Salt Lake Community College

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Nursing Pre-Admissions Information 2017/2018 (last updated February 22, 2018)

We’re excited that you’re considering SLCC as your pathway to becoming a Nurse.

However, please note that applying to the SLCC Nursing program does not guarantee admission to the program.

We accept 80 students twice per year. Applicants are selected for admission to the nursing program via a merit based/competitive admission process.

Admissions steps needed to enroll in SLCC can be found at [http://www.slcc.edu/apply/index.aspx](http://www.slcc.edu/apply/index.aspx). The steps include:

- Applying for admission to SLCC.
- Submitting a FAFSA (grant) application (if seeking tuition assistance).
- Taking the “ACCUPLACER” Math and Reading placement test and/or Transferring preexisting credit from other accredited institutions.
- Completing the “New Student Orientation.”
- Meeting with an academic advisor.
- Register for classes.

Minimum/Mandatory Nursing Application Criteria: Each of the following (3) criteria MUST be present for your application to be considered.

1. **Nursing Prerequisites:** The completion of the following courses and labs is a crucial component of your application to the nursing program and must be completed prior to submitting an application to the nursing program. Each lecture and lab must be completed, with a grade of “C” or better. (Equivalent transfer, AP or CLEP credit is acceptable).

   - **MATH 1010 (QS) or Intermediate Algebra 3**
   - **Math 1040 (Statistics) or Math 1050 (College Algebra) (QL) if planning to pursuing an AS or BSN**
   - **BIOL 1610/1615 (LS) College Biology 1 4**
   - **BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy 4**
   - **BIOL 2420/2425 Human Physiology 4**
   - **CHEM 1110 Elem. Chemistry 5**

2. **Nursing Pre-Admission Exam - (ATI TEAS version 6):** This test is designed to assess/predict the readiness of prospective student’s in the areas of: Math, Science, Reading English, and Language Usage as they relate to nursing education.

   This test is a crucial component in your nursing application. You should prepare thoroughly for the exam. We strongly encourage applicants to utilize a combination of study guide and the on-line
practice assessment which are available through ATI. Results for this exam MUST be existent to apply for the nursing program.

a. The minimum acceptable test score on each test section is as follows: Mathematics (47% <) Science (34% <) Reading (48% <) English/Language Usage (40% <) with a Minimum Overall score of (42% <).
b. This test may be taken up to (3) times per year. Must allow (2) weeks between re-tests.
c. Individual sections of this test may not be taken separately. Each retake must include the entire test.
d. Cost for the test is $100.00 per test attempt.
e. TEAS test can be scheduled at http://www.slcc.edu/hs-assessment/pre-admission-exams/index.aspx
f. Materials used to study for the by ATI TEAS include but are not limited to: https://atitesting.com/teas-prep.aspx

3. CNA or MA Documentation verifying proof of course completion or experience.
   Documentation must be submitted to the Health Sciences Admission Office within two business days of submitting your application for the nursing program. Current CNA certification is preferred, but not required for admission. See http://utahcna.com/docs/UNARApprovedTraining.pdf for a listing of approved State of Utah CNA training providers.

Additional Criteria that are considered in the Application Review: Although the following items are not mandatory application requirements, item (4) will be needed to satisfy AAS degree requirements. It is highly recommended that they be completed before applying to the Nursing program.

4. Required Support Courses: The following * courses MUST be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
   The following courses are required to graduation with an AAS degree in Nursing, and are beneficial in the application review process.
   Students who have not completed the following courses prior to their acceptance into the nursing program must complete them prior to the 3rd semester of the SLCC Nursing program.

   *ENGL 1010 (EN)  Intro to Writing  3  ENGL 0990 w/C or CPT
   *PSY 1100 (SS) or FHS 1500 (SS)  Human Growth or Lifespan Development  3  None

5. General Education Requirements: Although not required to apply, it is beneficial in the application review process, and it is strongly recommended that perspective A.A.S. Nursing students complete the additional General Education requirements needed for and A.S. degree as a preparation for transferring into a B.S.N. degree. (See Nursing Academic Advisor for details).

6. Patient Care Experience: Although not required to apply, having (one year or more) direct patient care experience is beneficial and is considered in the application review process.

7. Previous Earned A.S. or B.S. degree: Although not required to apply, having previously earned an A.S. or B.S. degree is beneficial and is considered in the application review process.

8. NURS 1130 (Pathophysiology) Must be completed w/C+ or greater.
   Although not required to apply, students may wish to complete NURS 1130 prior to entering the nursing program.
   Prerequisites for this course included: BIOL 1610/1615, BIOL 2320/2325, BIOL 2420/2425 and CHEM 1110/1125.
Note: This course and all NURS major requirements MUST be completed with a grade of “C+” or better.

Health and Safety Requirement
Health and safety requirements will be required of all students who are accepted to the Nursing program.
However, they are not required prior to application for admission, and students who need the Hepatitis B 3Vax Series should begin this series when they apply for admission to the nursing program.

All health and safety requirements will be tracked and monitored by an external agency known as “American DataBank”.
American DataBank is a national company that tracks our health and safety requirements. Continue on next page . . .
The online system for submitting required documentation for the SLCC nursing program is found at the following link: https://saltlakecc.complio.com/.

Once accepted to the nursing program you will need to set up an account with American Databank. Please go to http://www.americandatabank.com/VideoDirectory/complio_overview.html for a short video overview on how to set up an account, enter information and upload documentation. A written user guide is also found at: https://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/docs/Complio-Student-Screening-User-Guide.pdf.

Follow the instructions on setting up the account and then order ONLY the Criminal Background Check Package and the Compliance Package.

Do not order the Drug Screening Package at this time; you will be notified at a later date when to purchase the Drug Screening Package. If you order it at this time, SLCC will not reimburse you and you will have to order and pay for it at a later date.

Notice: After being instructed to schedule the drug screen, the drug screen must be performed within 48 hours.

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday-Friday) or email: complio@americandatabank.com.

1. Criminal Background Check - American DataBank
   It is strongly recommended that perspective nursing students take measures to have criminal offenses (felonies and or misdemeanors) expunged or sealed from your record prior to the background check if possible.
   Convictions or pending charges for crimes involving violence drug or sexual offenses will not be eligible for clinical training experiences.
   Drug Screening - American DataBank
   Specific information will be given to accepted students by program faculty regarding testing sites that have been approved by SLCC for both drug-screening test and criminal background check. The expenses of these requirements are additional student costs.

2. Current CPR Certification - (Only) the American Heart Association - BLS Provider w/AED training will be accepted.
To find a BLS Provider w/AED training course (see https://www.onlineaha.org/ and use the “find a course feature).

3. **Immunizations:**
   Prior to beginning the first semester, students who have been accepted must provide proof of the following immunizations:
   - **Tuberculosis Blood Test:** Required annually
     Proof of a negative QuantiFERON TB Gold test within previous 8 months of beginning the nursing program, or if positive or past positive test, student must submit a negative chest x-ray within previous 8 months of beginning program. This requirement also includes international students who have had the BCG immunization. X-ray results are good for one year.
   - **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)**
   - **MMR (Measlea, Mumps, Rubella)**
   - **Hepatitis B - series of (3) doses** (begin this immunization series when applying to the nursing program).
   - **Varicella (Chicken Pox)**
   - **Annual Influenza**
   - **Hepatitis A (not mandatory, but highly recommended)**

**Summary of Application Steps:**

1. Complete all needed admission steps listed at this link [http://www.slcc.edu/students-future/admissions/](http://www.slcc.edu/students-future/admissions/)
2. Be sure to take ACCUPLACER Exam and/or have transferrable credits evaluated if needed. See [http://www.slcc.edu/transcriptevaluation/index.aspx](http://www.slcc.edu/transcriptevaluation/index.aspx) for instructions on have transfer credit officially evaluated.
3. Meet with an Academic Advisor for course planning
4. Complete prerequisites (also see Minimum and Additional Application Requirements listed earlier in this document).
5. Schedule and take the ATI TEAS V Pre-Admission exam
6. Complete the online Nursing—Application can be located on your MyPage student tab, under the Health Sciences tile, and at the Program Admission link.
7. **Begin the first of (3 doses) Hepatitis B vaccination series**

**Application Acceptance Periods:**

See: Health Sciences Admissions Homepage at [http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx](http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx) for application acceptance dates and deadlines.

Applications for the SLCC Nursing program are located within your MySLCC page, under the “Academics & Records” Tab, at the “Health Sciences Programs Admission” link.

Students must purchase the background check and compliance package as part of admissions - all immunizations must be complete before beginning the program.
Notice: Courses outlined below identify mandatory course requirements needed to obtain the AAS degree in Nursing. Additional math and reading courses may be needed based on test placement scores, thereby extending the number of courses and amount of time needed to complete this degree.

Prerequisites:
All prerequisite course Lectures and Labs must be completed before applying for admission to the Nursing program. (Each must be completed with a grade of “C” or better).

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Support Courses:
It is strongly urged that the following Support Courses be completed before applying to the Nursing program. (Each course must be completed with a grade of “C” or better).

| *ENGL 1010 | Introduction to Writing     | (3) Credit Hours | F, SP, S |
| *PSY 1100 | Human Grow & Development    | (3) Credit Hours | F, SP, S |

Nursing Major Requirements:
That can be completed prior to entering the Nursing program. (Please note that ALL Nursing major requirements must be completed with a grade of “C+” or better).

**NURS 1130 | Pathophysiology            | (4)            | F, SP, S |

Nursing Major Requirements:
That may not be taken without being formally admitted into the Nursing program.

First Semester
**NURS 1100 | Foundations of Nursing     | 5 (3 Lecture +2 Clinical) | F, SP |
NURS 1110 | Health Assessment          | 2 (1 Lecture + 1 Clinical) | F, SP |
NURS 1120 | Pharmacology               | (2)                | F, SP |
**NURS 1130 | Pathophysiology            | (4)                | F, SP, S |

Total 13 Credit Hours
Second Semester
NURS 1200  Medical Surgical Nursing 1  7 (5 Lecture + 2 Clinical)  F, SP
NURS 1210  Mental Health Nursing  2 (1 Lecture + 1 Clinical)  F, SP
*PSY 1100 or FHS 1500  Human Growth & Development  (3)  F, SP, S
*ENGL 1010  Introduction to Writing  F, SP, S
Total 9 - 15 Credit Hours

Third Semester
NURS 2300  Medical Surgical Nursing 2  7 (5 Lecture + 2 Clinical)  F, SP
NURS 2310  Maternal, Newborn, Pediatric  2 (2 Lecture + 1 Clinical)  F, SP
Total 9 Credit Hours

Forth Semester
NURS 2400  Medical Surgical Nursing 3  5 (4 Lecture + 1 Clinical)  F, SP
NURS 2410  Transition to Professional Nursing Practice  5 (3 Lecture + 2 Clinical)  F, SP
Total 10 Credit Hours

Sample Schedule

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Total Prerequisite/Support Credit Hours  27  Total Major Credit Hours  41
Total Program of Study Hours  68

Optional Nursing Courses:
NURS 1250  Preparation for NCLEX PN Exam  2
Completion of NURS first year.
NURS 2350  LPN to RN Bridge  2
Required for LPN to RN
NURS 1450  Independent study Course  1-5
Departmental Approval
Additional General Education Requirements will be required to satisfy the degree requirements for an Associate of Science degree. The addition requirements are represented by the follow courses or General Education Designation Codes:

(EN) ENGL 2010  
(QL) Math 1040 or 1050  
(AI) American Institutions  
(LW) Lifelong Wellness  
(CM) or (IN) Student Choice  
(FA) Fine Arts  
(HU) Humanities  
(ID) Interdisciplinary  
*(DV) Diversity Course

*Diversity Course Requirement may be completed as a joint requirement with any of the areas (FA), (HU) or (ID).

ACCREDITATION:
The SLCC Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing is approved by the Utah State Board of Nursing (SBON), and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), with General education requirements accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)

NURSING PROGRAM OF STUDY OPTIONS:
AAS (Associate of Applied Science) degree in Nursing: for student who want to pursue our traditional pathway to R.N. licensure.  
AAS (Associate of Applied Science) degree in Nursing with (Advanced Placement/LPN to RN): for student who possess an LPN or LVN license (in good standing) that want to pursue our pathway to R.N. licensure.  
CERT (Certificate of Completion) LPN Spin-off option: for students who choose to exit or are unable to complete the our traditional (2) year Nursing program.

DEGREE TYPE OFFERED:
The SLCC Nursing program provides both theoretical and clinical education for nursing students seeking either the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing

Students wishing to advance their degree may do so by completing an Associate of Science AS in a variety of programs.

PREREQUISITES
It is the student’s responsibility to examine each course description for details of prerequisite classes. Where required, prerequisites must be satisfied before the designated class may be taken.

CRIMINAL HISTORY
A criminal background check will be required of accepted students. Student with a history of misdemeanor or felony convictions may not be eligible for state licensure. Questions may be directed to the State of Utah Dept. of Occupational and Professional Licensing. (801) 530-6628.or http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html

ADMISSION POLICY
Applicants are admitted to the nursing program without regard to, marital status, race, color, creed, gender, sexual preference, national origin, age, or pregnancy.
Students with disabilities can be admitted to the nursing program if they can meet nursing program performance objectives with reasonable accommodations.
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