

NURSING:LPN➤RN ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

ADMISSIONS GUIDE



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If you are a licensed practical nurse (LPN), you can earn credit for your experience and education toward SPC's Associate in Science Nursing degree. This program gives you the technical skills and scientific background you need to succeed in this lucrative field.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

(Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission)

Term	Applications Accepted	ATI TEAS Test Window (12 months)	Application Review	Student Notified by Email: xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu
Fall: August	March 1 - May 15	May 16 – May 15	May 16 - June 30	July 1
Spring: January	July 1 - Sep 15	Sept 16 - Sept 15	Sept 16 - October 31	November 1

- ☐ New students must complete the St. Petersburg College Admission Application and pay the non- refundable fee. Returning students must complete the online Readmission steps in MySPC if you have not enrolled in the previous six semesters. [Admissions and Readmissions](#)

A secondary Health Program Application is required for limited access Health Programs (link on page 2)

- ☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) high school or GED transcripts indicating completion of standard high school diploma or equivalency. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Applied Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution are waived from this requirement. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)
- ☐ Submit official, unopened (sealed) transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) and/or universities currently or previously attended. We do not accept unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened. **Transcripts must be received and evaluated by St. Petersburg College prior to the application deadline to ensure consideration.** [Submitting Official Transcripts](#)
- ☐ Students must demonstrate they are at college level in Writing, Reading, and Math either through appropriate test scores or through appropriate course completion.
- ☐ Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale in all postsecondary coursework. Academic Standing may have an impact on admission, enrollment, and financial aid eligibility. See the SPC Academic Standing Policy for details. [Academic Standing Policy](#)
- ☐ Students must successfully complete all pre-entry requirements within three attempts in accordance with St. Petersburg College Board Procedure: P6Hx23-4.15. Transfer credits, course substitutions, and course withdrawals count as attempts. Withdraw with Refund (WR) grades are not considered.
- ☐ Students must meet the [Technical Standards](#) with or without accommodation(s). Please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services office to set up a confidential consultation at (727) 341- 4141 or visit www.spcollege.edu/accessibility.

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- ❑ Pre-Entry Requirements to be completed with a minimum grade of “C” and earn a minimum 2.75 GPA on a 4.00 scale by the application deadline. The following courses are used for the pre-entry requirement admission GPA.

The following courses must be completed by the application deadline:

- BSC 2085/2085L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
- BSC 2086/2086L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab
- ENC 1101 or approved Communications Core (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)
- Computer/Information Literacy Competency (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) no minimum grade, not calculated into the pre-entry admission GPA

At least two of the following courses must be complete with a “C” or better by the application deadline. For the one remaining course, you must currently be enrolled at SPC (summer term for fall admission or fall term for spring admission) and complete the course with a “C” or better to maintain program eligibility.

- MCB 2010/2010L - Microbiology and Microbiology Laboratory
 - POS 2041 - American National Government or (POS 2041H)
 - or AMH 2020 - History of the United States II or (AMH 2020H)
 - or AMH 2010 - History of the United States II or (AMH 20100H) – fall 2024 or thereafter
 - STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics or (Honors)
- ❑ Earn a 2.75 minimum GPA on a 4.0 scale in the science pre-entry requirements: BSC 2085, BSC 2085L, BSC 2086, BSC 2086L, MCB 2010, and MCB 2010L.
 - ❑ ATI TEAS Test – Completed within 12 months prior to the Nursing Program application deadline (see ATI TEAS test window dates page 1). Find out how to register and request a transcript for the [ATI TEAS Test](#). Retakes are based on ATI’s minimum standards retake policy.
 - ❑ Submit the Health Programs Application for the Associate in Science in Nursing Program at <https://web.spcollege.edu/hec/application/apply>
 - Enter the clear and active Florida LPN license number or LPN license number from a state participating in the Nurse Licensure Compact in the application.
 - Immediately after application submission, applicants will receive an email confirmation to their SPC xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu email account which will include instructions on next steps and how to submit the Video Interview and Healthcare Experience Survey form. **These items are due by the application deadline.**

Selection Criteria

Due to enrollment limitations, meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. When the number of eligible applications exceeds program availability, selective criteria is used to determine which applicants are offered admission. The College of Nursing determines which applicants will be offered admission utilizing the point values outlined below:

Points will be assigned as follows:

- Pre-entry requirement admission GPA.
 - 3.7 to 4.0 = 15 points
 - 3.5 to 3.699 = 13 points
 - 3.2 to 3.499 = 11 points
 - 3.0 to 3.199 = 9 points
 - 2.75 to 2.99 = 5 points
- Pre-entry requirements taken at SPC.
 - All 21 credits taken at SPC = 10 points
 - 15-20 credits taken at SPC = 7 points
 - 10-14 credits taken at SPC = 4 points
 - Less than 10 credits = 0 points
- ATI TEAS score based on proficiency level
 - Exemplary = 40 points
 - Advanced = 35
 - Proficient = 25
 - Basic = 10
 - Developmental = 0
- Video Interview (10 points maximum); see application auto-confirmation page for more detailed instructions
- Work experience in health care (10 points maximum) not required; see **Work Experience Criteria** on next page for details

If you are admitted, you will need to complete the following pre-enrollment requirements to maintain eligible status.

- Complete the Notice of Intent (NOI) survey by the date indicated in the admission email. Candidates on the Alternate list must also submit an NOI for consideration if a seat becomes available.
- Successfully pass a [background check and drug screening](#) by the date indicated in the admission email. (Completion required within 2 weeks of admission offer)
- Attend the mandatory Health Education Program orientation on the date indicated in the admission email. Please clear your calendar so you are available to attend if you are offered admission; Fall term – mid July, Spring term – mid November.
- Complete the Health Examination Form, all details will be provided during the Nursing Orientation.
- Candidates on the Alternate list must follow instructions and deadlines provided in their admission email to maintain eligibility for possible admission. If you are not notified of being moved from the alternate list to that admit list, a new application will be required during the next appropriate application period.
- If admission offer is declined by the student, a new application will be required during the next appropriate application period; applications do not rollover to future terms.

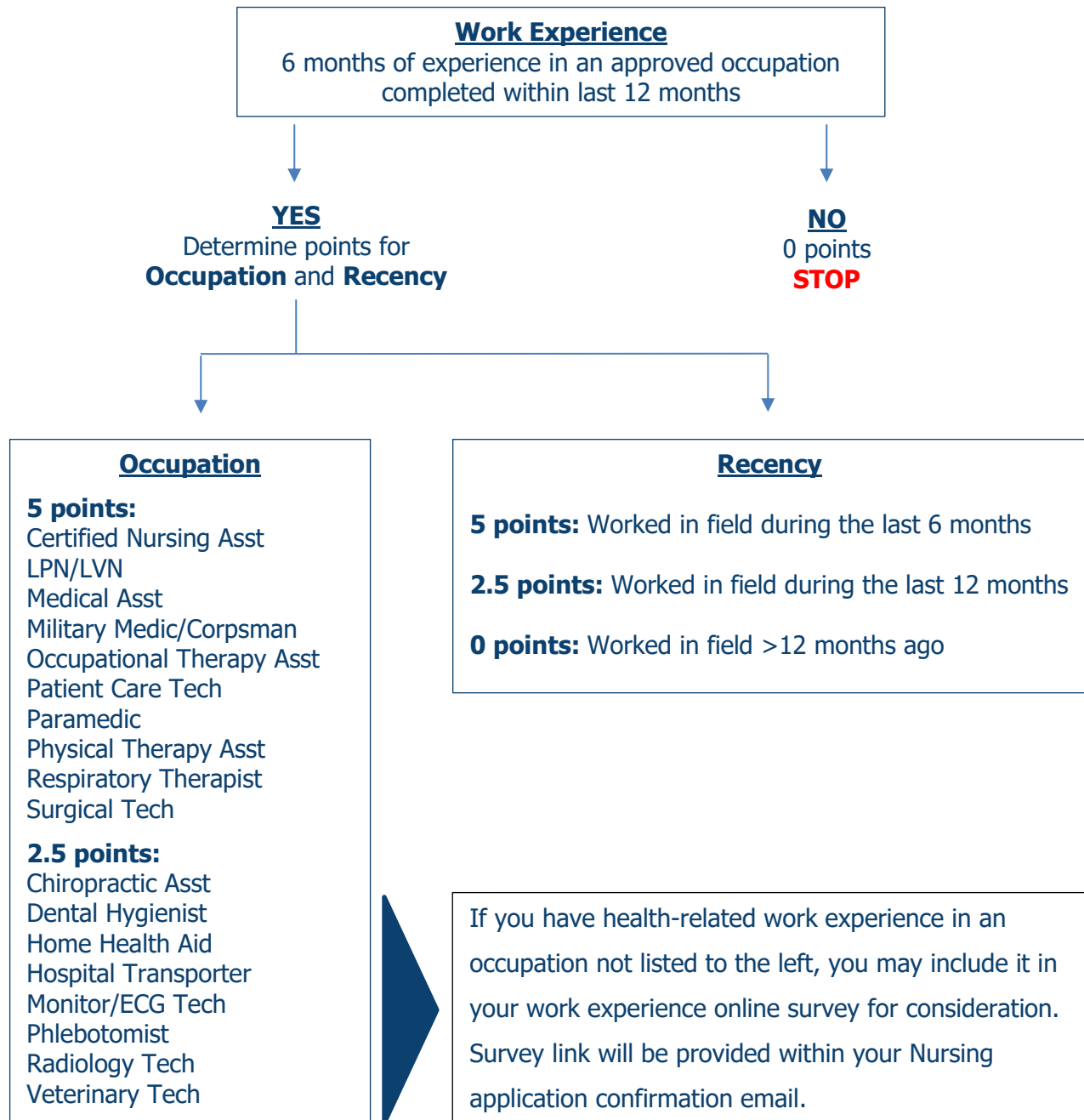
Admission emails will be sent through SPC student email (xxxxxx#@live.spcollege.edu)

If you are not sure how to access your SPC student email, please visit [How do I Access My SPC Email](#)

Work Experience Criteria

The work history criteria is designed to identify applicants with recent and relevant experience in the healthcare field, particularly those who have engaged in direct patient care and interaction. This experience demonstrates a basic understanding of the responsibilities and communication skills essential for success as a nursing student. Additionally, it highlights a commitment to the healthcare profession and a foundational knowledge that can support academic and clinical success.

This applies to RN, LPN-to-RN, and Paramedic-to-RN applicants



Program Information

Clinical facilities may prohibit students who do not have an assigned social security number from participating in clinical experiences which are a mandatory component of the curriculum. If other placement options are not available, the student would need to withdraw from that semester and would not be able to progress in the nursing program. These factors must be taken into consideration prior to pursuing admission to the nursing program.

Fall Only: Day theory schedule (Fall, Spring, Fall)

- Three semesters with summer off
- Theory courses are in the afternoon (usually 1pm-6pm) - 1 day per week + online courses
- Simulations are in the afternoon (usually 1:30pm – 7:30pm) - 1 day every other week
- Clinicals are 1 day per week (M-F, varies) from approx. 6am - 5pm

Spring Only: Evening courses with weekend clinical (Spring, Fall, Spring)

- Three semesters with summers off
- Theory courses are in the evening (usually 5pm - 9pm) - 1 day per week + online courses
- Simulations are in the evening (usually 5pm - 8pm) - 1 day every week
- Clinicals are 1 day per week on Saturdays from approx. 6am - 5pm

Accessibility Services

St. Petersburg College is committed to providing quality education and services to all students by ensuring that admission, academic programs, support services, student activities, and campus facilities are accessible to and usable by qualified students with disabilities. Each specific health program has its own technical standards which all students must meet with or without accommodation(s). To help students achieve success, Accessibility Services works with students, faculty, and staff to coordinate the provision of reasonable accommodations. To put your accommodations in place, please contact the Health Education Center Accessibility Services at (727) 341-4141 or visit <http://www.spcollege.edu/accessibility>

Transfer Coursework

Transfer courses for which there is no direct SPC equivalent will be posted as elective credit and designated with a '999' course number. If you believe a course posted as an elective should satisfy a degree requirement, you may submit a request for Alternate Satisfaction. To initiate the alternate satisfaction request/review process: Complete the Alternative Satisfaction Survey, <https://web.spcollege.edu/survey/21215>

PRE-ENTRY REQUIREMENTS			
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF "C" AND A MINIMUM 2.75 GPA:			CREDITS
<i>To be completed by the application deadline</i>	BSC 2085 – HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I		3
	BSC 2085L – HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY LAB I		1
	BSC 2086 – HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II		3
	BSC 2086L – HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY LAB II		1
	COMPOSITION 1 3 credits from the approved General Education COMPOSITION CORE coursework ENC 1101 – Composition 1 or ENC 1101H (Honors) (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)		3
	COMPUTER/INFORMATION LITERACY COMPETENCY Competency may be demonstrated by completing the Computer Information and Literacy Exam OR by successful completion of one of the approved Computer/Information Literacy Competency courses. (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree) not calculated in GPA		No minimum grade required
<i>Two out of three to be completed with C or better by app. deadline, the third must be currently enrolled at SPC (see page 2 for more details)</i>	MCB 2010/MCB 2010L – MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY		4
	STA 2023 – ELEMENTARY STATISTICS OR (STA 2023H)		3
	POS 2041 – AMERICAN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OR (POS 2041H) OR AMH 2020 – HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES II OR (AMH 2020H) OR AMH 2010 – HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES II OR (AMH 2020H) – FALL 2024 OR THEREAFTER		3
	Health GPA Calculator Pre-entry admission GPA		GPA:
THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN DETERMINING ADMISSION AND NOT CALCULATED IN THE ADMISSION GPA. THESE COURSES ARE REQUIRED TO CONTINUE IN THE PROGRAM AND FOR GRADUATION.			
PSY 1012 – GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY OR (PSY 1012H) = Pre or Corequisite for Semester I in program, or Evening/Weekend for Semester III			3
PHI 1600 – STUDIES IN APPLIED ETHICS OR (PHI 1600H) = Pre or Corequisite for Semester II in program, or Evening/Weekend for Semester IV			3
HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS 3 credits from the approved General Education HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS – CORE = Pre or Corequisite for Semester III in program, or Evening/Weekend Semester III <i>Recommended: a CORE Humanities that meets the Enhanced World View See Enhanced World View below*</i> (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)			3
*ENHANCED WORLD VIEW: Complete at least one 3-credit course intended to enhance the student's world view considering an increasingly globalized economy. This course may also be used to satisfy another General Education Requirement (Humanities and Fine Arts) (May be satisfied by an Associate in Arts or higher degree)			0-3
**CIVIC LITERACY: NURSING AS PROGRAM PAGE > SELECT COURSES TAB > VIEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS > AS GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - Civic Literacy Competency may be demonstrated by completing at least one course from the approved General Education Civic Literacy coursework below (minimum grade of "C" required) AND satisfactory completion of an assessment (exam). Students completing AMH 2010 or AMH 2010H in Fall 2024 or thereafter will satisfy the Civic Literacy course requirement. This requirement is in compliance with Rule 6A-10.02413 of the Florida Administrative Code.			

To view approved courses, please refer to [A.S. General Education Requirements](#)

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing Program Estimated Costs

LPN-to-RN Track

Estimated Costs for Nursing Courses Only 2025-2026

Tuition*¹	Drug and Background Check	Immunizations**	Uniforms, Special Equipment, Lab Fees & Other Costs	Textbooks & Supplemental Materials	State Exam & License Fees	Total
\$3,576.00	\$393.97	\$1,000.00	\$1,933.08	\$3,320.55	\$310.00	\$10,533.60

* Tuition is estimated using the Florida residency rate of \$111.75/credit hour. Non-resident rate is \$386.90/credit hour.

¹ Tuition is for core coursework only. General Education and Support courses are not included.

** These are estimates; actual costs will vary depending on health insurance coverage.

Face to face classes pay a learning support access fee of \$3.00 per credit hour. Distance learning fee of \$15.00 per credit hour for online classes. Prices are subject to change. Only required textbooks (printed) are included in the estimate. eBooks, used and rental textbooks may be available at lower cost. Due to increases/decreases in books and supplements, please check the bookstore website for updated cost information. Drug screens and background check fees are subject to Castlebranch pricing. A small annual clinical placement fee may be charged by certain clinical facilities, these fees would be the responsibility of the student.

[Detailed LPN/RN Program Estimated Costs Sheets](#)

* Additional general education coursework may be required to complete the degree.

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