Sandusky Career Center Practical Nursing Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **What do I do to apply to the Sandusky Career Center School of Practical Nursing?**

Call 419-984-1100 and ask that 1) you be placed on the application mailing list, or 2) ask that an application be sent to you. Classes in the health care programs fill quickly so do not not delay.

The web page has the deadline dates for applications to be returned.

1. **What is the next step in completing the application?**

Return the application either in person or mail it to Sandusky Career Center, 4501 Venice Heights Boulevard, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. When returning the application, the fee also needs to be paid. In the application packet is a list of dates on which you can take the WorkKeys Test. My suggestion is to pick earlier dates so, if you need to retake a test, you might have enough time. There are also some websites that you can use to receive help in passing the tests. The ABLE/GED program here at SCC also offers free classes to help pass the test. If you want help, call Kris at 419-984-1135. If you have taken the WorkKeys at SCC in the past five years and have scored a 5 in Applied Math, 5 in Graphic Literacy and 5 in Workplace Documents, you don’t need to retake the tests. You can retake the tests if you are not successful, but there is a limit of the number of retakes, and you need to pay for the retakes.

1. **I have passed the WorkKeys, what is next?**

After passing your WorkKeys, you will be scheduled for an admissions interview with the Program Coordinator and Financial Coordinator. During this session you will learn all about the program, what courses you will be taking, what is still needed in your application packet, how to get the immunizations, etc. The Financial Coordinator will give you the information needed to apply grants or loans to pay for your education. If you have attended other schools, you need to make sure that you are not in default. Default could possibly prevent you from attending SCCSPN.

1. **What paperwork is needed to be able to be accepted and start the program?**

No student will be accepted into the program without a:

 High School Diploma or GED

Background Check that meets the Ohio Board of Nursing standards – this can be done at the school, but you will need an ID that has not expired. Sometimes they take 30 days to return. You can complete this when you take and pass the WorkKeys or after the seminar. Remember your ID!

Other things are needed prior to the December orientation will be:

 TB results

CPR for the Health Care Worker

 Hepatitis B series started

 Flu vaccine is required but needs to be taken in October

1. **I have attended other schools or nursing schools. Will I get credit for those courses?**

The Coordinator of the nursing program can grant you advanced standing in the program and you will not have to re-take those classes. The cost of the program will also reflect that you are not taking those courses. The Director needs an official transcript sent directly from the school that you attended in a sealed envelope. This must be received prior to completing your financial aid so that you are not charged for classes you are not taking. The most common classes that transfer are Medical Terminology, Science I and II, Human Growth & Development, Across the Life Span, and Nutrition and Diet Therapy. For questions about transcripts and transferring credit, please call or email Brenda Sparks at bsparks@scsbluestreaks.net or 419-984-1916. The grade in the course you want to transfer must be a C or better.

1. **When will I know if I am accepted?**

You will hear once your application is complete. Again, your high school diploma (or GED) and background check must be done, as well as attending the interview. Look for a large envelope from SCC. All letters for students accepted into the class will be mailed around the end of October to the middle part of November. The faster you get the information required in to the school, the quicker you will be accepted.

1. **Do you have a waiting list?**

Normally, we have a very small waiting list but that is only because some students’ information needed for acceptance into the program is not in their packet. We do not put students on a waiting list if they did not turn in their application by the deadline date.

1. **Is there a part-time program, or do I need to go full time?**

There is a part time program. You would attend 2-3 days a week from January to November across 2 years. The days differ depending on what quarter you are in.

1. **Is it true that the Sandusky Career Center has an LPN to RN program?**

Yes. The program begins each January and ends in November. For more information on the LPN to RN program call Elizabeth Moots at 419-984-1870 or email at emoots@scsbluestreaks.net.

1. **Why should I attend Sandusky Career Center School of Practical Nursing?**

One reason is that you are start your clinicals and helping patients within three weeks of starting the program. You are practicing what you are learning in the classroom. Graduates of the Sandusky Career Center School of Practical Nursing have a higher than average passage rate on the NCLEX-PN exam than other programs in the State of Ohio and nationally. There were four years in a row that 100% of the graduates passed the NCLEX-PN. All graduates that want positions in nursing have had no trouble finding jobs. Some graduates have chosen to go back to school for their RN.