We are excited that you are interested in becoming a nurse and have a passion to serve others. The South Plains College nursing program has successfully graduated many nurses that serve our local healthcare community. The healthcare community in our area is robust and dynamic as our facilities serve a 62-county-wide area. With such a broad service area our facilities need good nurses and look to hire our nursing students due to the excellent clinical experiences the students receive. Our students are prepared to enter nursing practice right after graduation and are ready to begin caring for patients. The RN program is a two-year degree plan. The Transition (LVN to RN) program is a three-semester program. Students that successfully complete the Associate Nursing Degree (Registered Nurse) or (Transition) Plan are then eligible to apply to take the State Board Exam (Next Gen NCLEX) for Registered Nurse Licensure.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing programs

**Complete the following before submitting an application for admission to the nursing program:**

* Apply for Admission with South Plains College online at:

<https://apply.southplainscollege.edu/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/welcome.aspx>

* Be TSI compliant in all areas with the college.
* Apply for financial aid. Detailed financial aid instructions are available at <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/paying-for-school/financial_aid.php>
* Complete the required prerequisites for the nursing programs. See page 2 for details.
* Complete the TEAS, nursing entrance exam. \*\*See the testing section on page 2.
* Have a computer with webcam and internet access while enrolled in the nursing program.
* Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.
* Have a minimum prerequisites GPA of 2.8 or better.

\*\* If prerequisite GPA is between a 2.6 to 2.8 conditional acceptance may be granted. The admission committee will review individual applications for potential acceptance.

* Have reliable transportation for attending clinical sites, simulation lab times, and class time.
* Complete application packet and return before application deadline.

\*\*See application instruction section on page 3.

* If you have been unsuccessful in other nursing programs, a letter of good standing is required. The previous nursing program will need to email a letter of good standing to [jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu).

**PREREQUISITE INFORMATION:**

**Prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing/Registered Nurse (RN) program:**

* **English 1301** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.
* **Anatomy & Physiology 1** **(Biol 2401)** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program. \*
* **Anatomy & Physiology 2 (Biol 2402)** must be completed with a “C” or better. A&P2 can be enrolled in during the application cycle. Course must be successfully completed by the end of the application cycle semester. \*

**\***Science prerequisites A&P1 (Biol 2401) & A&P2 (Biol 2402) must NOT have more than 1 “C” in the courses.

**\***Science courses expire after 5 years. Failed science courses may only be repeated 3 times.

**Prerequisites for the Transition (LVN to RN) program:**

* **English 1301** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.
* **Anatomy & Physiology 1 (Biol 2401)** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program. \*
* **Anatomy & Physiology 2 (Biol 2402)** must be completed with a “C” or better. A&P2 can be enrolled in during the application cycle. Course must be successfully completed by the end of the application cycle semester. \*
* **Psyc 2314 Lifespan Human Growth and Development** must be completed with a “C” or better before applying for the nursing program.

\*Science prerequisites A&P1 (Biol 2401) & A&P2 (Biol 2402) must NOT have more than 1 “C” in the courses.

\*Science courses expire after 5 years. Failed science courses may only be repeated 3 times.

**TEAS TESTING INFORMATION:**

* Complete the TEAS exam in English, Math, and Reading with a minimum score of 58.7 and the Science with a minimum of 50.0. TEAS exam scores expire after one year from completion. If the TEAS exam is taken at other institutions, you will need to provide a copy of your TEAS exam scores to the nursing department with your application.
* Contact the Testing Center at <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/testing/TEASscheduleRN.php> to schedule TEAS exam.
* TEAS study guide and resources: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas>

For testing questions, contact the testing center at 806.716.2366 or email [testing@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:testing@southplainscollege.edu).

**Application Instructions:**

Applications for the nursing programs may be picked up at the SPC Allied Health Nursing Department Building, or by sending an email to [jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu), or by completing the fillable online application at <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/exploreprograms/healthoccupations/nursing/adn.php>

Return completed application, passing TEAS exam scores, and official high school and college transcripts (if SPC Admissions does not have transcripts on file, transcripts will need to be submitted with nursing application) on or before the application deadline.

* Contact the nursing department at 806.716.2391 for the application cycle deadline.
* NO late applications will be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS
* We do NOT require recommendation letters.
* Must include a valid, legible, email on application, you will be notified at the email provided of acceptance or denial into the program within 3-4 weeks after the deadline.

**To return all information you can:**

Submit in person at the Allied Health Nursing Department Building

202 Clubview Dr.

Levelland, TX 79336

To submit by mail the application must be postmarked on or before the deadline. Mail to:

South Plains College Nursing Department

1401 S. College Ave Box W

Levelland, TX 79336

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Fowler at 806-716-2391 or email at [jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:jfowler53@southplainscollege.edu).

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| **PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM**   |  | | --- | | Course Semester Hours  ENGL 1301\* College Composition I 3  BIOL 2401\* Anatomy & Physiology I 4  BIOL 2402\*\* Anatomy & Physiology II 4  \*These courses must be successfully completed before applying for the nursing program.  \*\* A&P 2 (Biol 2402) can be enrolled in during application cycle. |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **GENERIC (RN) \*\*NO SUMMER CLASSES OFFERED\*\***   |  | | --- | | **FRESHMAN YEAR**  *First Semester*  \*\*Accepted classes start each Fall and Spring semesters\*\*  Course Semester Hours  PSYC 2314 Lifespan Human Growth & Development 3  RNSG 1413 Foundations for Nursing Practice 4  RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I 2  RNSG 1201 Pharmacology 2  RNSG 1160 Clinical-Nursing (RN Training) 1  **TOTAL 12**  *Second Semester*  Course Semester Hours  RNSG 1441 Common Concepts of Adult Health 4  RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing 2  RNSG 2121 Professional Nurse Leadership and Management 1  RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II 1  RNSG 2460 Clinical Nursing II – RN Training 4  **TOTAL 12** |  |  | | --- | | **SOPHOMORE YEAR**  *First Semester (also called Third Semester)*  Course Semester Hours  RNSG 1443 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 4  RNSG 2201 Care of Children & Families 2  RNSG 2461 Clinical Nursing III – RN Training 4  Humanities Humanities 3  **TOTAL 13**    *Second Semester (also called Fourth Semester)*  Course Semester Hours  RNSG 1146 Legal and Ethical Issues for Nursing 1  RNSG 2130 Professional Nursing Review & Licensure Preparation 1  RNSG 2432 Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health 4  RNSG 1251 Care of Childbearing Family 2  RNSG 2462 Clinical Nursing IV – RN Training 4  **TOTAL 12** | |   **PREREQUISITE COURSES FOR TRANSITION PROGRAM LVN TO RN**   |  | | --- | | Course Semester Hours  ENGL 1301\* College Composition I 3  BIOL 2401\* Anatomy & Physiology I 4  BIOL 2402\*\* Anatomy & Physiology II 4  PSYC 2314\* Lifespan Human Growth & Development 3  \*These courses must be successfully completed before applying for the nursing program.  \*\* A&P 2 (Biol 2402) can be enrolled in during application cycle |   **Transition Information (LVN to RN) \*\*No Summer Classes Offered\*\***   |  | | --- | | FRESHMAN YEAR  First Semester (also called Transition Semester)  Course Semester Hours  RNSG 1327 Transition to Professional Nursing 3  RNSG 2121 Professional Nurse Leadership and Management 1  RNSG 2213 Mental Health 2  RNSG 2360 Clinical Nursing I – RN Training 3  **TOTAL 9** |  |  | | --- | | SOPHOMORE YEAR  Second Semester  Course Semester Hours  NSG 1443 Complex Concepts of Adult Health 4  RNSG 2201 Care of Children & Families 2  RNSG 2461 Clinical Nursing III – RN Training 4  Humanities Humanities 3  **TOTAL 13**  Third Semester  Course Semester Hours  RNSG 1146 Legal and Ethical Issues for Nursing 1  RNSG 2130 Professional Nursing Review & Licensure Preparation 1  RNSG 2432 Enhanced Concepts of Adult Health 4  RNSG 1251 Care of Childbearing Family 2  RNSG 2462 Clinical Nursing IV – RN Training 4  **TOTAL 12** |   The program and courses within the program are subject to approval and changes mandated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Board of Nursing. Upon successful completion of RNSG 1327 and RNSG 2360 articulated academic credit will be given for RNSG 1413, 1441, 1144, 1205, and 1160. (12 total hours) will be awarded. The total program hours are 60. |

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Q: What are the hours once in the nursing program?

A: Once you are accepted in the nursing program you will be in class or clinicals 5 days a week, Monday – Friday. Class time is usually 8am – 4pm but may vary slightly in each semester. Clinical times will vary based on which clinical site you are assigned, example: Hospital setting (Covenant/UMC) 6am – 3pm, but again may vary per semester. Beginning in 1st semester you will primarily be here at the school in class or skills lab 5 days a week, but towards mid to late 1st semester you will begin actual clinicals at least 1 day a week. Clinical days may increase as you progress into further semesters. Please be advised that this is just for informative purposes and is subject to change according to clinical sites’ availability. Once accepted you will get more information at your mandatory nursing orientation.

1. Q: Can I work while in the nursing program?

A: We do not advise students to work while they are enrolled in our nursing program, however that is ultimately the student’s choice. Nursing school workload is heavy and difficult so if you choose to work, please plan accordingly, and stay organized and on top of your schoolwork.

1. Q: Can I take the nursing classes online or at night?

A: No. We do not offer any of our nursing classes online, at night, or weekends.

1. Q: Can I take more classes a semester or during summer to get ahead and finish the program earlier?

A: No. Our program is set up on a strict curriculum and there are no variances allowed from that curriculum.

1. Q: Will my classes from another college transfer to SPC?

A: All non-nursing courses that were taken at Regionally Accredited College/University should transfer with no problem, but you will need to check with the registrar to be sure. If you are trying to transfer nursing courses into our program from another nursing program, you will have to discuss that with the Director of our program. The Director must look at the program and will review the completed courses to see if they will align with our curriculum and program outcomes. Courses should not be older than 6 months. On average most nursing courses will not transfer into our program because most course work does not align with our curriculum.

1. Q: If I am currently enrolled in, or planning to take my prerequisites am I still eligible to apply to the program?

A: Yes. If a student has successfully completed English 1301 and Biology 2401 (Anatomy & Physiology 1) and is currently enrolled in Biology 2402 (Anatomy & Physiology II) at the time of application, they are eligible to apply to the ADN program.