

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

2. What is the next step in completing the application?

Return the application either in person or mail it to Sandusky Career Center, 2130 Hayes Avenue 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 web sites that you can use to receive help in passing the tests. The ABLE/GED program here at the high school 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 in the past five years and have scored a 5 in Applied Math, 4 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.

3. I have passed the WorkKeys, what is next?

During the summer months there are a variety of dates scheduled for a Seminar with the Director and Financial Coordinator. During this 1 ½ hour 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.

4. 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 November Orientation will be:

Signature on the Mental/Physical paper in your admission packet

Work Reference

Seminar

TB results

CPR for the Health Care Worker

Hepatitis B series started

Flu vaccine is required but needs to be taken in October

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

The Director 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, Nutrition and Diet Therapy. For questions about transcripts and transferring credit, please call or email Lauralee Krabill at

lkrabill@scs-k12.net or 419-984-1108. The grade in the course you want to transfer must be a C or better.

6. When will I know if I am accepted?

The Director will accept ten students for early admission and 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 seminar. Look for an envelope with a **hot pink sticker** on the outside. The rest of the applications are reviewed for completeness after the seminar is complete. All letters for students accepted into the class will be mailed around the end of October to the first part of November. The faster you get the information required in to the school, the faster you get the envelope with the **hot pink sticker**.

7. 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.

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

There is a part time program. That is the easy answer. In the first year of part time you take all the non-nursing courses. In the first year you will only be in class for 100 hours. That does not normally qualify you for financial assistance. Most students that go the part time route say they wished they had taken the program fulltime. Each situation is different and you need to decide.

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

Yes. The program begins each January and ends near Thanksgiving time. For more information on the LPN to RN program call Elizabeth Moots at 419-984-1870 or email at emoots@scs-k12.net.

10. 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.