PRACTICAL NURSING

Beatrice, Lincoln, Milford Campuses and
Falls City Learning Center

A Licensed Practical Nurse works under the supervision of licensed healthcare professionals. They participate as a valued member of the health care team and perform many patient care functions such as vital sign management, administering medications, collecting samples, and monitoring patient status for changes which need to be reported and managed.

LPNs function not only as direct patient care providers, but also as patient advocates. They work with people across the lifespan, from newborns to end-of-life care. LPNs are employed in a variety of settings, including long-term care, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, schools, and clinics.

Why SCC?

This program teaches students the concepts, principles, skills, and attitudes needed to become a practical nurse who can work with patients throughout their lives. Students will receive hands-on lab and clinical experiences in a variety of health care facilities. Instructors provide close supervision and guidance in the clinical and lab settings. The full-time option is taught on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses. The part-time option is offered on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses, as well as the Milford Campus and Falls City Learning Center.

Top Career Options

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- LPN, Charge Nurse
- LPN, Clinic Nurse
- LPN, School Nurse

This program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, www.acenursing.org, 404-975-5000, and approved by the Nebraska Board of Nursing.

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Credit Hours Required for Graduation:
Diploma: ....................................................................... 37.0

2019-20 PROGRAM OF STUDY

Graduate

Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of $17.70 per hour.

2019-20 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour
Nebraska Resident $108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate $129

Estimated Expenses
Tuition/fees $ 3996
Books 296
Special Fees 810
Total: $5,602
**Program Options**
Lab and clinical hours are provided at sites in Beatrice, Falls City, Lincoln, and Milford. Clinical hours only are provided at sites in Geneva. Students are responsible for travel to and from clinical.

**Full-time Hybrid Track**
- Classroom instruction primarily in a face-to-face environment on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses.
- Lab and clinical experiences require students to come to campus or clinical facilities.
- The full-time track is two semesters and one summer term (12 months).

**Part-time Hybrid Track**
- Classroom instruction primarily in a face-to-face environment on the Beatrice and Lincoln campuses.
- Lab and clinical experiences require students to come to campus or clinical facilities.
- The part-time track is three semesters and one summer term (16 months).

**Part-time Online Track**
- Classroom instruction in an online environment.
- Lab and clinical experience require students to a designated site in Beatrice, Falls City, Lincoln, and Milford. Clinical hours only are provided at sites in Geneva.
- The part-time track is three semesters and one summer term (16 months).

**Types of jobs available**
Graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) and apply for licensure in their state of choice. After licensure, LPNs work in a variety of settings including long term care, rehabilitation hospitals, community settings, and clinics.

**Admission Requirements**
1. Complete online application to the program
2. Placement scores: qualify for beginning algebra and English Composition 1 or applicable course completion (See Practical Nursing Program Admission Checklist and Criteria online for more information on admission requirements).
3. Submit program admission requirements (see program admission checklist-criteria on program website for requirements: www.southeast.edu/practicalnursing/)
4. Transcripts from high school, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)
5. Active Nurse Aide on the Nebraska Nurse Aide Registry

**General Education Courses Required**
- Structure and Function of the Human Body 4.0
- or Anatomy & Physiology 8.0
- or Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II 8.0
- and Written or Oral Communication 3.0

**Practical Nursing Diploma Courses**

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**Specific Practical Nursing Program Requirements**
1. All LPNS courses are taken in sequence. A grade of 75% (C+) or higher in all LPNS courses is necessary to progress in the program. A grade of a C or higher in general education required courses is required to progress to second term.
2. Completed Health Statement
3. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Professional by American Heart Association is required.
4. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray is required, and a Seasonal Flu immunization is required prior to starting the program.

**Criminal Background Check**
SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of $45 to the student account. Based on the outcome, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license. (Contact the State Board of Nursing with questions.)

Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation.