

# Spoon River College

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### Admissions Handbook

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**Canton and Macomb, Illinois**

# **NURSING CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**

## **Associate Degree in Nursing Program with Practical Nurse Exit Option**

The nursing program offered at Spoon River College (SRC) is a program designed to prepare individuals for entry-level licensed nurse positions. After completion of the first two semesters students have the option to receive a certificate in Practical Nursing by taking an additional nursing course and are eligible to write the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Students may continue to the second year of the program and after completion are eligible to receive an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and to write the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure.

The two-year program includes theory and clinical experience. Clinical practicums are arranged in various health care settings and are designed to provide experiences similar to those a nurse may encounter in entry-level practice. Although most clinical experiences are located within the district, it may be necessary to utilize clinical resources outside the district. Efforts are made to keep the student within the district for clinical practicum, if at all possible.

The following pages outline the program requirements including admission requirements, testing information and the curriculum for the two-year program. Information about the program can also be found at the SRC website, specifically nursing.

**Students must follow the policies and procedures as outlined in the current college catalog, the Nursing Student Policy Handbook, and the Nursing Student Admissions Handbook.** SRC reserves the right to change or alter any policy, procedure, curricular offering, requirement or tuition and fee structure without prior notification. Students are subject to those policies, procedures, requirements, etc. in force at the time of admission to the nursing program.

The policy of SRC is to be in full compliance with all federal and state non-discrimination and equal opportunity laws, orders, and regulations, and it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital or civil union status, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era in any of its educational programs and activities. This commitment applies in all areas to students and college personnel as well as to relevant aspects concerning the choice of contractors and suppliers of goods and services and to the use of college facilities.

### **Program Requirements**

The nursing program is rigorous and requires a significant time commitment in preparing for both the classroom and clinical components. To complement both classroom and clinical information and to provide opportunities for students to become more proficient in required knowledge and skills, students are expected to complete a variety of assignments outside of their regular scheduled courses time (i.e., clinical agency orientations, pre- and post-clinical and classroom assignments, electronic and other testing assessments at predetermined benchmarks, required workshops, conferences, or presentations, required nursing skills). Nursing skills labs, computer labs, and learning resource centers are located on both the Canton and Macomb campuses to enable the students to complete assignments.

Although most clinical experiences are located within the district, there are specialty clinical rotations that may require students to travel outside of the district. In all instances, students are expected to provide their own transportation to and from class and clinical sites. Therefore, a reliable means of transportation is necessary at all times. Also, students should be aware that clinical experiences are offered at varying times and days of the week, including weekends and evenings, depending upon needs of specialty rotations. In many instances, students are expected to go to the clinical site the day prior to clinical to obtain information to complete necessary pre-clinical assignments.

**SRC cannot guarantee the location of courses at the Macomb or Canton site. Sites may vary upon the availability of clinical locations, number of students and the availability of qualified nursing educators.**

Students are expected to adhere to the guidelines of the SRC Nursing Dress Code. Please refer to the current SRC Nursing Student Policy Handbook for details. The SRC Nursing Student Policy Handbook can be found at the SRC's web site.

## Essential Functions of the Position of a Licensed Nurse Required in the Nursing Program for Safe Nursing Practice

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing has identified the skills and activities as common to all practicing nurses. SRC nursing faculty believes that student nurses should be able to perform these core skills and activities, with or without reasonable and appropriate accommodations.

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this nursing program are encouraged to contact the Spoon River College Disability Support Services Office as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion. Technological compensation can be made for some handicaps in certain areas, but an applicant should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. The use of a trained intermediary is not acceptable, in that an applicant's judgment must not be mediated by someone else's power of observation and selection.

Functional Ability	Core Performance Standard (not all inclusive)
<b>Gross Motor Skills</b>	Move within confined space
	Sit and maintain balance
	Stand and maintain balance
	Reach above shoulders (IVs)
	Reach below waist (plug-ins)
<b>Fine Motor Skills</b>	Pick up and maneuver objects with hands (insertion of tubes, sterile gloving)
	Grasp small objects with hands (medication preparation)
	Write with pen or pencil
	Key/type (use a computer)
	Pinch/pick or otherwise work with fingers (syringe)
	Twist (turn knobs with hands)
	Squeeze with fingers (eye dropper)
<b>Physical Endurance</b>	Stand (at client side during procedure)
	Sustain repetitive movement (CPR)
	Maintain physical tolerance (work entire shift)
<b>Physical Strength</b>	Move/lift/support/push/pull heavy objects up to 10-50 pounds (transfer/position/ambulate clients)
	Defend self against combative client
	Carry equipment/supplies
	Use upper body strength (CPR)
	Squeeze with hands (fire extinguisher)
<b>Visual</b>	See objects from 20 inches to 20 feet away
	Use depth perception
	Use peripheral vision
	Distinguish color and its intensity
<b>Tactile</b>	Feel vibrations (pulses)
	Detect temperature
	Feel differences in surface characteristics (skin turgor)
	Feel differences in sizes, shapes (palpate vein, physical assessment)
	Detect environmental temperature
<b>Smell</b>	Detect odors from client
	Detect smoke
	Detect gases or noxious smell
<b>Reading</b>	Read and understand written documents
	Read fine print
<b>Arithmetic Competence</b>	Read and understand columns of writing (flow sheets)
	Read digital displays
	Read graphic printouts (I&O)
	Calibrate equipment
	Convert numbers to/from metric

	Read graphs (vital sign sheets)
	Tell time
	Measure time (duration)
	Count rates (pulses)
	Use measuring tools (thermometer)
	Read measurement marks (scales)
	Add, subtract, multiply, divide
	Compute fractions
	Use a calculator
	Write number in seconds
<b>Mobility</b>	Twist
	Bend
	Stoop/squat
	Move quickly
	Climb (stairs, stools)
	Walk
<b>Hearing</b>	Hear normal speaking level sound
	Hear faint voices
	Hear faint body sounds (BP, heart, lung, abdomen)
	Hear in situations not able to see lips (when using masks)
	Hear sound alarms
	Hear telephone communication (physician orders)
<b>Communicate</b>	Verbalize effectively in English to clients, significant others, healthcare providers
	Write effectively in English
	Communicate effectively to individuals with a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
<b>Emotional/Social Stability</b>	Establish therapeutic boundaries
	Provide client with emotional support
	Adapt to changing environment/stress, display flexibility
	Deal with unexpected (crisis)
	Focus attention on task
	Monitor own emotions, tolerate physically taxing workloads, functioning effectively under stress
	Perform multiple responsibilities concurrently
	Handle strong emotions (grief)
	Possess the emotional health required for full utilization of intellectual abilities
	Exercise good judgment
	Function compassionately with integrity and concern for others
	Demonstrates interest and motivation
	Prompt completion of all responsibilities
<b>Analytical Thinking Skills</b>	Transfer knowledge form one situation to another
	Process information
	Evaluate outcomes
	Problem solve
	Prioritize tasks
	Use long term memory
	Use short term memory
<b>Critical Thinking Skills</b>	Identify cause and effect relationships
	Plan/control activities for others
	Synthesize knowledge and skills
	Sequence information
<b>Interpersonal Skills</b>	Negotiate interpersonal conflict
	Respect differences in clients
	Establish rapport with all (clients, co-workers, etc)

(Adapted from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, 1997)

## **Admission and Progression Requirements for Nursing**

Admission into the nursing program is competitive. Only the most qualified applicants are admitted. Preference is given to SRC in-district qualified individuals. Out of district student will not be accepted until the end of April in the spring term of the previous academic year.

Students must follow admissions procedures as outlined in the current college catalog. In addition to general admission procedures, an additional application process is mandatory for all students interested in enrolling into the SRC nursing program. Students must submit all admission materials and meet entrance requirements before their applications will be considered for review.

Support (general education) courses may be taken prior to full acceptance into the nursing program.

**Progression:** All students must achieve a minimum "C" grade in each course required for the nursing program (pre-requisites, general education and nursing specific courses) and adhere to all standards outlined in the Nursing Student Admissions and Policy Handbooks.

**High school students** interested in applying to the nursing program should inquire at the guidance office of their high school. Math, biology, chemistry, English and introductory computer courses should be included in their studies as preparatory course work for the SRC nursing program and to meet the entrance requirements.

Upon graduation from high school, students should have completed recommended courses of:

- 4 years of English.
- A minimum of 2 years of Biology, including Anatomy and Physiology, if offered.
- 2 years of college prep Mathematics.
- 1 year of chemistry.
- Introductory computer course.

### **COMPUTER COMPETENCY**

The SRC Nursing Program courses are all web-assisted using Microsoft Word programming. Students are expected to have a basic knowledge and ability of general computer usage (i.e., Internet research, emailing, Microsoft Word). Students will be using a computerized system for classes, communication with peers and faculty, assessment, testing, assignments, and for the clinical site. If one is not comfortable with using the computer, as previously listed, it is the incoming nursing student's responsibility to become computer literate. Computer usage is necessary to meet the objectives of each of the nursing (NUR) courses.

### **STUDENT HEALTH POLICIES**

The following policies have been established for the promotion, protection and maintenance of the health of students enrolled in the SRC nursing program and for the protection of patients and personnel with whom they are in contact. There are policies affecting students on entrance to SRC, upon initiation of clinical experiences, and possible additional requirements within the academic year (dependent on clinical agency).

### **Entering the Nursing Program**

SRC nursing program forms are to be completed for all the following documentation of health information. Physical examinations, including results of current Tuberculin Test, are required of all students before entering the Nursing program. In addition, nursing students must provide documentation of immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, mumps, measles (rubeola) and rubella. Mumps immunization must have been received after 1979 or immunity from disease confirmed by a physician. There must also be documentation of polio and tetanus boosters, if immunizations were not within the last ten years. The Hepatitis B vaccination or completion of a SRC waiver form is also required. Please consult with your physician in regards to all of these tests. The Flu vaccination is required by most of the clinical sites if a student chooses not to obtain the flu vaccination he/she will be required to meet the requirements of the clinical site regarding this matter (i.e. wear a mask while at clinical). The due date of the required vaccination will be emailed to the student by Nursing Department Office.

A randomized drug screen is required to be completed. The Nursing department will send out a notice with the date and time for the drug screen to be completed. Failure to complete the drug panel will result in the student not being allowed to begin/continue the course work for the program. A clear drug panel is required for entry into the clinical rotation. Students are responsible for payment of any fees. Random panels may be required throughout the program. Failure to complete the requirement will result in being failed from the course which in turn may have implications on a student's continued participation in the professional program and on a student's ability to obtain a degree from the SRC nursing program.

### **Release to Return to Clinical and Classroom**

Students unable to attend class or clinical due to illness or injury must notify the Department of Nursing and appropriate Nursing Faculty. Students who are absent more than two days or who are hospitalized for any length of time or have special needs/devices must submit a letter of release from their physician to the Department prior to returning to class or clinical. Releases must include any restrictions or limitations on scholastic or clinical assignments. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the inability to return to the classroom or clinical setting.

### **Criminal Background Check**

Spoon River College provides students with diverse clinical experiences that expose them to a variety of clinical settings and people. Clinical experiences make up a core part of the academic curriculum and are required by the state to meet course objectives. Experiences in multiple agencies are anticipated and enable students to compare various health-care delivery systems and to learn about care to diverse populations.

Agencies accepting students for clinical experiences require students to complete a criminal background check prior to placement for clinical experiences. The requirement to undergo criminal background checks is required by clinical accrediting organizations and/or state laws. Therefore, for the SRC nursing program, to comply with these requirements and to ensure all students have access to the best of clinical agencies in the region, all students in the SRC nursing program shall be required to provide criminal background check(s).

The Department of Nursing will notify students of the method and frequency requirement of criminal background checks. Students are responsible for payment of any fees and timely completion of the required background checks prior to participation in their initial clinical experience for that course. Failure to complete the requirement will result in being dropped from the clinical course which in turn may have implications on a student's continued participation in the professional program and on a student's ability to obtain a degree from the SRC nursing program.

Students must be aware that criminal background checks may be required more than once during the program of study. Students are responsible for expenses of testing, not only initial testing, but also confirmation of criminal status. When changes in requirements for criminal background checks are made that will affect access to patients, students will be notified at the earliest convenience so that compliance with background check requirements is possible.

Please note that in all cases the results of the criminal background check must be available to the Department of Nursing within two weeks of beginning the nursing program.

The following policies will be followed:

1. A student whose check results in a status of "no" for "no record" may be placed in a clinical site.
2. A student whose check results in a status of "pending", indicating a criminal record, either misdemeanors or felonies, may not be placed in a clinical site until after one of the following events occurs:
  - a. result of "no record" is provided to the Department of Nursing and Allied Health.
  - b. a student with a record may need to undergo further testing. A student whose check, results are pending and who intends to remain in the Nursing program. As a condition of continuing in the Nursing program, the student maybe required to undergo a second check using a fingerprinting process. [Please note that it can take up to three months to obtain the results of a check using the fingerprinting process and until that check result is provided a student may not participate at any clinical site. This delay in the background check process may have an impact

on a student's ability to successfully complete the present nursing course as well as the nursing program within the required time frame.]

- c. a student whose name check or fingerprint check results in confirmation of having been convicted of any FELONY of any kind and have questions on whether you can obtain a license should complete the form (a request for a Non-Binding Advisory Opinion) found on the IDFPR weblink <http://www.idfpr.com/Forms/F2035.pdf>

Once you have completed the form, include supporting documents, and send to

Mailing address: Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation  
Office of the General Counsel  
320 W. Washington - 3rd Floor  
Springfield, IL. 62786

Please review:

Section 1300.100: Refusal to Issue a Nurse License Based on Criminal History Record  
<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000A01000R.html>

The student without a cleared background check will not be permitted by the clinical sites used in the SRC nursing program.

3. A student who has completed a criminal background check for an employer will need to submit to a second testing.
4. Students need to understand this is a mandate that must be followed. Therefore, at any time if there is a change in student(s) criminal history, the student will be required to submit to an additional background check.

All students should understand from the onset of their participation in the Nursing program that if a criminal background check (name or fingerprint) results in confirmation of a criminal history that this may prohibit them placement in a clinical setting. The SRC Nursing program assumes no obligation to identify alternative clinical settings for such students and may not be able to make a student placement. In such cases, a student will not be able to complete the requirements of the Nursing program and will not be able to obtain a nursing degree from SRC.

### **Ability to Obtain a Nursing License**

Your personal history may affect your ability to obtain a license as a nurse. According to the Illinois Nursing and Advanced Practice Act, a license may be denied or delayed if:

The following is an excerpt from the "Personal History Information" section on the Illinois licensure application 5/13.

1. Have you been convicted of any criminal offense in any state or in federal court (other than minor traffic violations)? Yes or No. *If yes, attach a certified copy of the court records regarding your conviction, the nature of the offense and date of discharge, if applicable, as well as a statement from the probation or parole office.*
2. Have you been convicted of a felony? Yes or No?
3. If yes, have you been issued a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities by the Prisoner Review Board? *If yes, attach a copy of the certificate.*
4. Have you had or do you now have any disease or condition that interferes with your ability to perform the essential functions of your profession, including any disease or condition generally regarded as chronic by the medical community, i.e., (1) mental or emotional disease or condition; (2) alcohol or other substance abuse; (3) physical disease or condition, that presently interferes with your ability to practice your profession? *If yes, attach a detailed statement, including an explanation of whether or not you are currently under treatment.*
5. Have you been denied a professional license or permit, or privilege of taking an examination, or had a professional license or permit disciplined in any way by any licensing authority in Illinois or elsewhere? *If yes, attach a detailed explanation.*
6. Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the armed service or from a city, county, state or federal position? *If yes, attach a detailed explanation.*

The following is an excerpt from the "Child Support and/or Student Loan Information" section on the Illinois licensure application (every applicant is required by law to respond to the following questions) 5/13.

1. In accordance with 5 Illinois Compiled Statutes 100/10-65(c), applications for renewal of a license or a new license shall include the applicant's Social Security number, and the licensee shall certify, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is not more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. **Failure to certify shall result in disciplinary action, and making a false statement may subject the licensee to contempt of court.**

**Are you more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order? Yes or No (NOTE: If you are not subject to a child support order, "answer")**

2. In accordance with 20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 2105/2105-(5), "The Department shall deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to any person who has defaulted on an educational loan or scholarship provided by or guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or any governmental agency of this State; however, the Department may issue a license or renewal if the aforementioned persons have established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other appropriate governmental agency of this State." (Proof of a satisfactory repayment record must be submitted.)

**Are you in default on an educational loan or scholarship provided/guaranteed by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission or other governmental agency of this State? Yes or No**

The following is an excerpt from the "Charged With or Convicted of Criminal Acts" section on the Illinois licensure application (every applicant is required by law to respond to the following questions) 5/13.

1. Are you currently charged with or have you been convicted of a criminal act that required registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act?
2. Are you currently charged with or have you been convicted of a criminal battery against any *patient in the course of patient care or treatment*, including any offense based on sexual conduct or sexual penetration?
3. Are you required, as part of a criminal sentence, to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act?
4. Are you currently charged with or have you been convicted of a forcible felony?  
*If YES to any of the above, attach a certified copy of the court records regarding your conviction, the nature of the offense and date of discharge, if applicable, as well as a statement from the probation or parole office.*

**Any NCLEX applicant who marks any positive, "Yes", responses to the above questions should be sure to include the documentation requested, such as:**

1. For a physical, mental or emotional illness, the applicant should include a statement of fitness to practice nursing from her/his physician.
2. The Director of the nursing education program should provide a statement of fitness to practice as evidenced during the nursing education program. This may be more appropriately delegated to a faculty member who has had direct experience in supervising the student during the last term.
3. If the student is in or has been in a program for chemical dependency, the following should be included with the application.
  - a. Letter of support from therapist/counselor which includes dates of treatment, length of sobriety, and aftercare plan as well as a statement of fitness to practice nursing.
  - b. Letter of support from faculty or Program Director and recent employers (if any).
  - c. Statement from applicant outlining history of abuse and treatment and plans for continued sobriety.
4. An applicant who has a felony conviction or another criminal conviction, other than a minor traffic violation, should provide:
  - a. Statement from applicant, which outlines the offense, dates of offense, conviction, and discharge, and penalty.
  - b. Copies of court records and discharge.
  - c. If still on probation, letter from probation officer outlining compliance and conditions.
  - d. Statement from faculty or director as to the applicant's character.



**Please note** being charged with an offense is not the same as being convicted. The question asks if the applicant has been **convicted**.

Section 5-23 of the Illinois Nursing and Advanced Practice Act requires applicants for initial licensure (Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse) to submit to a fingerprint criminal background check as part of the qualifications for licensure.

If you have any questions about your ability to obtain a nursing license in Illinois, contact the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 9-300, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 814-2715, for additional information.

**Admission Criteria and  
Application Procedure for Qualified Applicants: GENERIC FIRST YEAR**

**This section is to be completed with SRC Advisor:**

- SRC Application.
- Official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores (directly from high school to SRC).
- Official copies of all college transcripts (directly from college(s) to SRC).
- Complete Request for Evaluation of College Transcript form.
- Complete COMPASS (only good until Fall 2018) test after Sp 2017 ACCUPLACER test is being used.
- Prerequisite Biology – Must meet the prerequisites for BIO 200 and BIO 206 – High School Biology within the past five years, or BIO 101, BIO 105, or BIO 155 with a grade of “C” or better. Student able to apply to Nursing Program if registered or completed by end of Summer Semester.

**When above section is complete, student registers to take Pre-entrance test:**

- Pre-entrance nursing exam (ATI-TEAS V **minimal percent score: Overall 58.7**). Arrangements for this test should be made via the nursing page on src.edu or by contacting student services.

**Once Pre-Entrance test is passed the Nursing Application must be completed and sent to Spoon River College Nursing Department, Office Assistant, 23235 N. County 22, Canton, IL 61520. Your application will be evaluated and ranked for admission into the program. You will receive either an Acceptance or Denial letters according to the admission process.**

Spoon River College  
Associate Degree Nursing With Practical Nursing Exit Option  
APPLICATION - NURSING PROGRAM

**Directions: Complete all blanks. Print legibly.**

**1<sup>st</sup> year Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advance Standing Applicant (PN to RN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete legal name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                      First                      Middle Initial

**Social security number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Current mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, Apt. #, or P.O. Box #, City, State, Zip Code

**Telephone:** Day: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Campus?** \_\_\_\_\_ Canton    \_\_\_\_\_ Macomb

\*Required information for federal/state statistical reporting on the annual nursing report:

**\*Gender:**

- Male  
 Female

**\*Ethnic origin:**

- Asian Pacific Islander  
 African American  
 Caucasian  
 Indian American/Alaskan  
 Hispanic American  
 Non-resident Alien  
 Other

**Name of other colleges you have attended** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you completed a Degree: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's or Master's** \_\_\_\_\_

**LPN'S (advanced standing only):**

IL LPN license \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ **(Attach current copy to this application.)**

Official transcripts from high school, GED, and/or any other colleges must be sent directly from the schools to Spoon River College, Department of Nursing, 23235 N. County 22, Canton, IL 61520.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Evaluation Process**

First round applications evaluated – February 1<sup>st</sup> (applications must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup>).

Evaluation of other round applications will occur on the first day of the next month with applications being received by the last day of the previous month.

Applications are **not** held from year to year. Applicants, who are not eligible or not admitted, must reapply and go through the entire admissions process again. TEAS V test results are acceptable for 2 years from the date it was taken.

NOTES: Student will have to complete a criminal background check form and submit fee (results need to be clear or no record) once accepted into the Nursing Program. The student will receive the form with an acceptance letter. Possible annual and/or drug testing, health testing, and/or criminal background checks may occur throughout the academic year.

## Evaluation and Selection Procedure for Qualified Applicants: Generic First Year

- Each eligible applicant will be evaluated and assigned points according to the numbered areas below.
- Qualified applicants will be placed in rank order based on number of points received with the data below.
- All of the class seats will be filled based on the rank ordering during the selection phases.
- If an applicant selected through the rank ordering declines, the next student on the rank order will be admitted.
- If seats remain available after any sequenced selection phase, applications will reopen for proceeding phases and applicants will be re-evaluated and admitted until the program is full or until the week before the beginning of the academic year.

1. **High school GPA/GED/College GPA, most recent used for the calculation: (MAX = 8 POINTS)**

- High school or College CGPA (cumulative GPA): 2.0 points for each point (Ex. CGPA 2.4 = 4.8 points) each college transcript(s) that has courses transferring into the nursing curriculum will have each of these CGPA averaged to obtain the CGPA).
- 2.0 points total will be given to an applicant who has obtained a minimum of 50 in all 5 areas on GED (GED taken after November 2013 with a minimum 50 in all 5 areas) or successfully of passed the 2014 GED test.

2. **ATI-TEAS V Pre-entrance Exam results: (MAX = 8 POINTS)**

‘OVERALL’ PERCENT	POINTS
• 93-100 =	8
• 88-92 =	7
• 83-87 =	6
• 78-82 =	5
• 73-77 =	4
• 68-72 =	3
• 63-67 =	2
• 58.7-62 =	1
• Below 58.7 =	Below the minimum requirement to enter the nursing program

3. **ACT scores: Limit of 2 years old Or Completion of General Education Course Requirements, most recent used for the calculation: (MAX = 5 POINTS)**

23 or above =	4	1.0 point for each gen ed BIO course and 0.5 point for all other gen ed courses required
22-23 =	3	for the ADN program, successfully completed with
20-21 =	2	a grade of “C” or better.
19 =	1	
Below 19 =	0	

If ACT has been taken within 2 years, score must be at a minimum of 19.

4. **Documented college credit history: (MAX = 1 POINT)**

- Minimum of 1 year certificate from a college = 0.5 point
- Associate degree = 0.75 point
- Bachelor’s or Master’s degree = 1 point

**TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS = 22 POINTS.**

**A minimum of 10 points is required to maintain eligibility for admission or by special permission granted by the Nursing Admissions Committee if the rank of candidates has become exhausted.**

Selection Phase	% seats filled:	SRC Application, Official High School and College Transcripts, Tests results (ACT or COMPASS, ATI-TEAS V) due by:	Letters of acceptance and/or denial sent in the month of:
1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	March
2 <sup>nd</sup>	If seats remain available and repeated monthly, if necessary.	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	April

## **Admission Criteria and Application Procedure for Qualified Applicants: ADVANCED STANDING**

The following application process is designed for the LPN who desires to receive an ADN and become qualified to write the R-NCLEX and to apply for licensure as a registered nurse.

**This section is to be completed with SRC Advisor:**

- SRC Application.
- Official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores (directly from high school to SRC).
- Official copies of all college transcripts (directly from college(s) to SRC).
- Complete Request for Evaluation of College Transcript form.
- Complete COMPASS (only good until Fall 2018) test after Sp 2017 ACCUPLACER test is being used. (only if general education courses are needed)
- Must have completed all first year required general education courses including prerequisites (BIO 200, BIO 201, ENG 101 and PSY 130) with grades of 'C' or better. (*advanced standing students only*)
- Must have a minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA in required program coursework (*advanced standing students, re-entry and transfer students only*).
- State of IL LPN License in good standing-active (*advanced standing students, re-entry and transfer students only*).

**When above section is complete, student registers to take Pre-entrance test:**

- NLN-ACE I pre-entrance exam (National League of Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I with a **minimal 75 decision score percentage** (*advanced standing students only*)). Arrangements for this test should be made through the nursing page on src.edu. Individual payment will need to be made with a credit card at the time of testing.

**Once Pre-Entrance test is passed the Nursing Application must be completed and sent to Spoon River College Nursing Department, Senior Office Assistant, 23235 N. County 22, Canton, IL 61520. Your application will be evaluated and ranked for admission into the program. You will receive either an Acceptance or Denial letter.**

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**1<sup>st</sup> year Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advance Standing Applicant (PN to RN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete legal name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                      First                      Middle Initial

**Social security number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Current mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, Apt. #, or P.O. Box #, City, State, Zip Code

**Telephone:** Day: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Campus?** \_\_\_\_\_ Canton    \_\_\_\_\_ Macomb

\*Required information for federal/state statistical reporting on the annual nursing report:

**\*Gender:**

- Male  
 Female

**\*Ethnic origin:**

- Asian Pacific Islander  
 African American  
 Caucasian  
 Indian American/Alaskan  
 Hispanic American  
 Non-resident Alien  
 Other

**Name of other colleges you have attended** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you completed a Degree: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's or Master's** \_\_\_\_\_

**LPN'S (advanced standing only):**

IL LPN license \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ **(Attach current copy to this application.)**

Official transcripts from high school, GED, and/or any other colleges must be sent directly from the schools to Spoon River College, Department of Nursing, 23235 N. County 22, Canton, IL 61520.

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Application Evaluation Process**

First round applications evaluated – February 1<sup>st</sup> (applications must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup>).

Evaluation of other round applications will occur on the first day of the next month with applications being received by the last day of the previous month.

Applications are **not** held from year to year. Applicants, who are not eligible or not admitted, must reapply and go through the entire admissions process again. NLN results are acceptable for 2 years from test date.

NOTES: Student will have to complete a criminal background check form and submit fee (results need to be clear or no record) once accepted into the Nursing Program. The student will receive the form with an acceptance letter. Possible annual and/or drug testing, health testing, and/or criminal background checks may occur throughout the academic year.



## Evaluation and Selection Procedure for Qualified Applicants: **ADVANCED STANDING**

- Each eligible applicant will be evaluated and assigned points according to the numbered areas below.
- Qualified applicants will be placed in rank order based on number of points received with the data below.
- All of the class seats will be filled based on the rank ordering during the selection phases.
- If an applicant selected through the rank ordering declines, the next student on the rank order will be admitted.
- If seats remain available after any sequenced selection phase, applications will reopen for proceeding phases and applicants will be re-evaluated and admitted until the program is full or until the first day of required \*NUR 225 course in July/August.

1. **College CGPA, most recent used for the calculation: (MAX = 8 POINTS)**

- College CGPA (Cumulative GPA): 2.0 points for each CGPA point (Ex. CGPA 2.4 = 4.8 points) each college transcript(s) that has courses transferring into the nursing curriculum will have each of these CGPA averaged to obtain the CGPA).

2. **NLN-ACE I entrance exam decision score percentage: (MAX = 8 POINTS)**

SCORE POINTS

- 95-100 = 8
- 90-94 = 7
- 85-89 = 6
- 80-84 = 5
- 75-79 = 4
- Below 75 = Below the minimum requirement to enter the nursing program

3. **Completion of General Education Course Requirements: (MAX = 5 POINTS)**

- 1 point for each general education BIO course and 0.5 point for all other general education courses required for the ADN program, successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better.

4. **Documented college credit history: (MAX = 1 POINT)**

- Minimum of 1 year certificate from a college = 0.5 point
- Associate degree = 0.75 point
- Bachelor’s or Master’s degree = 1 point

**TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS = 22 POINTS.**

**A minimum of 12 points is required to maintain eligibility for admission or by special permission granted by the Nursing Admissions Committee if the rank of candidates has become exhausted.**

Selection	% seats filled:	SRC Application, Official High School <u>and</u> College Transcripts, NLN-ACE I Test result, LPN License due by:	Letters of acceptance and/or denial sent in the month of:
1 <sup>st</sup>	100%	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	March
2 <sup>nd</sup>	If seats remain available and repeated monthly, if necessary.	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	April

\*All Advanced-Standing LPN students must successfully complete NUR 225, Nursing Transitions, in the Summer directly prior to the beginning of Fall semester courses.

**Admission Criteria and Application Procedure for Applicants: RE-ENTRY or TRANSFERRING into the SRC Nursing Program**

The following application process is designed for a student wishing to re-enter the SRC nursing program or transfer into the SRC nursing program from another nursing school or program. Re-entry, like initial admission, is competitive with all other applicants and selection is based on a candidate's overall academic performance.

A letter or email to the Director of Nursing requesting re-entry into the SRC Nursing Program.

A transferring student must submit an official letter from the Dean, Chair, or Director of their previous Nursing School stating student is in good academic standing and make an appointment with SRC Director of Nursing before meeting with a General Academic Advisor.

Students who enroll in nursing at SRC and do not complete the program in which they enroll (i.e. drop, withdraw, or fail from a course started in nursing at SRC) may be allowed one (1) re-entry. If a student had attempted the nursing program greater than five years ago, one more attempt will be given in the nursing program. The most qualified applicants will be admitted first.

**This section is to be completed with SRC Advisor:**

- SRC Application.
- Official copy of high school transcript or GED test scores (directly from high school to SRC).
- Official copies of all college transcripts (directly from college(s) to SRC).
- Complete Request for Evaluation of College Transcript form.
- Complete COMPASS (only good until Fall 2018) test after Sp 2017 ACCUPLACER test is being used.
- Must have completed all required general education courses and prerequisites need for the semester he or she is wishing to transfer in to. (BIO 200, BIO 201, ENG 101 and PSY 130) with grades of 'C' or better.
- Must have a minimum 2.0 CGPA in required program coursework (*advanced standing students, re-entry and transfer students only*).

**When above section is complete, student registers to take Pre-entrance test:**

- NLN-ACE I pre-entrance exam (National League of Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I with a **minimal 75 decision score percentage** (*advanced standing students only*). Arrangements for this test should be made through the nursing page on src.edu. Individual payment will need to be made with a credit card at the time of testing.

**Once Pre-Entrance test is passed the Nursing Application must be completed and sent to Spoon River College Nursing Department, Office Assistant, 23235 N. County 22, Canton, IL 61520. Your application will be evaluated and ranked for admission into the program. You will receive either an Acceptance or Denial letter.**

Spoon River College  
Associate Degree Nursing With Practical Nursing Exit Option  
APPLICATION - NURSING PROGRAM

**Directions: Complete all blanks. Print legibly.**

**1<sup>st</sup> year Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Advance Standing Applicant (PN to RN)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete legal name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                      First                      Middle Initial

**Social security number:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Current mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, Apt. #, or P.O. Box #, City, State, Zip Code

**Telephone:** Day: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desired Campus?** \_\_\_\_\_ Canton    \_\_\_\_\_ Macomb

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**\*Gender:**

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 Other

**Name of other colleges you have attended** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you completed a Degree: Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's or Master's** \_\_\_\_\_

**LPN'S (advanced standing only):**

IL LPN license \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ **(Attach current copy to this application.)**

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**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTES: Student will have to complete a criminal background check form and submit fee (results need to be clear or no record) once accepted into the Nursing Program. The student will receive the form with an acceptance letter. Possible annual and/or drug testing, health testing, and/or criminal background checks may occur throughout the academic year.

All re-entry or transfer students are expected to meet the requirements set forth by the current SRC Nursing Student Admissions Handbook for new nursing students or LPN advanced standing students and will be ranked according to either the Application Procedure for Qualified Generic 1<sup>st</sup> Year Applicants (if not an LPN) or the Advanced Standing LPN (if student is an LPN).

All re-entry or transfer students’ nursing courses are required to have been successfully passed within 2 years of re-entry or transfer admissions application. If the time between the same nursing courses is 2 years or greater, the student will have to repeat and pass NUR 130 Pharmacology. In addition, the student is to retake and pass the previous sequential clinical course in order to re-enter the nursing program. This may entail an NUR course being taken a semester prior to the desired course for re-entry.

*For example- If a student did not successfully complete NUR 220, but did pass NUR 210 in Fall of 2014 and wanted to return Fall 2016 to finish NUR 220, the student would have to retake and pass NUR 130 in Fall of 2016. Also, the student would have to both retake and pass NUR 144 Spring 2016 in order to enter NUR 220 in Fall of 2016.*

Any student seeking a certificate (LPN) or Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) from SRC is expected to have at least (2) two SRC medical-surgical clinical courses prior to receiving a certificate or Associates Degree in Nursing from SRC. *For example- if a student is seeking a certificate (LPN) from SRC they will need to take NUR 144 (spring) and NUR 145 (summer) from SRC or if a student is seeking an ADN from SRC the student will need to take NUR 211 and NUR 221.*

**Fresh Start Admissions Amnesty Policy**

Student confirmed to have violated the Academic Honesty Policy of the College (or any other postsecondary institution of education) or exhibited behavior that is not in accordance with the Illinois Nurse Practice Act, may seek re-entry into the nursing program with the following criteria. This policy forgives past experiences with a fresh start toward success in completion of his/her educational goals.

Amnesty for re-entry into nursing program will require:

1. that the student will wait for a minimum period of 2 academic years to request re-entry into the nursing program.
2. the student will submit a letter to the Nursing Administrator requesting the initiation of this amnesty policy and re-entry into the nursing program.
3. the student will have to meet all Nursing Program Admission and Re-entry Policies, including the Evaluative and Selection Procedure for Qualified Applicants.
4. the student will have an (8) week probationary period, which the student's behavior must be in accordance with all SRC and the Nursing Program policies.
5. the student understands that this amnesty is a one-time option, which is final and irreversible once granted.

**I have received advising information of all areas above by an SRC advisor. I understand that I am responsible to complete all requirements as listed above and to have all required documents sent directly to the Department of Nursing (address at top of page).**

Student-Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

SRC Adviser signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*forms included with this packet*

## **Pre-Nursing Testing Information**

**Please refer to the Pre-Entrance Testing Schedule for Generic and Advanced Standing Nursing for information about fees, exam dates/times, and registration process.  
Contact Student Services**

### **Accuplacer Test**

Unless entering students are exempt from assessment and mandatory placement, they will be required to complete an assessment battery consisting of Reading, Math, and English. An ACT score of 19 or higher, or SAT score of 480+ (Math)/380+ (Reading)/ 450+ (English) or higher in the content areas of reading, writing, and math for class placement may be used in lieu of the Accuplacer test, provided that the ACT/SAT scores are no older than two years.

### **ATI-TEAS V (Test of Essential Academic Skills)**

All first year nursing students will be required to take the ATI-TEAS test prior to entry into the nursing program. Skills tested for ranking include: Reading, Math, Science and English. Other advising components will also be included in this test. The scores from this test will be used in the ranking scale for admission and also may determine a need for the student to take other remedial courses.

- Cost for the test is \$58.00.
- Cost for study guide is approximately \$58.00 – this is not a required book, **but is highly recommended and has been proven to improve results in previous students who have studied from it.** It is available in the bookstore in Canton and Macomb.
- Results will be received immediately after completing test.
- Minimal per cent scores for ATI-TEAS: Overall 58.7. The ATI-TEAS V can be taken a maximum of 3 times per calendar year, and the score is acceptable for 2 years.

### **NLN - Acceleration Challenge Exam I - Testing for LPN's Seeking Advanced Standing**

All LPN's seeking advanced standing status into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the SRC Nursing Program are required to complete the National League for Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I (NLN-ACE I) *PN-RN Foundations of Nursing*.

- Cost for the test is \$60.00. Individual payment will need to be made with a credit card at the time of testing.
- Studying for this exam can be done via any current P-NCLEX Review book.
- Cost for a study guide is approximately \$45.00 – this is not a required book, **but is highly recommended and has been proven to improve results in previous students who have studied from it.** It is available in the bookstore in Canton and Macomb.
- Results will be received immediately after completing the test.
- Minimal acceptable decision percentage score is **75**, the score is acceptable for 2 years, and can be taken a maximum of 3 times per calendar year.

## Other Information

### **Required General Education Courses**

Students may wish to take the required general education courses before enrolling in nursing. The following courses may be taken prior to acceptance into the nursing program:

ENG 101	Freshman Composition I (Prerequisite: Testing Criteria or ENG 091 with a "C")
BIO 200	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Prerequisite: HS biology within the past 5 years, or BIO 101,105 or 155).
PSY 130	General Psychology
BIO 201	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Prerequisite: BIO 200 with a grade "C" or better)
BIO 206	Principles of Microbiology (Prerequisite: HS biology within the past 5 years, or BIO 101, 105, or 155 with one year of chemistry recommended)
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology
COM 103	Speech Communication

### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

**All students must achieve a minimal "C" grade in each course  
(pre-requisite, general education and nursing specific courses)  
required for the SRC Nursing Program.**

### **Spoon River College Reference Phone Numbers:**

Nursing Department -	309-649-6227	Canton	or	800-334-7337, ext. 6227
Fax	309-649-6393	Canton		
Financial Aid Office -	309-649-7030	Canton	or	309-833-6066 Macomb
Advising/Testing -	309-649-6400	Canton	or	309-833-6069 Macomb
Records/Transcripts -	309-649-6600	Canton	or	309-833-6078 Macomb
Bookstore -	309-649-6295	Canton	or	309-833-6012 Macomb
Havana Center -	309-543-4413			
Rushville Center -	217-322-6060			

## Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing

**Special Note: The following is required for SRC Nursing Program applicants.**

- Graduation from high school or equivalent
- Basic skills assessment – Take the college required battery of Unless entering students are exempt from assessment and mandatory placement, they will be required to complete an assessment battery consisting of Reading, Math, and English. An ACT score of 19 or higher, or SAT score of 480+ (Math)/380+ (Reading)/450+ (English) or higher in the content areas of reading, writing, and math for class placement may be used in lieu of the Accuplacer test, provided that the ACT/SAT scores are no older than two years.
- Biology – Must meet the prerequisites for BIO 200 and BIO 206 – High School Biology within the past five years, or BIO 101, BIO 105 or BIO 155.

### FIRST YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
NUR 130	Pharmacology	2
NUR 135	Fundamentals of Nursing	7.5
ENG 101	Freshman Composition	3
BIO 200	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16.5</b>

<i>Second Semester</i>		<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
NUR 143	Nursing Through the Life Cycle I	4
NUR 144	Nursing Through the Life Cycle II	5
PSY 130	General Psychology	3
BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>

<i>Summer Semester</i>		<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
*NUR 145	Nursing Through the Life Cycle PN	6
**NUR 225	Nursing Transition: LPN > RN	1.5

\* Required for students electing to earn a certificate in Practical Nursing. It is not required for the student who proceeds to the second year of the nursing program.

\*\* Required for LPN's admitted to second year of the Nursing program who have not just finished the first year of nursing.

### SECOND YEAR

<i>First Semester</i>		<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
NUR 210	Nursing Through the Life Cycle III	4.5
NUR 220	Nursing Through the Life Cycle IV	4.5
BIO 206	Microbiology	<u>4</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

<i>Second Semester</i>		<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
NUR 211	Nursing Through the Life Cycle V	4
NUR 221	Nursing Through the Life Cycle VI	4
NUR 215	Issues in Nursing	2
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
COM 103	Speech Communication	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>

Total Curriculum Hours: ADN program = 61.5 hours.

Total Curriculum Hours PN program = 38.5 hours

Approved Oct 2014

**Associate Degree of Nursing with Practical Nursing Exit Option Program  
COST ESTIMATES FOR NURSING STUDENTS as of AY 2017-2018**

*These are only estimates and are subject to change without notice but should still serve as a helpful guide. In district-\$190/hr, out of district-\$363, out of state-\$399/hr, on-line \$180/hr (tuition and comprehensive fees-full time student fees included).*

**FIRST YEAR**

**Fall Semester**

Tuition – in-district (16.5 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$3,135
Lab/Course/Course Specific fees	425
NUR Books, NSL pack, ATI materials	1,400
Nursing uniform and 1 <sup>st</sup> year ID pin	75
Mandatory SNAI fees (new member)	45
Workshops and conventions	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	(\$5,180)

**Spring Semester**

Tuition – in-district (16 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$3,040
Lab/Course/Course Specific fees	385
NUR Books and ATI materials	734
Workshops and conventions	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	(\$4,259)

**Summer Session**

*(Required for students electing to earn a certificate in PN. It is not required to proceed to the second level of study).*

Tuition – in-district (6 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$1,140
Lab/Course fees	180
P-NCLEX Assess test	50
Workshops and conventions	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	(\$1,470)

**TOTAL for 1-Year PN program = \$10, 909**

**Summer Session for Advanced Standing LPN's**

*(NUR 225 required for LPN's, advanced standing, who have not just finished the 1<sup>st</sup> yr of nursing)*

Tuition in-district (1.5 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$285
Lab/Course Fees	45
NUR Books, ATI materials	<u>1,000</u> (start up books for Fall semester)
Sub-total	(\$1,330)

**SECOND YEAR**

**Fall Semester**

Tuition in-district (13 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$2,470
Lab/Course/Course Specific fees	570
NUR Books, NSL pack, ATI materials	350
ID pin for 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	10
Mandatory SNAI fees (renewal)	45
Workshops and conventions	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	(\$3,545)

**Spring Semester**

Tuition in-district (16 hours @ \$190/hr)	\$3,040
Lab/Course fee	300
NUR Books and ATI materials	277
R-NCLEX Assess Test	50
Workshops and conventions	<u>100</u>
Sub-total	(\$3,767)

**TOTAL for 2nd Year including NUR 225 = \$8,642**

**TOTAL for 2-Year ADN program without summer sessions = \$16,751**

**TOTAL for 2-Year ADN program with summer PN session = \$18,221**

**Post graduation costs(approximate):**

**PN:** SRC Pin \$80, PN-NLEX application \$300, NCLEX Fingerprinting \$60, pictures purchase-optional

**ADN:** SRC Pin \$90, RN-NCLEX application \$300, NCLEX Fingerprinting \$60, pictures purchase-optional



## **SRC Financial Assistance**

In order for a nursing student to be eligible for *any* foundation scholarship, the student **has to first apply for financial aid**. Students, who are not eligible for financial aid, will be considered for the various scholarships that are available when applications are made. According to the Foundation Scholarship Applications, **all students receiving either Foundation Scholarships or any type of Performing Grants must complete a FAFSA**. Information is available in the financial aid office.

**It is strongly recommended that each student apply for financial aid** (whether or not that student feels they are available for aid) because students who have not applied for financial aid will not be considered as eligible candidates for foundation scholarships, even if applications have been made.

Other options available to nursing students include scholarships, loan repayments, and partial loan repayments from local health care facilities. If interested in any of these opportunities, the student should contact that facility and inquire if any scholarship or loan repayment programs exist.

Availability of scholarships is dependent upon amount of money available. Contact the SRC Student Services/Financial Aid Departments for listings of more scholarships. The following list is not all-inclusive.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS AVAILABLE TO NURSING STUDENTS**

You may be eligible for a grant or scholarship. Many of the scholarships available to students attending SRC are listed in the SRC Catalog. Additional scholarships and grants available to students entering health-related careers/nursing are listed below. The following list outlines some of the more common scholarships available. The list is not intended to be all-inclusive. **Prospective and current nursing students are encouraged to do a search on the Internet with similar topics of “nursing scholarship” for further scholarship research.** For special assistance with filling out applications and for additional financial aid information, contact the Financial Aid office located on both the Canton and Macomb campuses.

**ALTRUSA CLUB OF CANTON** One scholarship is awarded annually, on a one-year basis, to a resident of Fulton County who is a high school graduate or equivalent. The scholarship will cover tuition, fees, or books for a full-time student at SRC or Graham Hospital School of Nursing. Payments will be sent directly to the school. Specific information and applications are available from the Altrusa Club of Canton.

**MCDONOUGH DISTRICT HOSPITAL (MDH) SCHOLARSHIPS** MDH offers various scholarships to nursing and health field-related students. The following scholarships and loan repayment programs are available at MDH:

- The Ruby Teel Scholarship
- The MDH Loan Program (for candidates who are consequently hired at MDH to receive credit toward repayment of their loans.)
- Auxiliary to MDH Health Career Loans & Grants Program

Contact the Human Resources Dept at MDH for further information and application (deadline June 1).

**MCFARLAND CHARITABLE FOUNDATION** This foundation was established to provide registered nursing scholarships to individuals who will return to Havana, IL to work as nurses after graduation. Students must be enrolled full-time and pursue the degree continuously. Interested students should check with The Havana National Bank for specific guidelines for application procedures.

**MELLINGER, EDWARD ARTHUR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** This foundation awards scholarships to undergraduate students who attend accredited colleges and universities or accredited and/or recognized vocational schools within the United States. It also considers loans to graduate students enrolled in accredited universities within the United States. In addition, the Foundation makes grants to qualified charitable organizations for educational purposes. For more information go to the following website: <http://www.mellinger.org/>

**WESTERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY SCHOLARSHIPS** This facility serves lower income residents within the Western Illinois area. Various scholarships have been made available to both traditional and non-traditional students. The number and amount of scholarships varies each year. Students can call the community action agency at 837-2997 to be put on the scholarship list at the beginning of the school year and an application will be sent to the student's address when they are available.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due in the spring semester and awarded in March.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
The Nursing Education Scholarship Program provides scholarships to qualified individuals pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, and associate degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing or a baccalaureate degree in nursing.  
**Timeline:** The application for the following school year is usually due in the Spring.

**SRC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS** (please check out further info at <http://www.src.edu/scholarships>)

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MACOMB NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** This scholarship was established in memory of Altrusan, Jessye Yates. The Altrusa Club of Macomb offers scholarships (amount decided by the Altrusa Club on an annual basis) to second year nursing students in the final semester. Contact the SRC Nursing Administrator and/or faculty for further information and application.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due late Fall semester and the scholarship is awarded in the Spring semester.

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MACOMB NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship was established for the Non-traditional student (not directly out of high school) to assist with the financial needs of the student. Must be a McDonough County resident. Contact the Macomb Altrusa Club for further information and application.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due late Spring semester and the scholarship is awarded for fall semester.

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF MACOMB NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**  
This scholarship was established for college students that have completed at least 30 hours of college credit and live in McDonough County. Contact the Macomb Altrusa Club for further information and applications.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due late Spring semester and the scholarship is awarded for the fall semester.

**ILLINOIS HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (IHIA) SCHOLARSHIPS** These scholarships are available through the Illinois Community College System Foundation and are funded by the Illinois Health Improvement Association for the purpose of improving the health and care of IL residents. The number and amount of the scholarship varies. Often the scholarship is offered to students for both the first year and the second year nursing program. Information pertaining to this scholarship is generally available after the start of the fall classes.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due at the beginning of the fall semester and awards received late fall.

**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM FOUNDATION HEALTH TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**  
The recipient of the scholarship should meet the following criteria of showing evidence of sufficient ability to succeed in the program of selection, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 from the most recent transcript, show evidence of financial need, and is expected to be employed as a healthcare worker in Illinois upon nursing program graduation.  
**Timeline:** Applications are usually due at the beginning of the fall semester and awards received late fall.

**SHERRIE L. WOOD SCHOLARSHIP** The criteria for the scholarship fund as managed by the foundation, will be provided to a second year nursing student with a GPA of 3.0, who has a focus in assisting and helping to provide services to individuals involved in preventing cancer.  
**Timeline:** Complete SRC Foundation scholarship application prior to March 15.

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S FELLHEIMER TRUST OF MACOMB** First-time students as well as current, former, or transfer students are encouraged to apply. Persons who desire to enroll in a course or courses, a certificate program or an associate degree program are eligible to apply. Recipients of these awards will receive financial assistance for payment of tuition, textbooks, fees, and other costs related to college attendance.  
**Timeline:** Applications are due in the first week of the Fall and Spring.

**ROSIE BROWN MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** The recipient will receive \$100, which may be used for any expenses incurred as a Practical Nursing student. The recipient must be enrolled in the final semester (Summer) of the Practical Nursing program at the Macomb Campus, be an adult (age 25 or older) who is starting over, retraining for a new career, reflect a positive Practical Nursing image, and show potential for becoming a competent nurse through theory and application. Applicant must show financial need. Preference will be given to students who have overcome or who are overcoming personal difficulties that could impede progress in achieving the nursing goal. Contact the SRC Dean of Nursing for further information and application.

**Timeline:** Applications are due in the Summer semester and awarded late Summer semester.

**SEVERINSEN MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP** Established in memory of K. Norman Severinsen by Rosalie M. Severinsen to provide financial assistance to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year nursing student; preference is given to a non-smoker.

**Timeline:** Complete SRC Foundation scholarship application prior to March 15.

**VIVIAN W. ASHTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** This scholarship (\$500) was established by Mrs. Ashton's daughter, Eleanor Rose Bourke. Preference is given to a non-traditional female student, age 30 or over, seeking an RN degree. Scholarship is renewable for a second year if the student maintains a college GPA of 2.5 or higher.

**Timeline:** Complete SRC Foundation scholarship application prior to March 15.

**JOHN W. MAITLAND, JR. –JOSEPH F. WARNER LONG TERM CARE NURSES SCHOLARSHIP**

Awarded to individuals pursuing a nursing degree and employment in Illinois' long term care centers. Fill out the application at [www.ihca.com/education/scholarships/](http://www.ihca.com/education/scholarships/)

**Timeline:** Scholarship applications are due beginning of June for the fall semester.

**COURSEY ENTERPRISES, INC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP** Offers first year nursing scholarships in the Spring and Fall semester and a fall and spring semester scholarship for PN students.

**Timeline:** Spring applications are accepted between September 1 through December 1<sup>st</sup>. Fall scholarship applications accepted between February 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Coursey Enterprises 1-800-256-2077 for details.

**Nola and LaVern McEntire Nursing Scholarship** One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is an employee of The Elms; or who is related to an employee of The Elms; or who has served or is serving in some capacity with the United States Armed Forces or National Guard. **Timeline:** Applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Send applications to Nola and LaVern McEntire Nursing Scholarship Fund, ATTN: The Elms, Director of Business and Personnel, 1212 Madelyn Avenue, Macomb, IL 61455.

### CAREER/NURSING AWARDS

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AWARD** Florence Nightingale has been called the founder of the modern nursing profession. Some consider her to be one of the people who were most responsible for alleviating human suffering in the nineteenth century. She instituted formal nursing education by founding the Nightingale Training School for Nurses in 1860. Florence Nightingale has been described as tough, a brilliant administrator, a loyal and emotional friend, a compassionate nurse, and a witty companion. She is known for such "revolutionary" reforms as providing cleanliness, comfort, and client education. This award is voted upon by the fellow classmates and received at the end of the school year.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES AWARD** This is an award for Spring semester 1<sup>st</sup> year students who are planning on finishing their LPN in the summer. The student is required to have a 3.0 GPA at the end of the spring semester. Information regarding the Award can be found on [www.nflpn.org](http://www.nflpn.org)

**SRC CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD** This is an award for the student who exemplifies outstanding occupational traits in their field of study. The student must apply for this award and a faculty

member must nominate the student for this award. It is presented at graduation ceremonies. The Occupational Student of the Year must meet the following requirements of:

- Currently pursuing courses, which will fulfill graduation requirements in an occupational certificate or A.A.S. Degree in May or August of the school year.
- Officially designating an occupational career goal.
- Applying for the Occupational Student of the Year Award and being nominated by a faculty member.
- Achieving academically as evidenced by the cumulative grade point average in all required courses in the certificate or degree program.
- Demonstrating technical and employability skills.