better is required (must be within the last 5 years).

Applicants who have been arrested and/or convicted of any offense including a deferred sentence, within the past five years; or have ever been convicted of a felony; or have ever had disciplinary action taken against another health-related license; or have ever been judicially declared incompetent may be prohibited from taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

### Entrance Requirements

Once admitted to the program, students are required to fulfill a number of additional entrance requirements prior to beginning nursing program courses. These requirements 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 certification (less than 1 year old)
- Criminal background check (less than 3 months old)

- Cleared or negative random urine drug test (administered by the SSC Nursing Division)
- Specific documentation of immunization history (requirements supplied by the Nursing Division after acceptance into the program)
- Long Term Care and Home Health Certification

### Suggested Plan of Study

*Below is a suggested schedule of course study. Each individual's progress will vary depending on their academic background and prerequisite courses required. It is essential that students consult the Nursing Degree Program Ambassador prior to enrolling each semester.*

#### First Year/Summer Semester

SOC	1101	Freshman Seminar	1
ENG	1113	English Composition I	3
*BIOL	1214	Principles of Biology <u>or</u>	
CHEM	1114	Introduction to Chemistry	<u>4</u>
			<b>8</b>

#### First Year/Fall Semester

NURS	1616	Intro to Human Dimensions	6
NURS	1552	Skills & Clinical Intervention Lab	2
#NURS	1222	Applications of Clinical Microbiology	2
**BIOL	2214	Human Physiology	<u>4</u>
			<b>14</b>

#### First Year/Spring Semester

NURS	1528	Nursing Across the Lifespan	8
NURS	1421	Health Deviations I	1
***BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy	4
PSY	1113	General Psychology	<u>3</u>
			<b>16</b>

#### Second Year/Fall Semester

NURS	2519	Nursing Care in Health Disruption	9
NURS	2521	Health Deviations II	1
GOV	1113	American Government	3
ENG	1213	English Composition II	<u>3</u>
			<b>16</b>

#### Second Year/Spring Semester

NURS	2529	Nursing Care for Health Maintenance and Promotion	9
NURS	2531	Health Deviations III	1
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 <u>or</u>	
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877	3
NURS	2623	Nursing Capstone	<u>3</u>
			<b>16</b>

**Total Program Hours** **70**

*\*Principles of Biology or Introduction to Chemistry must be completed prior to entering the first semester of Nursing courses.*

*\*\*Physiology must be completed prior to the second semester of Nursing courses.*

*\*\*\*Anatomy must be completed prior to the third semester of Nursing. Students who 1) earn a "C" or better in Principles of Biology 2) are declared as a Health Sciences major; and 3) have an active application on file to the Seminole State College Nursing Program may enroll in BIOL 2214 Physiology and/or BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy.*

*#BIOL 2224 may be substituted for NURS 1222. NURS 1222 or BIOL 2224 should be completed prior to the second semester of Nursing.*

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## Associate in Applied Science

**Program Objective**

The objective of the Nursing Associate in Applied Science is to prepare students to enter the workforce as a registered nurse.

**Admission Requirements**

1. College GPA of 3.0 in 12 or more hours applicable to the Nursing Degree. (11 hours college credit or less applicable to the Nursing Degree: must use high school GPA of 3.0).
2. Composite ACT score of 19 or better is required (within the last 5 years).
3. Math ACT subscore of 16 or better is required (must be within the last 5 years).
4. Nelson Denny Reading score of 15 or better is required (must be within the last 5 years).

**Entrance Requirements**

1. American Heart 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 (administered by the SSC Nursing Division)
4. Specific documentation of immunization history (requirements supplied by the Nursing Division after acceptance into the program)

**Graduation Requirements**

1. At least seventy 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.

**Please Note:** Students who begin an Associate in Applied Science degree program are permitted to change to a transfer degree program should their goals change to include the pursuit of a four-year degree upon graduation from Seminole State.

**For Information Contact:**

Nursing and Health Sciences Division (405)  
382-9205

**General Education Requirements ..... 20**

GOV 1113	American National Government .....	3
HIST 1483	American History Survey to 1877 <b>or</b>	
HIST 1493	American History Survey since 1877.....	3
ENG 1113	Composition I .....	3
ENG 1213	Composition II .....	3
PSY 1113	General Psychology .....	3
BIOL 1214	Principles of Biology <b>or</b>	
CHEM 1114	Introduction to Chemistry .....	4
SOC 1101	Freshman Seminar (or SOC 1003).....	1

**Technical-Occupational Support Requirements ..... 10-12**

BIOL 2114	Human Anatomy	
BIOL 2214	Human Physiology	
BIOL 2224	Microbiology <b>or</b>	
NURS 1222	Applications of Clinical Microbiology	

**Technical-Occupational Requirements ..... 40**

*Enrollment in the NURS courses below requires formal admission to the SSC Nursing Program:*

NURS 1616	Introduction to Human Dimensions	
NURS 1552	Skills and Clinical Intervention Lab	
NURS 1421	Health Deviations I	
NURS 1528	Nursing Across the Lifespan	
NURS 2519	Nursing Care in Health Disruptions	
NURS 2521	Health Deviations II	
NURS 2529	Nursing Care for Health Maintenance and Promotion	
NURS 2531	Health Deviations III	
NURS 2623	Nursing Capstone	

**MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE ..... 70-72**

<b>Preferred Applicant Track* General Education and Support Courses for SSC Nursing Program Applicants</b>		
BIOL 2114	Human Anatomy.....	4
BIOL 2214	Human Physiology.....	4
BIOL 2224	Microbiology .....	4
CHEM 1114	Introduction to Chemistry.....	4
ENG 1113	Composition I .....	3
ENG 1213	Composition II .....	3
PSY 1113	General Psychology .....	3
MATH 1513	College Algebra.....	3
SOC 1101	Freshman Seminar (or SOC 1003).....	1

\*Students who successfully complete this track will be given XX preference points on their SSC nursing program application.