



# PROGRAMS OF study



## A PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

In partnership with York County Community College (YCCC), Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) offers a nursing program on the campus of YCCC. Residents of York County have access to a quality RN program through this partnership. Students may take the required prerequisites and general education courses for the RN program at SMCC or YCCC. In addition, all nursing courses are offered on the YCCC campus by SMCC faculty. As much as possible, clinical experiences are offered at hospitals and long-term care facilities located in York County.

The Nursing Program is approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing, 161 Capitol Street, 158 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0158 (207-287-1133) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (404-975-5000, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)).

The curriculum blends Nursing courses with general education courses to provide a sound theoretical base for nursing practice. Clinical experiences are concurrent with didactic experiences during the four semesters. If students are unable to meet clinical objectives or obtain a course grade of C (76) or better, they fail that Nursing course. Students may apply for reinstatement/re-admission to the Nursing Program once.

**NOTE: The Maine State Board of Nursing may refuse to grant a license on the basis of the criminal history record information relating to convictions denominated in Title 5, Chapter 341, Section 5301, Subsection 2 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (MRSA).**

To participate in the Nursing Program, students must register with American Databank (ADB) for a criminal background check 2–3 months before the first clinical course. Finger-printing may be required. Convictions and pending charges of concern will be reviewed by clinical agencies to determine if students can work at these sites. Students who are not accepted at a clinical agency will not be able to meet program requirements, resulting in dismissal from the Nursing Program. In addition, students must provide immunization data and evidence of CPR certification (American Heart Association–Health Care Provider) to ADB prior to beginning the Nursing Program. Go to [www.smccme.edu/adb](http://www.smccme.edu/adb) for details.

The SMCC Nursing Program is a full four-semester program, after completing Admission Requirements (see below). SMCC accepts transfer credits from other accredited colleges if grades are C or better. Students apply to the Nursing Program through SMCC Admissions. Go to [www.smccme.edu/apply](http://www.smccme.edu/apply). It is advisable for applicants to submit applications as early as possible.

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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\*:

1. Attend a Mandatory Information Session (attendance is recommended early in the application process). See the SMCC website: <http://www.smccme.edu/admissions-aid/health-science-applicants/>.
2. Possess a high-school diploma or GED certificate.
3. College level math requirement. College Algebra MAT 127 or MAT 210 Statistics or higher.
4. Achieve a B– in all prerequisite courses: Dosage Calculations (NUR 126), Human Anatomy & Physiology I, lecture plus lab (BIO 126 & 127), and English Composition (ENG 101).
5. Nursing Entrance Test (NLN PAX-RN) – Students must achieve a 64th percentile Composite score, with 50th percentile each in Verbal, Math, and Science. Go to: <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/>.

LPN Upgrade/Transfer Students LPN Upgrade students must meet all Nursing Program admission requirements. In addition, LPNs must submit their LPN license and transcripts. Once these requirements are met, applicants will be able to register for Transition to the ADN Role (NURS 111) with permission from the Nursing Program Chair. Upon successful completion of all the requirements, LPN Upgrade students are accepted to the Nursing Program and begin in Nursing 2 (NURS 175).

Transfer Students also must meet the Nursing Program admission requirements. In addition, they must submit a letter of reference from the Chair of their former Nursing Program. Clinical nursing credits must be approved by the Chair of the SMCC Nursing Program and cannot be more than one- year-old.

IN ORDER TO START THE NURSING PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING.

\*Criteria are subject to change. Applicants are required to comply with current criteria.

PLEASE NOTE: SMCC Admissions does not automatically receive grades and/or information about any completed admissions requirements to the Nursing Program. It is the student's responsibility to submit reports for completed prerequisite requirements.

### **Additional General Education Core Courses required:**

Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab BIO 136 & 137 (4 credits)

Introduction to Psychology 101 (3 credits)

Development Psychology PSY 210 (3 credits)

Microbiology with Lab BIO 230 & 231 (4 credits)

Introduction to Literature ENG 112 (3 credits)

Arts or Humanities Elective (3 credits)

### **NURSING PROGRAM OUTCOMES - 6/2016**

At least 70% of entering students will complete the Nursing Program within three years. SMCC meets this goal at 76.3%.

The licensure exam pass rates will be at or above the national mean of 83.1%. SMCC pass rates were 87.8%.

At least 85% of graduates and employers rate graduates as average or above in demonstrating nursing process, caring, and professional behaviors, SMCC rates 90%.

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