



Dear Prospective Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for inquiring about the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Stark State College (SSC). Please note that all information is subject to change as needed to assure a high quality program. Please plan to attend a nursing information session as soon as possible to get the most current information. The dates, times, and location for these meetings are located on the website.

Only one class of students per year is admitted for the Basic, Evening/Weekend, and Paramedic to RN programs. The LPN to RN program admits twice a year in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Applications will only be accepted once all requirements have been met. All applications will be considered on a selective admission basis. If not selected for an open seat, the applicant will need to reapply for the following year. The deadline to apply for Fall classes is March 31st of each year. The deadline for Spring classes is October 15th of each year.

Nursing is a rewarding career choice. I look forward to your continuing interest in the nursing profession and the educational program at Stark State College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marie DeLillo", written in a cursive style.

Marie DeLillo, MSN, RN
Department Chair, Nursing

Admission Process

1. Submit a Stark State College application (new SSC students only) and take the SSC ACCUPLACER Assessment. ACT scores will be accepted in place of SSC ACCUPLACER if achieved within the last two calendar years. Refer to the College Admissions Office for evaluation of scores.
2. Complete any prescribed developmental courses as determined by the ACCUPLACER Assessment or ACT Test results.
3. Submit to the Academic Records Office:
 - Official copy of high school transcripts and/or GED certificate.
 - Official college transcripts of any college attended.
4. Students are encouraged to complete the course Student Success Seminar (SSC101) during the first semester at SSC.
5. Attend a mandatory information meeting regarding admission requirements, application process and to obtain an application to the nursing program.
6. Have a high school GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale within the last five years; or have obtained a GED certificate within the last five years; or a college GPA of 3.0 or better in 7 hours or more of course work at the last college attended. If a student's most current grades are from Stark State College, and the student has over 7 credit hours, SSC transcript will take precedence.
7. If applying to the Basic program (day or evening/weekend) the student must complete the following prerequisite courses with a grade of a C or better:
 - SSC101- Student Success Seminar
 - MTH124 Statistics (pre-req MTH091/092/093 or proficiency)
 - BIO101: Intro to Anatomy and Physiology (may apply for Prior Learning Assessment if student has taken HS biology or a higher level Anatomy and Physiology course at another college). The grade requirement must be met within 7 years by the 3rd attempt including withdrawals.
 - PSY121 General Psychology
 - ENG124- College Composition

Note: *Evening/Weekend students must complete BIO121 and BIO122 before applying to the program.*

Current LPNs and Paramedics are not required to complete pre-requisite courses to apply to the program.

8. A minimum of one (1) month and no longer than one (1) year prior to placing an application, the applicant must obtain BCII and FBI background checks through SSC's Security Department.
9. Register for the date you wish to take the TEAS test. Obtain information for the TEAS test on the nursing website. It is strongly recommended that developmental and prerequisite courses be completed before the TEAS test is taken. Applicants must score at the 58.7 percentile or higher on the TEAS test to be eligible for admission. If the applicant scores below the 58.7 percentile, she/he will not be eligible to retake the TEAS test for 60 days. A student may take the TEAS test only twice in a calendar year. TEAS test scores are valid for three (3) years.
10. The application deadline is March 31st for the following Fall admission. All applications received after March 31st will be REJECTED. If you are not accepted into the program, you will need to reapply the following year. The LPN to RN program also accepts applications for Fall admission (March 31st deadline) and Spring admission (October 15st deadline).

Once all of the admission requirements have been met and a **complete** application is submitted to the Registrar's office, you will receive a response letter by mid-May.
11. Students accepted into the Nursing Program must remain in continuous good standing (GPA of 2.5) for final enrollment into the Nursing Program. It must be understood by all students accepted into the Nursing Program that a grade of "C" or better must be achieved in all nursing and non-nursing courses in the Nursing curriculum. Grades of "C -" or below cannot be used toward course work required for graduation.

Additional Considerations

Felony and Misdemeanor Convictions

- ▶ According to Section 4723.28 of the *Ohio Revised Code*, nursing students are responsible for informing the Department Chair/Director of Nursing, early and during the program, of any misdemeanor or felony convictions so that students may be informed of the steps the Ohio Board of Nursing will take before considering their application to sit for the licensing examination. According to *Ohio HB327*, anyone previously convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for an egregious felony will be precluded from initial licensure. Egregious felonies are aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary.
- ▶ Any student who has been convicted of an egregious felony will not be admitted to the nursing program.
- ▶ Any student who is convicted of an egregious felony while enrolled in the nursing program will be dismissed and not be readmitted.

Criminal Background Checks

- ▶ If you have been convicted of certain felonies or misdemeanors, you may be refused placement at clinical/practicum site. You must complete placements at clinical/practicum sites in order to obtain your degree in certain programs. Also, certain convictions may make you ineligible to take the licensure or certification examinations. Therefore, in order to guide your program decision at Stark State, both FBI and BCI Criminal Background checks must be done PRIOR to application to a health program through the Stark State Security Office located on the first floor of the S Building.
- ▶ You will receive the results of the background checks in the mail along with a letter stating whether you may be refused placement at clinical/practicum sites or may be ineligible for licensure in the future. Background checks may have to be repeated upon program entry if more than a year has passed since the original background check, or unless there is an indication that the applicant's background has changed. Annual background checks are required for clinical placement. Within one year of graduation, the student should also request a copy of the background check be sent to the Ohio Board of Nursing in preparation for taking the NCLEX licensure exam.
- ▶ Please refer to the Health Sciences landing page at www.starkstate.edu/health for a list of potential disqualifying offenses for work and licensure in health programs.

Criminal background checks will be required for all students prior to application to a Health Sciences program. It is a Health Sciences Division policy to refer to various sections of the Ohio Law & Regulations for certification and licensure boards that persons convicted of certain felonies or misdemeanors may wish not to pursue health programs at Stark State College because that person may not be able to take the licensure or certification examinations, may be refused acceptance of placement by the clinical/practicum sites, or may have restrictions placed on their ability to practice. For more information, refer to Ohio Revised Code Section 3701-13-05 or contact the applicable licensure/certification board.

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CURRICULUM PLAN: SEMESTER PLAN – PARAMEDIC to RN PROGRAM

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III	Semester IV
<p style="text-align: center;">Transition for the Paramedic NSG 122</p> <p>4 credits 2 hour class 0.5 hour lab/sim 1.5 hour clinical</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concepts of Nursing Practice in the Care of Patients with Mental Illness Issues NSG 141</p> <p>3 credits 1.5 hour class 0.5 hour lab/sim 1 hour clinical</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concepts of Nursing Practice in the Care of Adult Patients with Stable and Unstable Acute Conditions NSG 241</p> <p>5 credits 3 hour class 0.5 hour lab/sim 1.5 hour clinical</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concepts of Nursing Practice in the Care of Patients Across the Lifespan with Complex Conditions NSG 261</p> <p>9 credits 5 hour class 1 hour lab/sim 3 hour clinical</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Clinical Reasoning in Current Nursing Practice NSG 101</p> <p>2 credits 2 hour class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Concepts of Nursing Practice in the Care of the Reproducing and Developing Family NSG 221</p> <p>4 credits 2.5 hour class 0.5 hour lab/sim 1 hour clinical</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Statistics MTH 124</p> <p>3 credits 3 hour class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sociology SOC 121</p> <p>3 credits 3 hour class</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 121</p> <p>4 credits 3 hour class 2 hour college lab</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Human Growth & Development PSY 123</p> <p>3 credits 3 hour class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">College Composition I ENG 124</p> <p>3 credits 3 hour class</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">General Psychology PSY 121</p> <p>3 credits 3 hour class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anatomy & Physiology II BIO 122</p> <p>4 credits 3 hour class 2 hour college lab</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Principles of Microbiology BIO 221</p> <p>4 credits 3 hour class 3 hour college lab</p>	
13	14	15	12

Total Credits 54

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM
PROJECTED COST OF NURSING PROGRAM
LPN to RN and Paramedic to RN Cohorts

COST ITEM	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR
	First Two Semesters	Last Two Semesters
Nursing Pre-Admission Examination (TEAS)	\$ 60.00	N/A
Tuition & General Fees (Tuition is \$169.60/hr)	26 credits = 4409.60	28 credits = 4748.80
Nursing Books & Supplies <i>(does not include cost of books for sciences and general studies)</i>	2000.00	400.00
ID Badges (photo)*	10.00	N/A
Liability Insurance*	15.00	15.00
Health Requirements* <i>(Physical & Immunizations)</i>	500.00	85.00
CPR certification - BLS	80.00	N/A
Uniforms*	150.00	N/A
Standardized Testing including NCLEX Review Course* (Total \$ 660.00)	222.00	444.00
Make-Up Experience Fee Clinical* <i>(maximum days permitted: 1-clinical rotation)</i>	25.00/hour Total potential per rotation =300.00	25.00/hour Total potential per rotation =300.00
Health Insurance* – go to www.healthcare.gov for plans and prices	variable	variable
Background FBI and BCII*	70.00	70.00
Castle Branch*	35.00	N/A
Graduation Expenses*:		
➤ Fingerprinting/Background Check w/ BCII & FBI	N/A	70.00
➤ Nursing Pin		40.00
➤ OBN License Application		75.00
➤ NCLEX License Application		200.00
➤ Graduation Pinning		20.00
➤ Graduation Pictures		25.00
TOTALS - FIRST & SECOND YEAR (approximate totals)	\$7,851.60	\$6,492.80
TOTAL		\$14,344.40

**Out of Pocket Expense*

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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF A STUDENT IN THE NURSING PROGRAM

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Other Essential Functions include but are not limited to:

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Communication: speak, write and use English language effectively, use computers and interpret nonverbal communication while maintaining sensitivity to individual cultural and economic differences (i.e. ability to use electronic documentation and communication devices, follow verbal and written instructions, provide effective client teaching, and consult and communicate with other health care providers in a professional manner).

Analytical Skills/Critical Thinking: skills sufficient to process and interpret information, to transfer knowledge from one situation to another and to prioritize tasks, and problem solve in a timely manner.

Professionalism, Ethics and Conduct: personal conduct, dress and hygiene that is professional, safe, ethical, and legal in accordance with the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and ANA's *Nursing Code of Ethics*, ANA's *Standards of Practice*, and NLN Core Values.

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for any qualified student with a documented condition. It is the responsibility of the student to request reasonable accommodation as early as possible. Students seeking accommodations must seek services through the Disability Services.

What are the steps to get into the program?

Prospective nursing students MUST attend a mandatory nursing information meeting to obtain an application. The application has a checklist that will assist students. It is advised to go to an information meeting as soon as possible. The schedule of meetings is listed on the website.

If, after reading this information, I still have questions, who should I contact?

Call the Admissions Office (330) 966-5450 to schedule an appointment with a SSC Academic Advisor, for first time students to the College, or contact your assigned faculty Academic Advisor. If you still have unresolved questions, contact the Nursing Department Chair, the LPN to RN Program coordinator, or Paramedic to RN program coordinator.

How many students are accepted each Fall Semester?

- **Basic ADN Nursing Program** = Sixty (60) students are accepted each fall semester for the day program. There are twenty-four (24) students accepted each fall into the evening/weekend program. Five of which are reserved for Mercy Medical Center employees.
- **LPN to RN Program** = Twenty-four (24) students are accepted at the Main campus fall semester, and 24 students for both Wayne and Alliance campuses starting spring semester.
- **Paramedic to RN Program** = Twenty-four (24) students are accepted each Fall semester.

Is there currently a waitlist to get into the program?

No. Admission into the program is based on a Selective Admission process. Please check with the Nursing Department Chair or Nursing Program Coordinator for seat availability updates.

What are the application deadlines and notification dates?

The application deadline is March 31st for the following Fall admission and October 15th for the following Spring admission. Refer to the program website for more details. To get an application, you MUST attend a mandatory nursing information meeting. A completed application must include the following:

- Background check results
- 3.0 GPA
- TEAS results (PAX results are no longer accepted)
- Current LPN or Paramedic license (if applicable)

How soon will I know if I am accepted into the program after I apply?

Applications are processed **after** the deadline (March 31st-Fall or October 15th-Spring). Eligible applicants will be notified via email of their placement in the class. This information cannot be given out over the telephone. All programs are now Selective Admission.

Will I get a degree upon completion of the program?

Yes. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree will be awarded.

Do I receive my Registered Nurse license upon graduation?

Successful completion of the program meets state and national eligibility requirements to sit for the National Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Is the program accredited?

Stark State College's Associate Degree in Nursing Program has FULL approval from the Ohio Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020
Website: www.acenursing.org

Is financial aid available?

Yes. SSC's Financial Aid Office can provide information related to available grants, loans, and scholarships. Call (330) 494-6170, ext. 4301 to make an appointment.

What hours will I be in attendance at school while enrolling in the Nursing Program?

The schedule varies during the year. Clinical scheduling varies and students may have clinical on any shift or days during the week, including weekends. The evening/weekend program may have clinical on any shift but will be limited to the evenings and/or weekends. Students are advised not to schedule other activities until the schedules are posted each semester. No student may work the shift before they are schedule for clinical per our hospital contracts.

Can I work while enrolled in the Nursing Program?

It is acknowledged that students must continue to work while enrolled in the program; however, it is recommended that students be employed on a part-time basis. The actual number of work hours will vary, depending on individual student circumstances.

Can I attend part-time?

Students who complete all or most of their non-nursing courses prior to enrolling will have reduced course loads roughly equivalent to part-time study. Students may take all non-nursing courses on a part-time basis prior to entering the Nursing Program. Students must complete the nursing courses in sequence as listed.

What is the TEAS test? When is it given? Is there a fee for this test?

The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test is a standardized exam which, in combination with other indicators, is helpful in predicting the academic success of potential candidates. It tests verbal ability, mathematics, and science, taking about three hours. Tests are administered on a monthly basis. Refer to the Stark State College Nursing Program website for TEAS test information, test dates and a list of study resources. Registration is made only through the Testing Center in room M202 or call the testing center at X4500 to sign up for a testing date.

What if I took the PAX test in the past?

The PAX test results are no longer acceptable, you must take the TEAS test.

Is experience in the health care field helpful?

Yes. Familiarity with the health care setting and terminology is beneficial. Program eligibility requirements are the same, however, for all applicants regardless of past work experiences.

Do I have to be licensed to practice nursing?

Yes. To apply for a license in any state, one must graduate from an approved program, apply for licensure in the respective state, and pass the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Are there job opportunities available?

Yes. Associate Degree Nurses are employed in a variety of health care settings. Graduates are encouraged to continue their education, working toward a bachelor degree in nursing, to further expand their employment opportunities.

Can credits earned in the program be transferred or applied to a baccalaureate degree?

Yes. Graduates can easily matriculate into the various local college and university BSN programs. The Associate Degree Nursing program has written articulation agreements to continue with an RN to BSN program at other Universities.

How long is the program?

- **ADN Nursing Program** = A minimum of five semesters is required to complete the 64 credit hour program.*
- **LPN to RN Program** = A minimum of 4 semesters is required to complete the 54 credit hour program.*
- **Paramedic to RN Program** = A minimum of 4 semesters is required to complete the 54 credit hour program.*

**Each nursing course is offered only at select times each year and must be taken in the listed sequences.*

Can I transfer in credits from other colleges?

Please refer to the SSC Catalog regarding transfer of courses. The Admissions Department evaluates transcripts in relation to transferability of course work.

While courses may be transferred with a grade of "C-" or "D" from another university or college, the Nursing Department will not accept those courses transferred with a "C-" or "D" toward graduation requirements. All non-nursing courses in the nursing curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

What do I need to know about the application procedure for licensure?

Candidates who wish to sit for the NCLEX-RN (Registered Nursing Licensing Examination) will be required to submit their fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). For more details, contact the Ohio Board of Nursing Web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov

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