Nursing Career Pathway

South Seattle Community College

Short-Term Training
Nursing Assistant Certified (NAC) Certificate
NA-C Orientation + CASAS test, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuer and WATCH background check
1 Quarter
12 Credits
50 Hours Clinical Experience

Class Topics
- CPR Certification
- AIDS/HIV Certification
- Aging and Disabilities
- Monitoring & Maintaining Patient Status
- Providing Care in a Clinical Setting

Entry Requirements
- CASAS test: 230 Math & Reading
- Clear Criminal Background
- Meet Fitness Requirements
- Immunizations

Start Here
Career Change
Tech Prep
Unemployed
High School
ABE / GED / ESL
TANF / Food Stamps

Nursing Pre-requisites
Academic Coursework 2-4 Quarters
All academic coursework must be completed with a grade of 2.5 or better before submitting nursing application.

Courses
- Anatomy/Physiology I & II (BIOL&241 and BIOL&242)
- Microbiology (BIOL&260)
- Composition (ENGL&101)
- Elementary Statistics (MATH&146)
- Lifespan Psychology (PSYC&200)
- Intro to Chemistry (CHEM&121)

Immunizations needed to work in healthcare:
MMR – (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis), Hepatitis B (3 shot series), Varicella (Chicken pox), TB test (2 step, or proof of negative test or chest x-ray if positive)

Entry Requirements
- COMPASS test: 68 Writing, 77 Reading, 71 Algebra
- ENG 101 requires COMPASS Reading score of 81

Pre-College Math & English

Jobs & Wages*
Registered Nurse Certified
(hospital, long-term care, clinic, private practice, etc.)
$24.25 - $47.66 / hour

Jobs & Wages*
Nursing Assistant Certified
(hospital, long-term care, in-home care, etc.)
$9.23 - $14 / hour

Jobs & Wages*
Licensed Practical Nurse
(hospital, long-term care, clinic, private practice, etc.)
$16.85 - $27.82 / hour

Licensed Practical Nursing

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Certificate
4 Quarters (NAC + Pre-Reqs) + application and immunizations prior to application.

Additional proof of: CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, HIV/AIDS 7 hour training, Physical exam, Background check.

264 Hours Clinical Experience

Class Topics
- Patient cross-cultural and legal ethical concepts
- Causation of illness and response to treatment
- Body systems
- Medical surgical nursing
- Pharmacology
- Needs of the aging patient
- Pediatric, maternal and infant care

Entry Requirements
- Current NAC Certification
- Application by deadline + 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Clear Criminal Background
- Meet Fitness Requirements
- Immunizations
- Nursing Pre-Requisites’, with grade of 2.5 or higher

Pre-College Math & English

Take State NAC Exam for Certification

2 Year Degree
Registered Nurse (RN)
Associate of Applied Science Transfer Degree in Nursing (AAST)

(LPN Certificate + 3 Quarters)
125 or 135 Credits
(LPN Certificate + 36 Credits)

385 Hours Clinical Experience

Class Topics
- Roles & responsibilities of the RN
- Nursing in obstetric and pediatric settings
- Health promotion & wellness
- Legal and ethical issues
- Various healthcare systems
- Psychiatric disorders
- Medical-surgical acute care settings
- Drug therapy, intravenous therapy
- Monitoring clients’ conditions
- Leadership in nursing
- Ambulatory care, community-based care, acute care and long term care clinical practice

Entry Requirements
- Current LPN Certification
- Application by deadline + 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Clear Criminal Background
- Meet Fitness Requirements
- Immunizations
- ENG 101 & MAT 107 (COMPASS test: 68 Writing, 81 Reading, 71 Algebra)
- Nursing Pre-Requisites’, with grade of 2.5 or higher

Take RN-NCLEX Exam for Certification

*Job title and wage information from annual wages reported in the Occupational Employment Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Seattle/King County Workforce Development Area: http://www.workforceexplorer.com/cgi/dataanalysis/AreaSelection.asp?tableName=Oeswage
Actual job titles and wages will vary depending on demonstrable skills and experience.
What is it like to work in healthcare?

Tasks & Skills
- Perform tasks associated with patient care, comfort and well being.
- Answer phones & deliver messages concerning patient care.
- Assist doctors with patient care.
- Listen to patients and healthcare providers, understand, & ask questions.

Major employers:
- Hospitals, clinics, nursing facilities
- Government healthcare facilities
- Home healthcare, family and adult homes

How Will I Pay for School?

Workforce Development has special funds and may be able to pay for tuition & books if you are:
- Low-Income / Eligible for Food Stamps
- Unemployed
- Working Parent
- TANF/WorkFirst Participant

And there are many other financial aid options:
- Federal Pell Grant & Work Study
- Federal Supplemental Grant
- Opportunity Grant
- SSCC Foundation Scholarship
- State Need Grant
- WIA Adult & Youth
- Academic Competitiveness Grant
- Community Agencies & Scholarships

*Eligibility based on income, grades, & other factors.

I’m Worried About Taking the Test to Get Into School

We have entry tests because we want to make sure students are prepared to succeed when they enter their Certificate or Degree program. If you need to improve your math or English skills to get into the program you want, don’t worry, we have classes to help you!

- Before you take the tests, prepare for them. Practice questions and more info are online at: http://www.southseattle.edu/resources/sas.htm
- CASAS tests will be given as part of the Workforce Education intake process.
- For COMPASS testing times and info, call (206) 768-6767

What if I Need Extra Help?

South, SJI, and our partners provide many support services:
- Academic Advising
- Help with Financial Aid
- Help with Books & Supplies
- Transportation Assistance
- Childcare Assistance
- Disability Accommodations
- Computer Labs
- Tutoring
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Internship Assistance
- Job Search Assistance

I’m Interested – How Do I Get Started On My Career Path?

Short-Term SJI Certificate
Contact one of SJI’s partner community agencies in Seattle:

TRAC: Patty Ahonen
(206) 443-9999 • 1001 Broadway #217

CCA: Pam Perez
(206) 322-9080 • 901 Rainier Ave. S.

ACRS: Sam Him
(206) 695-7569 • 720 8th Ave. S. #200

1 Year Certificate
or 2 Year Degree

Workforce Development
(206) 934-5835
Robert Smith, Room 81

Academic Advising
(206) 934-5387
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Robert Smith, Registration

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