Licensed Practical Nursing

Overview
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) function under the direction of the RN, licensed physician, or licensed dentist. LPN’s are responsible for collecting, reporting, and recording objective and subjective data in an accurate and timely manner; providing direct patient care which maintains comfort and supports human functions and responses, maintaining an environment conducive to well-being, and, providing health teaching. LPN’s must respect the rights and dignity of individuals and display exceptional interpersonal skills, sensitivity, and tact with ill, injured, and suffering patients. Nurses must assume a commitment to patient care and the responsibility of life-long learning.

Accreditation/Approval
Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN)

Degree Earned
Occupational Certificate

Length of Program
1 year/3 Semesters (48 semester hours)

Credentials Earned
Licensed Practical Nurse following successful passage of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)

Working Conditions
Pleasant temperature-controlled environment. Patient care environment may include working with persons with AIDS, AIDS-related diseases, Hepatitis, and other communicable diseases. Work schedules may include day, evening, or night shifts, weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Course #    Course Name                  Cr. hrs

Semester I
BIO 201* Human Anatomy & Physiology I *    4
MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra or higher math    3
PSY 200 General Psychology    3
NUR 112 Fund Concepts of Nursing    7

Semester II
ENG 101 English Composition I    3
BIO 202* Human Anatomy & Physiology II    4
PSY 210 Human Growth & Dev    3
NUR 113 Nursing Concepts I    8

Semester III
SPH 106 Oral Communications    Or
SPH 107 Public Speaking    3
NUR 114 Nursing Concepts II    8
NUR 115 Evidence Based Clin. Reas.    2

Total credit hours    48

Application Deadlines:
Classes are admitted once per year, Summer Semester, on the Wadley Campus. The application deadline is February 1st.

Admission Requirements
*This curriculum is currently being piloted by SUSCC.

Notice: Admission requirements and procedures may change without prior notice. Please check with Health Sciences Division and/or website for updates. In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, admission to the Practical Nursing program requires:

1. Health Sciences Information Session
   Attendance Verification. Enroll in Health Sciences Information Session at
   www.suscc.edu;

2. unconditional admission to Southern Union. (See College catalog);

3. 2.5 grade point average (gpa) calculated on last 24 semester credit hours of completed coursework and;

4. 2.0 minimum gpa at SUSCC required of previously enrolled students. Transfer students must enter the college on clear academic status (2.0 gpa);

5. official transcripts in Records Office from ALL postsecondary institutions attended; beginning Fall 2014, all new transfers and new students are required to have high school transcript in Records Office in addition to college transcripts;

6. eligibility for English 101, Math 100 and satisfaction of the College reading requirement;

7. official score on ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) version V. See TEAS information at
   www.suscc.edu;

8. COMPLETED application for Practical Nursing Program before application deadline.

READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

For more information about admission to the program, contact: Alyson Skinner,
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