Frequently Asked Questions

Nursing Core Courses Application Process:

If I was on the former waitlist, do I need to complete the application?

- Yes, all students must complete an application to be accepted into the SCC competitive scoring process to be eligible to take the nursing core courses. There is no longer a waitlist.

What are the application deadlines?

- Deadlines for application are posted on the SCC Nursing Website. Applications received outside of the dates identified will not be accepted.

Is there a cost to submit an application?

- There is no cost to submit an application at this time.

If accepted, when will I be notified?

- Once a decision is made, a notification will be sent to the student.

If I am not accepted, do I have to reapply?

- Yes, if you are not accepted, you can reapply during a new admission cycle. Application deadlines are posted on the SCC Nursing Website.

How many times can I apply to take the nursing core courses?

- There is no limit on how many times you can apply; however, you can only apply one time per admission cycle. Students who fail NURS 101, NURS 102, or NUTRI 251 will be required to reapply for acceptance. Students who fail more than one course in the Spokane Community College Nursing Program are ineligible to reapply for admission. Students who have previously been enrolled in any other Nursing Program must be eligible to return to the previous program (as evidenced by a letter from the director of the Nursing Program) in order to be considered for admission to the SCC Nursing Program).

If I am accepted and have a life circumstance preventing me from enrolling in the nursing core courses, may I defer my application for the next admission cycle?

- No, if you are accepted and decline your spot, your spot will not be held for the next admissions cycle. You must reapply and go through the admissions process as everyone else.

Can I defer if I am accepted?

- Unless for Military obligations, students cannot defer their acceptance to another quarter. They will have to reapply each cycle if they decline a spot offered to them.

Competitive scoring process

How is the application scored/ranked?

- Please see the competitive scoring process document posted on the SCC Nursing Website.

Will I still be competitive if I do not have a 4.0 in all my classes?

- The competitive admissions process gives points for grades, general work experience, work experience in a licensed healthcare job, military service, and coursework completed at a CCS college.

Health Care experience

How is health care experience defined?

- Healthcare experience is considered if the employing organization defines itself as a healthcare organization and includes hands-on patient experiences such as Certified Nursing Assistant, Registered Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, Physio/occupational Therapy Assistant, Phlebotomist, Medical Laboratory Assistant, EMT, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist, and Licensed Practical Nurse.

General Education

What if I took my General Education and Sciences classes over 5 years ago?

- If any course is repeated, the highest grade will be used.

Other Questions

How does attending the Nursing Program affect my work and personal schedules?

- Completion of the SCC Nursing Program is a rigorous commitment of students' time and resources. Timelines and schedules vary each quarter. The Nursing Program

does not accommodate student change requests. The Nursing Student Handbook Policy section 5.3 notes exceptions. Students shall be prepared to make personal and professional adjustments to fulfill clinical and learning schedules each quarter.

Do I need immunizations to attend the Nursing Program?

- Protect vulnerable patients in the clinical learning setting is a priority; therefore, students need to be fully immunized, including yearly flu vaccines, before beginning nursing classes. Yearly testing for tuberculosis is also required. Non-immunized students may be refused placement in healthcare settings, making completion of course learning objectives impossible. <u>Students</u> <u>will be asked to provide proof of immunity prior to orientation day</u>.