

Southern WV Community & Technical College - Nursing Program

Description

The Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice as a registered nurse once licensure requirements from The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses are satisfied. The Associate Degree Nurse is expected to be able to provide safe and effective care to meet healthcare needs of individuals of any age in a variety of healthcare settings. Nursing is a unique profession concerned with assessing, promoting, maintaining, and restoring the health of individuals and families. The full Nursing Program is available on the Logan Campus. The Boone/Lincoln, Williamson, and Wyoming/McDowell campuses offer the general education/program support courses only.

The Nursing Program at Southern WV Community & Technical College is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses.

Southern offers a high quality nursing education at an affordable price; closer to home; and the student can graduate in two (2) years. NCLEX-RN (licensing exam) passage rates of Southern's nursing program exceeds state and national levels. Southern's passage rate is 92.7% for graduating class May 2015. After completion of an associate degree at Southern many students further their education at four (4) year institutions and beyond. Many graduates from the nursing program have furthered their career goals to become Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physicians. SoutheRN – Excellent program, faster completion, and cheaper education!

Job Availability

According to The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) registered nursing was the occupation that would experience the greatest absolute increase in the number of jobs over the 2008-2018 timeframe. They project an increase of 582,000 jobs for registered nurses, a 22% increase over the 2008 levels.

Salary Outlook

The BLS reports the median salary for a registered nurse was \$66,220 in 2013. The best-paid 10 percent of RNs made more than \$96,320, while the bottom 10 percent earned less than \$45,630. The highest-paid RN positions are clustered in California, including the metropolitan areas of San Francisco, San Jose and Vallejo.

Nursing Program Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be eligible to enter college level English and Math.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in <u>all</u> previous college level courses. If no college courses have been taken, the high school GPA or equivalent will be considered.
- Applicant must take the HESI A2 exam and achieve a score of 75% or higher.
- Applicant must attach HESI A2 results and transcripts from <u>all</u> colleges/universities attended.
- Applicants who have not taken college level courses must attach high school or equivalent transcript.