



SOUTH
SUBURBAN
COLLEGE
Department of
NURSING

A photograph of two nurses in white lab coats and masks attending to a patient in a hospital setting. The nurse in the foreground is wearing a black mask and glasses, while the nurse in the background is wearing a white mask. They are both looking down at the patient, who is lying in a hospital bed. The background shows a hospital room with a whiteboard and other medical equipment.

**ASSOCIATE
DEGREE
NURSING
(ADN)**

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program provides students with specialized training to acquire a basic knowledge of nursing theory and practice. Nurses are employed in a variety of settings, namely hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician offices and long-term care facilities. Registered Nurses are often considered for charge nurse and team leader responsibilities and play an integral role within the health care team.

Mission Statement

The mission of the South Suburban College Associate Degree Nursing (“ADN”) Program is framed from the mission of South Suburban College. The Nursing Program’s mission is to offer nursing education to the diverse student body served by South Suburban College, prepare graduates for eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN® licensing examination, educate students to provide safe, quality, patient-centered nursing care in current healthcare settings, and provide a nursing knowledge base for lifelong learning, either through continuing nursing education or formal degree programs.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the ADN Program graduates will be able to:

- Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.
- Engage in clinical reasoning/nursing judgment to make patient-centered care decisions and to function within the complex healthcare environment.
- Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care.
- Participate in collaboration and teamwork with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient’s support persons.
- Use information management principles, techniques, systems and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.
- Assimilate management, legal, and ethical guidelines in practice as a professional nurse.
- Promote a culture of caring to provide holistic, compassionate patient care.

General Admission Information

The ADN Program admits students once a year, in the fall semester. Students applying for admission to the Nursing Program are required to submit admission materials and meet entrance requirements before an application will be considered for review. A standardized pre-admission nursing entrance examination is also required for admission into the ADN Program. The examination is at the expense of the student. Selection for admission is determined by an admission committee after evaluation of the applications. Admission to the College, completion of prerequisites or application to the programs does not guarantee acceptance to the Nursing Program. Admission to the program is competitive. Students are encouraged to meet with a nursing counselor regularly as they complete pre-admission requirements. Counseling appointments are made using the Qless App or call (708) 596-2000 ext. 5724, for assistance in academic planning. General Education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. All nursing courses must also be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress through the program. The Nursing Program is challenging. It is strongly suggested that students carefully consider limiting the number of hours they work per week while enrolled. Students are required to provide their own transportation to classes and clinical sites. Clinical days and times are subject to change.

Application Process

Applications will be available beginning October 1st each year.

Prior to receiving an application to the ADN Program the student is required to:

- Submit an SSC application to Admissions.
- Forward official high school or HSE/GED® and all college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
- Complete the college placement test (see SSC catalog for details) prior to meeting with a counselor.
- Meet with an academic counselor using the Qless App or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 5724 for assistance in academic planning.
- Complete required college classes as indicated by the college placement test.

The applicant is required to:

- Complete and print the ADN application found online on the SSC website.
- Applications will be available beginning October 1st for the following fall admission.
- Submit the completed ADN application with attachments to the Nursing Department.
- Provide evidence of Nursing Assistant Certification, name must be listed on current state registry or an unencumbered IL Practical Nursing License.
- Complete the following admission prerequisite requirements with a "C" or better:
 - * English 101
 - * Psychology 101
 - * Biology 102 or Biology 105
 - * General Education Math 115
 - * Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5

Application Process Cont.

The applicant is required to:

Register for the standardized pre-admission nursing entrance examination. The information on how to register for the examination will be provided once the application is submitted. Applicants must test on one of the established testing dates. The student has two opportunities to achieve the minimum accepted score on the exam per admission cycle. Pre-admission nursing examination is at the students' expense.

All information and test results must be on file by May 15th for Fall admission

Acceptance Process

The Admissions Committee reviews all applications to the ADN Program. Acceptance to the program is based on:

- Completion of placement test and required college preparatory classes
- Cumulative college GPA of 2.5 Or better
- A minimum grade of "C" for pre-admission courses
- Satisfactory performance on standardized pre-admission nursing examination-at the expense of the student.
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All students will be notified in writing of their admission status by June 1st for fall admissions. Students accepted into the program are required to attend an orientation prior to the first day of scheduled class. The orientation dates will be announced in the acceptance letter. Failure to attend the orientation shall result in the student being dropped from the program.



The Associate Degree Nursing program at South Suburban College, 15800 South State Street, located in South Holland, IL is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326. (404) 975-5000.

Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) (NUR.AAS.ADN)

Admission Requirement Prerequisite Courses..... Credits
CNA Certificate, or IL LPN License unencumbered.

ENG 101	Composition and Rhetoric (minimum grade of "C").....	3
BIO 102	Introductory Biology (minimum grade of "C").....	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (minimum grade of "C")	3
MTH 115	General Education Mathematics (minimum grade of "C")	3

Repetition of Courses – prerequisites and/or general education coursework may be repeated twice for a total of (3) three enrollments in a course without exception.

Program Requirements

ALL program required courses must be completed with a "C" or better.

All Biology courses (except 102) must be successfully completed within five years at the time of application to satisfy program requirements.

General Education Courses in bold must be taken before or during semester indicated.

Students will be required to complete a standardized summative assessment (examination) each semester.

Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the Nursing program. Students will be notified in writing of their admission status by June 1st.

Semester One – Fall..... Credits

ADN 150	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
PSY 211	Human Growth and Development	3
BIO 185	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4

Semester Two – Spring..... Credits

ADN 152	Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing.....	7
BIO 186	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3

Semester Three – Fall..... Credits

ADN 252	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing	4
ADN 254	Childbearing Family and Children.....	4
BIO 224	Microbiology.....	4

Semester Four – Spring..... Credits

ADN 256	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing	3
ADN 257	Behavioral Health Nursing.....	3
ADN 258	Transition into Nursing Practice	2
SPE 108	Oral Communication.....	3
Group II	Elective	3

Total Program:.....**69**



**For questions regarding the Nursing Program,
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