

# Nursing



*Nursing is part of the Health Science Career Cluster.*

**The Nursing program** offers many opportunities for individuals to have a rewarding career in the nursing field. The high demand for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses makes Spoon River College a great place to start your journey to a worthwhile career. The SRC program features an option of completing a Practical Nursing certificate at the end of the first year, affording the individual eligibility to take the Practical Nursing licensing examination.

Students may continue to the second year of the program and, after completion, be eligible to receive an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and sit for the Registered Nurse licensing examination.

The Spoon River College Nursing program prepares the student to become eligible to take the required NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN test. The program does not guarantee the graduate will become a practical nurse or registered nurse.

## **What credentials can I earn in Nursing?**

- Associate Degree in Nursing
- Practical Nursing Certificate
- Nursing Assistant Certificate

## **What type of work would I be doing?**

Nurses promote wellness, assist with the restoration and maintenance of health and provide comfort to the dying.

Nurses primarily work in inpatient and outpatient departments of hospitals. Others work in physicians' offices, nursing care facilities, government agencies, outpatient care centers and social assistance agencies, as well as in home healthcare, educational, and employment services.



## **What skills and abilities are required to study this program?**

- Disciplined study habits
- Critical thinking skills
- Graduation from high school or equivalent and take the college required Accuplacer test
- Biology - must meet the prerequisites for BIO 200, BIO 201 and BIO 206 (high school biology within the past five years, or BIO 101, 105, or 155)
- Take the pre-nursing ATI-TEAS test
- Non-fingerprint background check, physical and immunizations, including a two-step TB test required prior to entry into the program

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## What types of employment opportunities would I have?

Employment of RNs is expected to grow, and many new jobs will result in this large field.

Employment of LPNs is also expected to grow in response to the long-term care needs of an increasing elderly population and the general growth of healthcare services.

*Employment information from U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 Edition.*

## What are some of the courses I would take while earning my Associate Degree in Nursing?

- Pharmacology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Nursing through the Life Cycle I, II, III, IV, V, and VI



- Issues in Nursing
- Principles of Microbiology

*A complete list of courses and descriptions is available online at [src.edu/catalog](http://src.edu/catalog).*

## Why Spoon River College?

- The Spoon River College Nursing program is an award-winning program
- Program is offered on the Canton and Macomb campuses
- On-campus nursing skills lab
- Hands-on experience in clinical environments
- Cost-effective nursing education offers easy accessibility and career and educational mobility
- Students have the option of completing the PN certificate to become LPNs after the first year
- Student Nursing Association (SNA)
- Instructors with work-related experience



*Gainful Employment Information for Practical Nursing Certificate available at [src.edu](http://src.edu).*

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