Dear Prospective Associate Degree Nursing Applicant,

The faculty and staff members of the nursing department at Salina Area Technical College welcome your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. This information packet intends to outline the admission requirements and help you understand our admission process.

The ADN program is a bridge program intended for persons holding an active Practical Nursing license in the state of Kansas. The ADN program is full-time and delivered in two semesters, starting in August and finishing in May each year. The prerequisite courses required for the program must have final grades before full acceptance into the ADN program is granted. Successful candidates who complete the prerequisites and nursing courses will be awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) and will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs (NCLEX-RN).

Admission into the program is competitive. If more applicants qualify than we plan to admit, the highest-scoring candidates will be selected first. Current practical nursing students at Salina Area Technical College who maintained an overall 3.0 GPA in their fall semester PN courses will be considered to receive priority entrance to the ADN program following PN graduation *if all other requirements are met*.

If accepted, applicants must return a letter of intent with a nonrefundable $100.00 deposit to retain a spot in the program and attend the scheduled orientations. Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements or who are waitlisted will be notified in writing.

Please contact our admissions office at 785-309-3190 for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Naomi Tatro MSN, RN

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Director of Nursing

Prerequisite Courses for SATC ADN Program

Prerequisite Courses.....Credits

Also, SATC PN prerequisites:

BIO 150 Anatomy and Physiology w/lab 5
PSY 105 Human Development.....3
MAT 150 College Algebra 3

Additional prerequisite courses for ADN:

BIO 200 Microbiology w/lab.....5
PSY 101 General Psychology 3
ENG 101 English Composition 1 3
COM 102 Interpersonal Communication.....3
Total: 25

ADN Program Courses

Second Year Fall Semester			Second Year Spring Semester		
Course Title		Credits	Course Title		Credits
NUR 200	LPN to RN Transition	1	NUR 220	Complex Care Needs of the Adult	10
NUR 205	Health Assessment and Advanced Nursing Skills	3	NUR 230	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NUR 210	Complex Care Needs of the Mental Health and Maternal Child populations	8			
	Semester Total	**12**		**Semester Total**	**12**

Total prerequisite credit hours 25
Total Nursing credit hours..... 24
Credits transferred from PN..... 17

TOTAL DEGREE PROGRAM CREDITS 66

Upon successful completion of the Second-Year courses, a maximum of 17 credit hours will be transferred from the student's Practical Nursing certificate. The graduate's A.A.S. degree will be 66 credit hours.

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Entrance Process for Current Internal SATC Practical Nursing Students:

Current internal Practical Nursing students meet slightly different admission criteria. In this process, the PN student could be accepted provisionally pending successful PN licensure if admission criteria are met. It is expected that a Kansas PN license will be in place before the academic year begins.

- Must earn an overall 3.0 GPA in fall PN coursework
- Must have all ADN prerequisites completed or in progress with a final grade of "C" or higher. *(applicant must send official transcripts with final grades if not taken at SATC)*
- Must submit results of the current version of ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor
    - Must achieve an Adjusted Individual Score of 72% or higher.
- Must submit a separate college and internal program application by the March 1 deadline.
- Additional requirements if 3.0 GPA is **not** met include:
    - Complete a typed essay following the Nursing Essay Rubric, including reasoning for low GPA and plans for improvement in the ADN program.
    - Letter of recommendation from a current PN program faculty member.

A successful candidate will be admitted provisionally to the ADN program, with full admission after successfully passing the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The PN license must remain active in Kansas throughout the entire program.

Entrance Process for External Practical Nursing Students

Current external Practical Nursing students meet slightly different admission criteria. In this process, the PN student could be accepted provisionally pending successful PN licensure if admission criteria are met. It is expected that a Kansas PN license will be in place before the academic year begins.

- Must send official High School and College transcripts to SATC
- Must earn an overall 3.0 GPA in fall PN coursework
    - Send official transcript providing final grades in fall coursework to SATC
- Must have all ADN prerequisites complete or in progress with a final grade of "C" or higher.
- Must submit results of the current version of ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor
    - Must achieve an Adjusted Individual Score of 72% or higher.
- Complete a typed essay following the Nursing Essay Rubric.
- Must submit a separate college and current PN student program application by the March 1st deadline.
    - *Request external application form for current PN Students from Cierra Haith*

A successful candidate will be admitted provisionally to the ADN program, with full admission after successfully passing the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The PN license must remain active in Kansas throughout the entire program.

Entrance Process for Current LPNs

- Must send official High School and College transcripts to SATC
- Must have all ADN prerequisites complete or in progress with a final grade of "C" or higher. *(applicant must send official transcripts with final grades if not taken at SATC)*
- Complete a typed essay following the Nursing Essay Rubric.
- Must submit results of the current version fo ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor.
    - Must achieve an Adjusted Individual Score of 60.7% or higher.
- Must submit proof of an active Kansas Practical Nursing license
    - Must remain active throughout the entire program
- Must submit a separate college and formal program application by the March 1st deadline with supporting documents attached (immunization records, PN Predictor score, essay, etc.).

Acceptance Process

The acceptance process is competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee admission into the program. The scoring rubric that follows is used as a reference tool to rank applicants; top-scoring applicants have the highest priority after current SATC PN students who qualify for the program.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the acceptance or placement on an alternate list. Applicants must meet all deadlines and submit a complete admission packet to receive a letter outlining either their acceptance or waitlist status.

When a seat in the program is offered, the applicant must respond in writing their plan to accept or decline enrollment in the program. A deadline date will be given; applicants must respond by the deadline to acquire a seat in the program. Also, a non-refundable $100 deposit must be paid when accepting a seat in the program. The deposit will be applied toward program tuition and fees. Any student who withdraws or defers before the beginning of classes will forfeit this deposit.

Responsibilities After Acceptance into the Program

The following is mandatory after acceptance into the ADN program:

- Attend program orientation, which provides information on the following requirements
    - Comprehensive physical exam
    - TB skin test/validation of no active TB
    - BLS certification for Healthcare Provider level from the American Heart Association

- Background Check (performed by the college—the information given at orientation.)
- Drug Screen (information given at orientation).
- Health insurance—students will be responsible for securing their own health insurance that will remain active throughout the ADN program

Reapplication

Applicants who are not accepted into the program may reapply for a subsequent year by submitting an admission packet. Please note: There may be changes in program requirements; please secure an updated version of readmission requirements.

Checklist for Associate Degree Nursing Applicants

Priority will be given to completed applications received by March 1. We will continue to review completed applications until all program seats are filled. Notification of acceptance will occur on or after April 1st

❒ Submit a Salina Area Technical College Admissions Application online and meet all institutional requirements for admission.

❒ If applying for Financial Aid (FAFSA), please send **Official** transcripts from ALL current and previously attended colleges/universities for which transfer credit is anticipated.

- Transcripts must be official—sent directly from the college where you took a course to the registrar at SATC.

❒ Submit an official High School or GED transcript

- Transcripts must be official and sent directly from the institution where you completed your Diploma or GED.

❒ Schedule an advising appointment.

- We recommend early advising—there is nothing more frustrating than finding out too late that all requirements will not be met.

❒ Complete the following prerequisites (must attain a minimum grade of "C"):

- Human Anatomy & Physiology - 5 credit hours minimum
- Human Development - 3 credit hours
- Microbiology – 5 credit hour minimum
- General Psychology – 3 credit hours
- English Composition l – 3 credit hours
- Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications – 3 credit ours
- College Algebra – 3 credit hours

Students must be currently enrolled or have completed all prerequisite courses prior to being considered for admission. Grades from the courses will be used to determine your scores on the admission rubric.

❒ Obtain a Kansas LPN license or be licensed in a Nursing Compact state.

- It may take 3-4 months to transfer a license from another state to Kansas.

❒ Take the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor exam if needed at SATC.

- Many nursing programs use this exam at the end of the PN program. If you've recently graduated from PN, you may have already taken it. The test must be the current edition of ATI testing.
- Submit a copy of your test results with the application packet.
  - Note that the acceptable test scores must be above 60.7% for LPNs.
  - Note that the acceptable test scores must be above 72% for direct-entry PN students.

❒ A typed essay using the objectives outlined in the Nursing Essay Rubric.

❒ Gather proof of completion and attach copies for the following Immunizations: (the form is in the application packet)
- MMR Documentation
  - Two (2) doses or proof of immunity by titer
- Chickenpox (Varicella)
  - Two (2) doses or proof of immunity by titer
  - Will NOT ACCEPT HISTORY OF CHICKENPOX
- Tetanus (TDAP)
  - One (1) dose taken less than 10 years ago
- Hepatitis B (Hep B)
  - Three (3) doses or proof of immunity by titer

❒ Complete formal ADN Admission Application—separate from SATC College Application.
- Complete ADN application includes:
  - Salina Tech's ADN Application form (3-page formal application)
  - Copies of immunizations attached to the application
  - Copy of PN Predictor score
  - Typed essay included with the application
  - Copy of proof of nursing license

❒ Print the admission packet pages, complete each area, and send, along with all supporting documents to:

Salina Area Technical College—ADN Application
ATTN: Cierra Haith
2562 Centennial Road Salina, KS 67401

Nursing Essay Rubric

You will be required to submit an essay. The essay should be one to two pages, double-spaced, in 12-point font, and 1-inch margins with the applicant's name at the top. Your essay will be graded on the following rubric and should address the following questions:

1. What experience do you have in the healthcare field?
2. Why do you want to be a nurse?
3. How do you plan to be successful in the nursing program?
4. What are your future educational or career goals?

Each essay will be evaluated based on the following rubric:

Nursing Essay Rubric					
Criteria	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**Score**
Layout: title page, font, spacing, margins, etc.	More than 3 layout items missing (font, spacing, etc.)	2-3 layout items missing (font, spacing, etc.)	One layout item missing (font, spacing, etc.)	All layout items for criteria are present	
Content	One question addressed	Two questions addressed	Three questions addressed	All four questions addressed	
Writing/ Grammar	10 or more grammar errors, the essay is unclear	7-9 grammar errors, essay is unorganized.	3-6 grammar errors, essay is organized.	Well written, clear objectives, 2 or less grammar errors	
				Total Score:	_____/12
The essay's total score will be broken down into ranges for points to be added to the nursing application final rubric score.					
Scoring Ranges:	**1-3 = 1pt**	**4-6 = 2pts**	**7-9 = 3pts**		**10-12 = 4 pts**

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SATC ADN Admission Rubric Example

Applicant Information		
Last Name:	**First Name:**	**MI**

Points	1	2	3	4	Scores
Letter grade of: Anatomy and Physiology	NA	C	B	A	
Letter Grade of: Human Development	NA	C	B	A	
Letter Grade of: College Algebra	NA	C	B	A	
Letter grade of: Microbiology with lab	NA	C	B	A	
Letter Grade of: General Psychology	NA	C	B	A	
Letter Grade of: English Comp I	NA	C	B	A	
Letter Grade of: Interpersonal Communication	NA	C	B	A	
PN Comprehensive Predictor: Adjusted Individual Score. • **Enter the Exact Percentage of the Score: _____**	60.7% to 66.6%	66.7% to 71.2%	71.3% to 77.2%	77.3% and above	
Nursing Essay Rubric Score: • **Enter the Exact Total Score: _____**	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	
GPA PN Program (Direct Entry) • **Enter the Exact GPA: _____**	2.5-2.9	3.0-3.4	3.5-3.9	4.0	
				Total Score:	

- *The PN Predictor Score must be above 60.7% for LPNs to be considered for admission.*
- *The PN Predictor Score must be above 72% for direct entry PN students to be considered for admission.*
- *Any tiebreaker will be based upon the PN Predictor.*
- *Applicants must score at least one point in each area to be considered for admission.*

This rubric is used as a reference for students to self-score during the application process.