SLCC

SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

REGISTERED NURSING (RN)
APPLICATION PACKET

Associate of Science in Nursing

This nursing education program has been granted continuing accreditation by the:

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**Applications will be accepted starting January 15, 2024
Deadline is March 1, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**

**Program begins Fall 2024
(Lafayette Campus)**

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Applications will not be accepted via mail.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Graduates receiving an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) from SLCC are eligible to apply for licensure through the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) as a Registered Nurse (RN). The RN is educated as a generalist who delivers health care to clients and family groups and has competencies related to the art and science of nursing.

The RN may be employed in a variety of acute, long-term, and community-based health care settings. Registered Nurses function within the legal scope of practice and use professional standards of care when caring for clients and families across the life span. The degree provides the graduate with an educational foundation for articulation into the university setting for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), if desired.

Upon completion of the ASN degree, the graduate is eligible to apply to the LSBN for initial licensure and to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The examination is designed to test the knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. Upon successful completion of this examination, the graduate becomes licensed to legally practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Louisiana.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING (LSBN)

The LSBN requires all applicants that are accepted for admission to complete an *Application for Approval to Enroll in* a *Clinical Nursing Course* form and an authorization form for a criminal background check. Applicants who have been charged with, pled guilty or nolo contendere to, been convicted of, or committed a criminal offense that involves a crime of violence or distribution of drugs may be denied the right to practice nursing as a student in Louisiana. LSBN can approve, deny, delay, or otherwise restrict the enrollment of the student. **If approval is not granted by the LSBN the student will not be admitted to the program.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be eligible for admission to the RN Program, the applicant must first be admitted to South Louisiana Community College or be a current SLCC student. The college application **is available online at** http://www.solacc.edu/admissions. The application and all supporting documents must be received by the designated deadlines. **Applicants will not be considered for admittance to the RN program until all required documents have been submitted and the applicant's file is complete. No waiting list will be established for those students that are eligible. A** copy of the application and all supporting documents should be retained by the applicant since the RN Program will not return the original application or any supporting documents. All correspondence will be emailed to the applicant at the email address on file.

Step1: SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SLCC) ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - Applicants to the RN program who are not currently attending SLCC should apply for admission to **General Studies for Registered Nursing** at www.solacc.edu/ApplyNow. Applicants should provide all general admission requirements and be fully admitted to the college. Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance to the RN program. Students who are currently attending class at SLCC do not need to submit a new application, instead they should go to step 2.

Step 2: RN PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - Admission to the RN Program is competitive. It is important to note that simply meeting requirements for admission to the nursing program does not guarantee admission. All requirements must be completed **before** applying to the Nursing Department. After fulfilling the admission requirements, complete the Registered Nursing Online Application.

1. Earn a minimum GPA of **2.8** in the following 16 credit hours of courses. Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in each of these courses:

REQUIRED COURSES TO APPLY		
Course	**Title**	**Credit Hours**
MATH 1105	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1010	Rhetoric & Composition	3
BIOL 2022	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 2023	Human Anatomy & Physiology I - Lab	1
PSYC 1010 (formerly PSYC 2010)	Introduction to Psychology	3
Fine Arts (Elective) ─ OR ─ Humanities (Elective)	Choose from: Music (MUSC), Theater (THEA), or Fine Arts (ARTS) *except ARTS 2000*	3
	Choose from: History (HIST), English (ENGL 2XXX) *except ENGL 2045 and 2070*, or Communications (CMCN) *except CMCN 1170, 1270, and 2145*	
	TOTAL CREDITS	**16**

- General education courses will be accepted *regardless of time* if you have a conferred degree, or the course is listed on an official SLCC transcript. General education courses from another college, that is not listed on an official SLCC transcript, must be less than ten years old.

- Students **do not** have to take BIOL 2100 (Microbiology) prior to entering the program.

- Take the TEAS nursing admission exam and earn a minimum composite score of 62 and a minimum score of 60 in both Math and Science.

- Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended to the Admissions Office. Sending transcripts electronically is preferred.

- If applicable, obtain a copy of current license or certification as a practical nurse, nursing assistant, or paramedic and obtain proof of current employment in the last two years. (Example: pay stub, letter from supervisor on company letterhead, etc.)

- A non-refundable $20 processing fee will be charged to your SLCC student account upon completing the online application.

Step 3: SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

1. **ALL** applicants will be notified of acceptance status (Admitted or Denied) via email provided on the application.

2. Students admitted to the nursing program will receive an acceptance letter and additional information regarding the following requirements:
   a) Health History, Physical Examination, TB Skin Test and Immunizations and Titers
   b) CPR for HealthCare Providers (American Heart Association or Red Cross Approved)
   c) Criminal Background Check and Fingerprint Cards as required by LSBN.
   d) Malpractice Insurance for Nursing Students
   e) Health Insurance

3. Students who accept the offer for admission **must** attend both the **MANDATORY Nursing Advising Session and the Nursing Orientation Session.** The location and date of the orientation will be announced when selections are made.

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. If the application is incomplete, the applicant will be disqualified from the selection process. Providing false information or exclusion of information is cause for disqualification from the selection process.

ATI TEAS Test Instructions for the ASN Program

1. You will need to sign up for the exam online at www.atitesting.com. The SLCC Testing Center will offer several test dates and there are limited seats at each test time. We cannot guarantee that more testing dates will become available; therefore, do not wait until the last minute to sign up. T h e TEAS Exam must be taken at the SLCC Testing Center at the Lafayette campus.

2. The exam has 170 multiple choice questions and is 3 ½ hours long, so plan accordingly. The exam will automatically cut off at the 3 ½ hour mark. If you are approved through the office of Student Services to receive extra time for the test, you must notify the testing center at the time you sign up for the exam. Failure to do this will result in you taking the test during the scheduled time frame without the extra time concession.

3. You will need to create an account with ATI prior to test day. You will not be allowed to test without a username and password.
   - a. Go to www.atitesting.com. (Download free Silverlight software, if necessary).
   - b. Click "Create an account" and keep track of your username and password.
   - c. My Username My Password

4. In order to be considered eligible for the program, you must earn a minimum composite score of 62 AND a minimum score of 60 in both Math and Science. The most recent score will be considered for your application. Your score is good for two years. We do not accept test scores from other testing sites

5. Arrive on time for the test at the Testing Center located in the Ardoin building, Rm #408. Bring a picture ID with you on the day of test to show the test proctor. You are not allowed to bring anything with you into the testing center other than a jacket. Pencils, calculators, and paper will be provided for you.

6. We recommend purchasing the ATI TEAS study guide from www.ATItesting.com.

Do I have to be an SLCC student or potential SLCC student to register and take the TEAS exam at SLCC?

You must have an SLCC student ID to take the TEAS exam. Student IDs are assigned upon the completion of an application for admission.

How do I register to take the TEAS exam?

TEAS exam registration is done through the ATI website: www.atitesting.com. Select "I Am a Student", TEAS, Register for TEAS, TEAS Exam Registration, REGISTER NOW, complete the information in the box. If you have any additional questions, contact Testing Services for more information at testing@solacc.edu or 337-521-9627.

Are TEAS exam scores accepted from the ATI remote proctoring option?

TEAS exam scores will NOT be accepted from the ATI remote proctoring option. We are currently not accepting remote option test scores. We will honor the remote scores taken previously only **if they were sent to SLCC and transcripted in SLCC testing center prior to June 7, 2022**. If this policy changes, our website will be updated to reflect this.

We DO NOT accept test scores from other testing sites. We only accept scores from tests that were taken at SLCC at the Lafayette campus testing center.

Can I retake only one subject of the TEAS exam if required? (Example: Science only)

No, all parts must be taken each time you test.

Can I take the TEAS exam at another testing facility and hand deliver or email my test results to SLCC Testing Services to be put into LoLA?

No, we do not accept test scores from other testing sites. We only accept scores from tests that were taken at SLCC.

Who do I contact for testing accommodations? How far in advance do I need to set this up?

Testers must contact Stacy Upton at 337.521.6656 or stacy.upton@solacc.edu at least two weeks before the test date.

If you still have questions after reading the questions/answers below, please feel free to reach out to nursing.alliedhealth@solacc.edu. You may be asked for your TEAS scores so please either include them in your email or have them available if needed. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.

I have taken the TEAS test, now what?

As a reminder, to be eligible to apply to the RN program, the applicant, after taking the TEAS nursing admission exam, must earn a minimum **composite** score of *62* and a minimum score of *60* in both **Math and Science**. However, remember scoring the minimum does not guarantee acceptance into the program. You are competing against other applicants who may have a higher score or other factors that contribute to them scoring higher as an applicant.

What if I didn't score the minimum?

If you do not score the minimum, then you are not eligible to apply for admission into the RN program. You can retake the TEAS test. It is recommended to allow time between testing although not required. Remember you are trying to score a higher score so it would be good to go back and do more review in anticipation of another retake of the TEAS test.

How many times may I retake the TEAS test?

An individual may retake the TEAS test a maximum of 4 times.

If I retake the TEAS test, what score is used for my application?

Currently the most recent score is used whether it is an improved score from the previous test or not. It is important when retaking the TEAS test to do better. So be sure to study and prepare when you decide to retake the TEAS test.

Is there an initial restart date after the 4th time maximum? If so, is the initial restart date determined by academic or calendar year?

Only four test codes from ATI will be provided. SLCC nursing only accepts the most recent score within the last 2 years.