



ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

PARTNERSHIP WITH SOUTHERN MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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 curriculum blends Nursing courses with general education courses to provide a sound theoretical base of nursing practice. Clinical experiences are concurrent with didactic experiences during the four semesters.

The Nursing Program prepares individuals to become registered nurses at the associate degree level. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX Registered Nurse (RN) licensure examination.

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).

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Prerequisites (Admission Requirements)				
* Nursing applicants must achieve a B- in pre-admission requirements			+ Please confirm transfer equivalency with SMCC.	
SMCC Course Title	+YCCC Course No.	YCCC Prerequisites	SMCC Course No.	SMCC Prerequisites
Freshman Interest Group – Intro to Healthcare Professions	Not offered	NA	FIGS 102	Required for students with fewer than 18 credits
College Math: College Algebra or Statistics	MAT 127 MAT 210	Grade of C or better in MAT 098 or math placement exam C or better in MAT 122 or 127	MATH 140 (or higher)	MATH 050
Dosage Calculations*	NUR 126	Grade of C or better in MAT 098 or appropriate Math Placement Exam	NURS 100	MATH 140 or higher (co-requisite)
Anatomy & Physiology I w/Lab*	BIO 126 & BIO 127 (Lab)	BIO106/107	BIOL 132	Strongly recommended: BIOL 100 or BIOL 120/121
English Composition*	ENG 101	C or better in ENG 095, appropriate Reading Placement Exam score	ENGL 100	ENGL 050 ENGL 075
Core Academic Courses Required for ADN				
Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	BIO 136 & BIO 137 Lab	BIO126/127	BIOL 138	BIOL 132
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101		PSYC 100	
Lifespan Development	PSY 210		PSYC 220	PSCY 100
Microbiology with Lab	BIO 230 & BIO 231 Lab	BIO 136/BIO 137 BIO 134/BIO 135 (both can be taken concurrently)	BIOL 250	BIOL 132 (or equivalent)
Introduction to Literature	ENG 112	ENG 101	ENGL 115	ENGL 100
Arts/Humanities Elective	See YCCC Catalog.		See SMCC Catalog.	

Nursing Clinical Courses NURS 111, NURS 125, NURS 175, NURS 225, NURS 275 — include lecture and practicum. (Nursing students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA [76 or above]. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

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. Fingerprinting 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 for details.

The SMCC Nursing Program is a full four-semester program, after completing Admission Requirements (see grid, over). SMCC accepts transfer credits from other accredited colleges if grades are C or better.

Students apply to the Nursing Program through Admissions. Go to www.smccme.edu/apply. It is advisable for applicants to submit applications as early as possible.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*:

1. Attend a Mandatory Information Session (attendance is recommended early in the application process). See the SMCC website: www.smccme.edu/healthprograms.
2. Possess a high-school diploma or GED certificate.
3. Achieve a B– in all prerequisite courses: Dosage Calculations (NURS 100), Anatomy & Physiology I, lecture plus lab (BIOL 132), and English Composition (ENGL 100).
4. Pass the Nursing entrance test: ATI TEAS (Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essential Academic Skills).
Go to www.atitesting.com for test prep materials and instructions on how to register. See required scores on reverse side.

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

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. ↩

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

NURSING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

Graduates of the SMCC Nursing Program are able to:

1. Systematically apply the nursing process to provide care to clients in a variety of health care settings.
2. Demonstrate client-centered caring behaviors and actions that result in an environment of respect and trust.
3. Adhere to professional behaviors within the legal, ethical, and practice standards.

NURSING PROGRAM OUTCOMES – 12/2017

1. The programs annual licensure examination NCLEX pass rate is 80% or greater for all first-time test takers during the same 12-months. SMCC meets this goal at 88.9%. The 3-year benchmark (national 88.44%) SMCC met at 89.91%.
2. At least 70% of entering students complete the Nursing Program within three years. The 3-year benchmark met 2013 – 2016 at 76.2%
3. At least 80% of graduates' report employment in nursing within 6 months of graduation. SMCC rate of employment was 100%.
4. All data by cohort available on request.

NURSING ENTRANCE TEST – July 2017

Applicants to the Nursing Program must take the **ATI TEAS** to meet application requirements.

Test score requirements are:

- Total score 69.3% or higher
- Reading 72.3% or higher
- Math 68.8% or higher
- Science 57.4% or higher
- English: 66.7% or higher

The TEAS study manual is available at the SMCC

College Bookstore (741-5532) and on the ATI website (www.atitesting.com).

You must register for the test online at: www.atitesting.com. Dates for the test are listed on the website. The exam takes approximately 4 hours. Times and location are listed on the exam session when you register. Please bring a valid photo ID, your ATI confirmation, username and password.

Students may take the TEAS a total of three (3) times, and only once every three (3) months.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NURSING ENTRANCE TEST – ATI TEAS

- Students requiring disability accommodations for the TEAS must register with SMCC Disability Services Office. Call 207-741-5923 to schedule an appointment.
- The appointment must be made at least 2 weeks in advance of your anticipated test date.
- If approved, the student will be contacted and provided further instructions on how to schedule and pay for the TEAS.