



Practical Nursing Application Packet

The application period for the **Nights & Weekends program** beginning in January 2024 is **October 9, 2023, at 8:30am until November 10, 2023 at 4:30 pm.**
(Lafayette Campus Only)

The application period for programs beginning in August 2024 is **March 11, 2024, at 8:30am until April 19, 2024 at 4:30 pm.**
(Crowley, Lafayette & Opelousas campuses)

We are unable to accept applications submitted through the mail.

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Program Description

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare the student to meet the licensure requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), as established by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE).



The program progresses from simple to complex and consists of classroom instruction, lab practicum and supervised clinical activities in accredited hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care agencies. Upon graduation, the student is awarded a diploma and is eligible to apply for the National Council of State Boards Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN)

The NCLEX is a test that is administered to all Practical Nursing (PN) graduates. It is meant to ensure that each nurse is competent and can practice safely as a new nurse. The test is based on Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT). CAT basically means that each test is different. Each candidate receives an individualized and unique testing experience. The NCLEX exams are produced by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Each year, the NCSBN surveys newly licensed nurses in order to update and ensure relevancy for the NCLEX. This ensures that the test matches up with what nurses are really doing in their field. The content for the NCLEX-PN falls into 4 main categories with several smaller subcategories. All test content is based on client needs. Nurses must use their knowledge of medical procedures, assessment, and more to care for the client in the best way possible. Students will receive their license from LSBPNE upon completion of NCLEX-PN.

Application Process

The Practical Nursing Program is highly competitive and has limited seating; therefore, acceptance is offered only to the top-ranking applicants. Meeting the minimum qualifications does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students can only take practical nursing classes if they have been accepted to the program.

Financial Aid recipients should meet with a financial aid advisor to verify that they will have the aid needed to complete the program. SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) must be met each term to continue receiving aid.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

- Complete an SLCC online application for **General Studies for Practical Nursing** for the semester the intended program begins. Students currently enrolled at SLCC do not need to complete this step. Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance to the Practical Nursing Program.
- Be at least 18 years of age at the time the intended program begins.
- Must not be currently serving under any court-imposed order of supervised probation, work release, school release or parole in conjunction with any felony conviction(s) or plea agreement.
- Submit standardized test scores that meet the minimum required scores for math, reading, and language. The Practical Nursing Department has recently reinstated minimum test scores as a requirement, effective January 2022. **The minimum scores are provided below.**

Test Type	MATH	READING	LANGUAGE
ACT	19	20	English 18
Accuplacer NG	Algebra QAS 250	250	Writing 250

Qualifying scores do not need to be from the same test type or the same test date. Only tests taken within three years of the intended program start will be accepted. For example, if the program begins in January 2024, then test scores dated after January 1, 2021, can be used for the PN application.

Applicants in need of updated test scores can schedule the Accuplacer NG test with the SLCC Testing Center. For information on scheduling and preparing for the Accuplacer NG test, visit the SLCC Testing Center webpage at www.solacc.edu/students/testing/accuplacer.

- Submit all transcripts from prior colleges to the Admissions Office as soon as possible. (Electronic submissions are preferred.) Transcripts from out-of-state colleges may take up to four weeks to be evaluated. For more information on transfer credits, check out the FAQ for Transfer Credits on the Registrar's Office webpage.
- Complete the online [SLCC Practical Nursing Application](#)

All requested information must be received by the published deadlines and must be accurate and legible. Late applications and information will not be accepted. Submitting false information or omitting information is cause for elimination from the application process. **Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in any Practical Nursing (HNUR) courses.** LSBPNE reserves the right to refuse approval for admission.

Applicants can view accepted transfer courses, institution GPA, and test scores on their academic profile in LoLA. To access the academic profile:

- Login to LoLA
- Click STUDENT in the Self-Service box.
- Select Academic Profile in the Academic Links.
 - To view test scores, select Prior Education and Testing
 - To view accepted transfer courses, select Academic Transcript.
 - To view institution GPA, select Curriculum and Courses, then go to the Hours and GPA tab. The application asks for **Institution GPA** and **hours**.

The following items are OPTIONAL but can be used to improve an applicant's selection score

Completion of:

- **BIOL 2017** (Survey of Anatomy & Physiology) within the last 3 years with a C or higher (a required course that can be taken prior to the program)
- **BIOL 2042** (Human Nutrition) within the last 3 years with a C or higher (a required course that can be taken prior to the program)
- **BIOL 1000** (Introduction to Biology) with a C or higher
- **HLSC 2103** (Medical Terminology) with a C or higher
- **ENGL 1010** (Rhetoric & Composition) with a C or higher
- **MATH 1105** (College Algebra) with a C or higher
- **BIOL 2022, BIOL 2023, BIOL 2032, and BIOL 2033**
*Must have completed all four of these biology courses within the last 3 years with a C or higher to be considered for additional selection points. These courses can be substituted for **BIOL 2017**.*
- An SLCC institutional GPA of **2.10** or higher which includes courses taken through a dual enrollment program
- Active certification as a **nursing assistant, medical assistant, or emergency medical technician**. Only one certification can be used for additional selection points.

Applicants should keep copies of all documentation submitted during the application process. Documents provided to SLCC will not be returned. All applicants will receive notification of acceptance or denial of admission via email and should ensure that contact information is kept updated in LoLA.

Applicants who submit a completed online application for Practical Nursing will have a non-refundable processing fee of \$20 charged to their SLCC student account.

After all applications have been reviewed by the Practical Nursing Admissions Committee, the Practical Nursing Department will email a letter of acceptance or denial to the email address provided on your application. The acceptance letters will provide the date and time of a **MANDATORY** Advising Session. This session is scheduled within one (1) week of receiving the acceptance letter.

After the student has attended the Advising Session, the following additional requirements must be submitted before students can begin the program. The LSBPNE reserves the right to refuse approval for admission.

- Copy of driver's license or photo ID
- Copy of birth certificate
- Proof of high school transcript or equivalency (HiSet/GED)
- Health History: Physical Examination, TB Skin Test and Immunizations/Titers
- AHA CPR for HealthCare Providers
- Criminal Background Check and Fingerprint Cards as required by LSBPNE
- Completed Student Application to the LSBPNE

Program Start Schedule at SLCC Campuses and Office Locations

LOCATION	NEXT START	CONTACT INFORMATION
Acadian Campus (Crowley)	Fall 2024	Main Office: 1933 W. Hutchinson Ave. Crowley, LA 70526 337.788.7521
Lafayette Campus	Fall 2024	Admissions – Ardoin Building: 1101 Bertrand Dr. Lafayette, LA 70506 337.521.9622
CB Coreil Campus (Ville Platte)	Spring 2025	Main Office: 1124 Vocational Dr. Ville Platte, LA 70586 337.363.2197
Evangeline Campus (St. Martinville)	Spring 2025	Main Office: 6305 Main Highway St. Martinville, LA 70585 337.394.2750
Gulf Area Campus (Abbeville)	Spring 2025	Main Office: 1115 Clover St. Abbeville, LA 70510 337.893.4984
TH Harris Campus (Opelousas)	Fall 2024	Main Office: 332 E. South St. Opelousas, LA 70570 337.943.1518
Young Memorial (Morgan City)	Spring 2024	Main Office: 900 Youngs Rd. Morgan City, LA 70380 985.380.2957