

## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Application files will be evaluated and acceptance will be by rank order using the following criteria for acceptance.

1. Required **58.7 (420)** on the pre-entrance exam: ATI TEAS (version seven). Applicants will be ranked, according to the ATI TEAS score. The top 60 will be admitted for the full-time PN Program and the top 20 will be admitted for the part-time PN Program. The traditional seats will be ranked by TEAS score with preference given to in-district students. SIC will evaluate wait-listed and out-of-district applicants for additional at-large positions, potentially adding 10 students each to the PN and ADN programs. If an at-large cohort is added, ranking will be done by TEAS score without preference to in-district students. Tuition rates for out of district students will be determined by the student's residency.
2. Completion of all required prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better. Grade point average will be calculated only for prerequisite courses required for the PN program if there is a tie on the ATI TEAS score.
3. In the event that these calculations are tied an overall grade point average will be calculated and used for entrance to the Nursing Program.
4. All prerequisite course grades must be completed **prior to start of program** with a grade of "**C**" or better. Prerequisite Courses: English 121, Psychology 121, Biology 161 or Biology 261 **and** Biology 262, NUR 195 Medical Terminology, and NUR 153 Medical Calculations

**Transfer students:** An official transcript must be sent to SIC Enrollment Services by the end of summer 2025 semester. An SIC advisor will evaluate the general education courses needed for transfer and determine if the course content is comparable and the applicant's grade is satisfactory for transfer. All coursework/prerequisites must be completed with a "C" or better for acceptance into the program. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify that all transcripts have been received by SIC Enrollment Services and evaluated. All PN nursing courses must be taken at Southeastern Illinois College.

5. **RETURNING STUDENTS:** Students who exit the program for reasons other than health issues, must complete the application process, including admission and other required testing, and will be ranked as a returning student as program space permits. Returning students must reapply for the next academic year to receive credit for current nursing coursework. Students who are returning in Spring must have advisement, TEAS testing, and application completed by October 31 of the academic year of return. If a student reapplies after the next academic year, all nursing courses must be repeated. After the student has exhausted two attempts in the PN or ADN program, he/she must wait a minimum 5 years to reapply. Students entering the program for the third time will be required to retake all nursing program classes. Students may not reapply after the third attempt.

CPR (131 or 133) – American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS)/Healthcare Provider Certification (HCP) must be verified before clinical attendance. A current BLS/HCP Certification from AHA instructor will be accepted. Certification must be valid through the program end date for the full-time program and through the first year of the part-time program.

Final acceptance to the program requires that all of the above criteria be met. Failure to meet any of the requirements will make the applicant ineligible for enrollment in the program. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all requirements have been met.