

NURSING – ACADEMIC/ CAREER MOBILITY PROGRAM

The Academic/Career Mobility Program provides a seamless educational option in nursing with two exit points allowing students to choose a career as an LPN or RN. The program is implemented in a shared framework which prepares graduates to use their skill and knowledge to fulfill the role of the nurse: enhance human flourishing, demonstrate sound nursing judgment, continually develop professional identity, and possess a spirit of inquiry to improve the quality of patient care. Encompassed within these roles are the core components of context and environment, knowledge and science, person/professional development, quality and safety, relationship-centered care, and teamwork. These core components are introduced, developed, and built upon through the curriculum; however, distinct parameters have been established that support the PN and RN scopes of nursing practice. The curriculum is structured around a clearly defined organizing framework and provides the foundation for a competency-based approach to nursing education through the utilization of interactive and student-focused learning strategies. Content and performance-based outcomes for the nursing courses are selected, developed, and leveled from simple to complex. Students who successfully complete the first year will receive a diploma qualifying them to apply for licensure as practical nurses. Following successful completion of the second year, students will receive the Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing qualifying them to apply for licensure as registered nurses.

Acceptance into the program is based on a selective admissions process. In order to be considered for admission, applicants must comply with college and program admission requirements. Licensed practical nurses who graduated within one year of admission to the program or have practiced at least one full year within the past three years and hold a current unrestricted license for practical nursing can apply to the program and will be admitted to the associate degree level based on a selective admission process.

Progression in the Nursing Program is contingent upon achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each biological science, nursing, and mathematics course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale). Completion of the nursing program will meet the KCTCS graduation requirement of digital literacy.

Note: The Kentucky Board of Nursing may deny a nursing graduate admission to the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX Exam) if an individual has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony which involves acts that bear directly on the qualifications of the graduate to practice nursing.

Effective September 11, 2024, the Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on September 11, 2026.

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Note: Upon granting of initial accreditation by the ACEN Board of Commissioners, the effective date of initial accreditation is the date on which the nursing program was approved by the ACEN as a candidate program that concluded in the Board of Commissioners granting initial accreditation.

Degrees

- Nursing-Academic/Career Mobility Program - AAS (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-academic-career-mobility-program/academic-career-mobility-program-nursing-aas/>)

Diplomas

- Academic/Career Mobility– Practical Nursing - Diploma (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/nursing-academic-career-mobility-program/academic-career-mobility-program-nursing-practical-nursing-diploma/>)