

Frequently Asked Questions

Practical Nursing Core Courses Application Process:

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

- Yes, all students must complete a new application to be considered in the competitive scoring process. This includes resubmission of all supporting documents such as transcripts, work and volunteer forms, and military forms if applicable.

What are the application deadlines?

- Deadlines for application are posted on the SCC Practical Nursing website. Unless otherwise posted, application deadlines are firm and applications received outside of the dates identified will not be accepted.

Is there a cost to apply?

- There is no cost to apply.

How and when will I be notified?

- Once decisions have been made, students will be notified through an automated system. If accepted, the student will be asked to confirm their spot by a specified date. If the student fails to confirm their spot by the designated date, the student will be moved to the declined category. If a student is waitlisted, they should continue to monitor their email for updates on whether they have been moved to the accepted category.

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

- Yes, all students must complete an new application to be considered in the competitive scoring process. This includes resubmission of all supporting documents such as transcripts, work and volunteer forms, and military forms if applicable.

How many times can I reapply?

- There is no limit to how many times a student can apply.

How many times can I retake support courses for more points?

- Students can retake support courses multiple times but should consult with financial aid if utilizing aid for payment of courses.

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

- Students have two attempts in the practical nursing program. Once two attempts have been made, the student is no longer eligible to reapply unless granted a special circumstance.

If I am accepted and have a life circumstance that prevents me from enrolling in the program, may I defer my acceptance to the next admission cycle?

- No, if a student is accepted and declines the spot, the spot will not be held for the next admission cycle.

Can I defer if I am accepted?

- Unless for Military obligations, students cannot defer their acceptance to another quarter. Special circumstances may be considered but are not guaranteed.

Competitive Scoring Process

How is the application scored and ranked?

- Please see the competitive scoring process document posted on the SCC Practical Nursing Website.
- If a student is missing a document, submits an incorrect document, or submits an incomplete document, the student forfeits those points. For example, if a student submits an incorrect or unsigned work experience form, the student will not be awarded points for work experience. If a student fails to submit a transcript that includes a required support course, the application will be declined.

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

- The competitive admission process awards points for grades, general work experience, healthcare work experience, military service, volunteer experience, and coursework completed through CCS colleges.

Healthcare Experience

How is healthcare experience defined?

- Healthcare experience is considered if the employing organization defines itself as a healthcare organization and includes hands-on patient experience such as Certified Nursing Assistant, Registered Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, Physio/Occupational Therapy Assistant, Phlebotomist, Medical Laboratory Assistant, EMT, Paramedic, or Respiratory Therapist.
- Students must submit proof of licensure/certification for healthcare experience to be considered.
- Students must submit the healthcare experience form, and it must be signed by a supervisor or human resource representative.

General Education

What if I took general education courses more than 10 years ago?

- Math and science courses must be taken within 10 years to be considered in the application process.

What if I retake a general education course?

- If a course is repeated, the highest grade will be used in the scoring process.

Other Questions

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

- SCC Practical Nursing program is fast-paced, rigorous, and requires commitment for students' time and resources. Timelines and schedules vary each quarter. The program does not accommodate student requests for theory, lab, or clinical groups. Students should be prepared to make personal and professional adjustments to fulfill clinical and other learning schedules each quarter.

Do I need immunizations to attend the SCC Practical Nursing Program.

- Students are required to meet clinical onboarding requirements for the clinical facility in which they are assigned. Non-immunized students may be refused placement in healthcare settings, making completion of course objective impossible. Healthcare facilities reserve the right to change requirements and to have different requirements for students than they require for their employees. Students will be asked to provide proof of immunity prior to the start of the quarter. Deadlines are determined by the Clinical Placement Manager and are firm deadlines.

Colville and Spokane Cohorts

If I apply to a specific cohort location, can I switch locations part-way through the program?

- No, students must remain in their specified cohort for the entirety of the program.

If I am in the Colville cohort, will I need to travel to Spokane at times?

- Yes, Colville cohort students may be asked to travel to Spokane 2-3 times per quarter for special/specific learning opportunities.