



LPN to RN Program FAQ

Q: Is this program fully accredited?

A: Yes. This program has been approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). This program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Q: How do I get started?

A: Read the rest of this FAQs and complete an [SSC Online Degree Program Admission Application](#). For the major, Health Sciences. You will move to the LPN to RN major once you are accepted into the program.

Q: How often are applications accepted and when are the deadlines?

A: Applications will be accepted once a year. The deadline is:

- February 1st (if accepted you will take a 5-week summer course at the beginning of July and start nursing classes the next Fall)

Q: What are the prerequisites for the program?

A: US Government, US History, English Comp I, English Comp II, General Psychology, Learning Strategies, Principles of Biology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology. You must have no less than a "C" in each of these courses.

Q: What general education courses do I HAVE to HAVE before I can start the program?

A: US Government, English Comp I, English Comp II, General Psychology, Learning Strategies, Principles of Biology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology.

Q: Do I have to have a certain GPA before I can apply to the program?

A: Yes, you must have a 2.5 GPA in the general education courses required for this degree.

Q: What general education courses do I have to have to finish the degree?

A: US History. While it is not required that this course must be completed to apply, it is highly recommended that you have History completed before you begin the Nursing program so that you can devote all of your time and attention to your Nursing courses.

Q: When do I find out if I have been accepted?

A: Usually within 30 – 45 days of the application deadline. You will be mailed a letter via post mail.

Q: What classes will I take?

A: Click here for a degree checklist for [LPN to RN \(scroll to the last two pages\)](#)

Q: Will all my classes be online?

A: Didactic classes are online, but clinicals are in-person. See below for more clinical information.

Q: How do clinicals work?

- A: Clinicals are face-to-face format and are held in Seminole area hospitals. This may include locations in **Seminole, Shawnee and Ada, Oklahoma**. Clinicals must be completed in Oklahoma. Weekend and night clinicals might be possible. Clinicals are scheduled by the SSC Nursing Department. Students should be aware that these are not flexible and will likely require the student to take off work, arrange childcare, etc...
- NURS 2225 – Psychosocial Nursing Clinicals - Four 8-hour clinical days during the latter 4-6 weeks, at Rolling Hills* in Ada, OK. Days are 8 hours. Two 2-hour clinicals are done on the student's time in the community.
- NURS 2223 – Medical-Surgical Clinicals - 7 days at SSM-Shawnee, OK* There is one 12 hour shift a week for 7 weeks, and a weekly 3 hour pre-clinical and a 3 hour post-clinical, both online.
- NURS 2226 – Leadership in Nursing Capstone - This will involve, not only virtual didactic hours, but 5 days of 8 hours at community clinicals (location varies – in Oklahoma), as well as 2 weeks of working with an RN for (typically) 12 hour days for preceptorship (72-80 total hours).

*Facility locations are subject to change.

Q: What does the program schedule look like?

A: All classes will be held consecutively (one after another), not concurrently. *(Note: If you still need to take general education courses when you get into the program, you will take those concurrently with your Nursing courses.)* You will be given the start/end dates for each course at the beginning of the program.

The Nursing program will be as follows:

Summer July-August

NURS 1513 – Bridging into Assoc Degree in Nursing – 5 weeks

Fall Semester

NURS 2214 – Medical Surgical Nursing II – 16 weeks

NURS 2223 – Medical-Surgical Clinical II – 16 weeks

Spring Semester

NURS 2225 – Psychosocial Nursing – 16 weeks

NURS 2226 – Leadership in Nursing Capstone – 16 weeks

You can find course descriptions in the [SSC Catalog](#).

Q: How much does it cost? (Please note that these amounts are subject to change)

A: You can estimate around \$200 per credit hour in tuition and fees for in-state students and around \$400 per credit hour for out-of-state students. Classes range from 3 - 6 credit hours. Don't let cost be a barrier to achieving your dreams! The Online Degree Office will do everything we can to help you receive aid and/or make plans to cover costs. Click [here](#) for a list of the tuition and fees.

Q: Are there any other costs?

A: Yes. Here are some other costs to plan for outside of tuition and fees:

- Materials purchased from the SSC Bookstore
 - LPN to RN Book Bundle - \$540.72 (this is bought the first semester and contains all needed books for the entire program)
 - ATI - \$500 (you pay \$250 the first semester and \$250 the second semester)

- SSC LPN Nursing patches - \$4
- Verified Credentials - \$195
- My Clinical Exchange - \$37
- Materials you can purchase anywhere (or use what you already have)
 - Navy blue scrubs (at least one pair)
 - Stethoscope
 - Pin light and lab jacket are optional

Q: Where do I get my books and supplies?

A: You will need to purchase your book bundle, ATI code and patches at the SSC Bookstore. You can visit the SSC bookstore link at <http://bookstore.sscok.edu/home>. The other supplies can be purchased anywhere you like. If you already have the supplies, you can use what you already have.

Q: How can I pay for courses?

A: Our first goal will be to help you secure financial aid. You can apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.gov. However, if you do not qualify or don't receive enough to cover your entire balance, SSC does offer payment plans. You must have your balance paid in full before you can enroll in your next semester's courses.

Q: Can I apply to both the online and the in-person LPN to RN programs?

A: Yes (they are the exact same programs, just one is taught in person and the other is taught online)

Q: How long does it take to get the degree?

A: Approximately 18 months if you have to take general education courses. Approximately 10 months if you only take Nursing courses. You will be given your full program schedule during your orientation for the program.

Q: If I don't live in Oklahoma, will this program qualify me to sit for the RN exam in my state?

A: We have contacted every state in attempt to make this determination. Please see [this document on our website](#) to see if we've been able to make this determination for your state.

Q: Could I take an in-person class at Seminole State if I wanted to?

A: For general education courses, YES! For Nursing courses, you will be expected to complete all Nursing course online. If you need to switch to face-to-face Nursing courses, you will need to contact the Nursing department to determine the possibility.

Q: If I've taken any of those classes before, can I transfer the credit to SSC?

A: Most likely, but we will need transcripts from all schools that you've previously attended. If your school will send it electronically, it can be sent to online@sscok.edu. If they have to mail a physical copy, it can be sent to SSC Online Degree Programs, 2701 Boren Blvd, PO Box 351, Seminole, OK 74818. You can submit unofficial transcripts to get enrolled, but you must submit official transcripts within a year. (NOTE: If you use financial aid (FAFSA), you will have to submit official transcripts before you can get aid).

Q: Do I get an SSC student email?

A: YES! As soon as you are enrolled into a course, you will receive an SSC email. You can check your email by clicking on "Campus Email" at the top of the SSC home page and log in. Instructions on logging in are on the Campus Email webpage if you need them. PLEASE CHECK YOUR SSC STUDENT EMAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS. This is the email that everyone on the SSC campus will use, including your professor!

Q: How do I get to my classes, get my grades and talk with my professors?

A: Seminole State College uses a learner management system called Brightspace (aka D2L). Once you're enrolled you will be provided with an SSC email and password that you'll use to log in. We will also provide instructions and videos to help you log in and navigate the system.

Q: What are the requirements for the HESI test and how many times can I take it?

A: You must have a score of 850 or better on the HESI LPN – ADN entrance exam (unfortunately we cannot accept scores from any other type of HESI). You can take the HESI twice each semester, but you must wait 30 days in between a test and retesting. The SSC Testing Center offers the HESI both in-person and online. For more HESI info, please click [here](#). HESI score must be less than 1 year old at the time of application.

Q: Can I do clinicals on nights or weekends?

A: Maybe. Be sure to let your Nursing advisor know as soon as you are accepted to the program if you're needing night/weekend clinicals.

Q: Do I have to be COVID vaccinated?

A: SSC does not require COVID vaccinations, HOWEVER, clinical sites do. You must have received the vaccine or receive a vaccination waiver. Waivers are issued from the individual sites themselves and we do not have the criteria that would qualify you for a waiver.

Q: Do I have to have an Oklahoma nursing license? Does a LVN license work?

A: No, you just have to have a current unencumbered license. Yes, a LVN license is equivalent to an LPN license.

Q: How does the LPN to RN admissions work?

A: You are assigned points based on grades, ACT Math and Reading scores (if you have them) and your time working as a LPN/LVN. The students with the highest points are offered a seat in the program.

Q: How many students are accepted into the program?

A: 10

Q: What documents are required for the LPN to RN application?

A: SSC Nursing application, transcripts, HESI score, LPN/LVN license, and employment letter.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: SSC Online Degree Office – online@sscok.edu or 405-382-9577