

Careers in Nursing & Health Sciences



Make a difference in this challenging and rewarding career field.

Nature of the field

Nursing is poised to change the face of health care. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment among RNs will grow faster than most occupations through 2018.

Hospital nursing is only one of the many areas where nurses practice. Other settings include clinics, corporations, extended care centers, health and wellness centers, health-related industries, home care, military service, offices, private practice, public health and schools.

The profession of nursing offers a wide variety of specialties. From pediatrics to geriatrics, nursing's impact is felt across all generations. Specialty areas include ambulatory care, burn care, developmental disabilities, emergency, home care, intensive care unit, oncology, operating room, psychiatric nursing, rehabilitation and research.

Salary

Salaries for nurses vary according to geographic location, speciality, years of experience and level of education. For specific salary ranges, visit the online career resources on the back page of this guide.

Is nursing for you?

Successful nurses enjoy helping and working closely with people. They prefer activities of a scientific and technical nature, use reason and logic to reach a decision, work well under pressure and emotional stress, and work within precise standards of accuracy such as preparing medications. Successful nurses strive to maintain good physical and emotional health to meet the demands of this occupation.

SC4 certificate and degree programs

- Traditional RN – Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program
- LPN – Licensed Practical Nurse certificate program
- Transition/Articulation to RN (ADN) Program:
For currently Licensed Practical Nurses
For licensed health care providers
- Associate degrees and transfer programs in various health fields.



Study your options

	LPN – Licensed Practical Nurse certificate program	Traditional RN – Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program	Transition/Articulation to RN (ADN) program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For currently Licensed Practical Nurses • For licensed health care providers
Where courses are offered*	Port Huron campus	Port Huron campus	Port Huron campus or online
Number of students accepted each year	60	90	30 Port Huron campus – LPN 25 online – HCP
About the program	<p>One-year certificate</p> <p>The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program prepares you to provide direct patient care with supervision. Upon successful completion of the required courses, you will be eligible to take a national licensure examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.</p> <p>Students completing the program in Port Huron may select a one-year, full-time schedule or a two-year, part-time schedule to complete the required courses.</p>	<p>Two-year associate degree</p> <p>The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program prepares you to enter the profession of nursing. Upon successful completion of the required courses, you will be eligible to take a national licensure examination to become a Registered Nurse.</p> <p>The ADN program includes both liberal arts and nursing courses. Because liberal arts courses may be taken prior to admission to the ADN program, students are encouraged to complete these courses prior to admission into the program.</p>	<p>The articulation program for LPNs and licensed health care providers (HCP) entering the Associate Degree Nursing program is designed to expand upon previous education and experience. Upon successful completion of the required courses, you will be eligible to take a national licensure examination to become a Registered Nurse.</p> <p>After completion of prerequisite courses, the articulation program is one year in length and includes both liberal arts and nursing courses. Because liberal arts courses may be taken prior to being accepted to the Associate Degree Nursing program, many students choose to complete these courses prior to admission into the program.</p>
Structured schedules	All nursing programs follow a structured course schedule established by the Nursing Department. It is not possible to take only evening classes.		
<p>Pre-admission requirements</p> <p>Review each check list to see if you qualify before applying to an SC4 nursing program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have high school diploma or GED. • Must have minimum GPA of 2.5 (high school or cumulative college). • Must have competitive score on pre-admission exam (HESI). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.7 in select courses (high school GPA of 3.0). • BIO 171 – Human Anatomy/Physiology I must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to Jan. 15 application deadline. High school students may apply for admission with evidence of one year of chemistry and biology, but must complete BIO 171 requirement before starting program. • Must have competitive score on pre-admission exam (HESI). • HE 101 – Math Related to Drug Administration must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to Jan. 15 application deadline. • All anatomy/physiology courses, HE 101 and HE 224 must be completed within five academic years prior to admission to the nursing program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must prove 1,040 hours of work experience as LPN or health care provider within the past five years. • Must have minimum GPA of 2.7 in select courses. • Must provide copy of professional license. • All prerequisite courses must be successfully completed prior to start of the articulation program. • Must have HE 101 – Math Related to Drug Administration. • Must have competitive score on pre-admission exam (HESI). • HE 101, ADN 103 and HE 224 must be completed within five academic years prior to admission to the nursing program.
Deadline for application	June 1	Jan. 15	Oct. 1
Background check	Applicants planning to pursue a nursing career who have a criminal record of felony or misdemeanor convictions should contact the Nursing Department to determine employment restrictions based upon these convictions.		
*Locations	SC4's Port Huron campus is about 60 miles northeast of Detroit and 70 miles east of Flint. Visit www.sc4.edu/directions .		

NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE

Each year, hundreds of students seek admission to SC4's renowned nursing programs. Admission is competitive for all programs. Each year, spots are offered to the most-qualified applicants, based on a combination of GPA, testing and prerequisites completed. **NO WAIT LIST IS CARRIED OVER FROM YEAR TO YEAR.** Prospective students **MUST RE-APPLY EACH YEAR** to the nursing program, ideally by completing liberal arts and prerequisite courses to build a competitive GPA.

If the nursing program fits your interests and qualifications, take the following steps.

Steps to enroll at SC4

- Apply for admission to SC4.**
- Apply for financial aid.** *(Optional, but highly recommended.)*
(Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete an online application.)
- Submit high school, GED or previous college transcripts.**
- Complete assessments in reading, writing and math or provide ACT scores or transcripts showing college-level English and math grades.**
- Complete online orientation.**
- Meet with an academic advisor.**
(It is highly recommended that you see an advisor before you attend the Nursing Information Session.)
- Complete pre-requisite classes for your chosen nursing program.**
- Apply to the nursing program.**
(You must complete a separate nursing application.)
- Attend a MANDATORY Nursing Information Session.**
- Complete Nursing Department test.**

You may access some of the above items online at www.sc4.edu/nursing.

Get started now

Prospective nursing students who complete the following liberal arts course requirements in addition to prerequisites prior to applying to the nursing program may enhance their competitive standing as an applicant. Visit www.sc4.edu/nursing for latest information on selection criteria.

LPN

BIO 160 Anatomy & Physiology for Health Care Professionals
HE 101 Math Related to Drug Administration

Recommended:

ENG 101 English Composition I
HE 102 Medical Terminology

Traditional RN – ADN

ENG 101 English Composition I
ENG 102 English Composition II
PS 101 Introduction to Political Science
PSY 180 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 220 Life Span Developmental Psychology
* HE 101 Math Related to Drug Administration
HE 210 Health Care Delivery Systems
HE 224 Altered States of Adult Health
* BIO 171 Human Anatomy/Physiology I
BIO 172 Human Anatomy/Physiology II

* Program prerequisites

NOTE: Completion of the above classes does not guarantee admission to the nursing program.



Transferring credits from other colleges

Transfer students must submit official college transcripts to be evaluated by the SC4 registrar for possible transfer credit and for college GPA calculations.

Questions about SC4 nursing programs and the admissions process are answered at the free Nursing Information Sessions held throughout the year. To learn more: www.sc4.edu/nursing

If you need another career option, explore these.

Other health care career paths

CNA – Certified Nurse Aide (non-credit)

This 96-hour, state-approved training program qualifies participants to take the Michigan CNA Exam. The program is offered by SC4's Workforce Training Institute. For information, visit www.sc4.edu/training or call (810) 989-5788.

Prepare-to-work training programs (non-credit)

(See details at www.sc4.edu/training)

Electronic health records specialist
Emergency medical technician
Health unit coordinator
Medical coding and billing
Paramedic academy
Pharmacy technician

SC4 associate degrees in applied arts and science

Administrative medical assistant
Medical clinical assistant
Therapeutic massage

Transfer programs: Associate degrees in arts, business and science

Transfer programs can be developed for a variety of degree programs at four-year universities. Examples include:

Nursing (BSN)
Biology
Chemistry
Health care administration
Medical records
Occupational therapy
Pharmacy
Physical therapy
Pre-dentistry
Pre-medicine
Pre-radiologic therapy
Pre-veterinary medicine
Psychology
Social work

To learn more:
www.sc4.edu/catalog

We can help you make the right career choice.

Online resources

SC4 NURSING PROGRAMS
www.sc4.edu/nursing

**HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES
FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW**
www.mihott.com

**INDIVIDUAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
IN NURSING**
www.nurseicon.org

**NURSES FOR A HEALTHIER
TOMORROW**
www.nursesource.org

MICHIGAN JOBS & CAREER PORTAL
www.michigan.gov/careers

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS
Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

O*NET ONLINE!
Occupational information
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

BRIDGES
www.bridges.com
Site ID: 0002176 Password: sccc

Career resources

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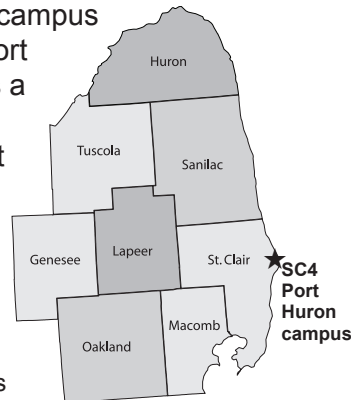
Advising and career services

- Personalized educational planning
- Transfer information and planning
- Career information
- Web-based career exploration tools
- Personality and career assessments

Support services

SC4's 25-acre campus in downtown Port Huron provides a full range of student support services:

- State-of-the-art labs and multimedia classrooms
- Financial aid and scholarships
- Free tutoring
- On-site child care
- Free lifetime employment services



APPROVAL

SC4 nursing programs are approved by the Michigan State Board of Nursing.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Clair County Community College provides lifelong educational and enrichment opportunities.

ACCREDITATION

SC4 is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools: www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org or (312) 263-0456.

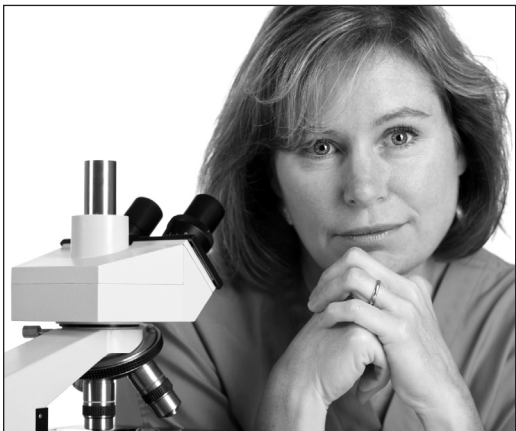
NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

SC4, an equal opportunity institution, is strongly and actively committed to increasing diversity within its community.

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