

Southern University at Shreveport
Practical Nursing Program

2025 Information Sheet

The Practical Nursing (LPN) program at Southern University at Shreveport plans to begin a new class in August 2025. If you are interested in applying for this class, please read the following information carefully.

The LPN program is an 18-month training program offered through Continuing Education. Although it is not a degree program, students who qualify can still use Financial Aid to assist with the cost of tuition and books. Classes meet in-person and are primarily Monday thru Friday from 9am – 2pm with varying hours for clinical (7a-3p, 2p-10p, or 3p-11p). The clinical hours vary depending on the course, the availability of the clinical site and the clinical instructor. There is no option for online courses.

Entry into the program is a selective process. All applications must be submitted in-person to the School of Nursing office located in the Allen building on the 3rd floor (enter through the downtown Metro Center). The deadline for application submission is ***July 18th, 2025 at 12pm***. Applications will be available on the nursing page of SUSLA’s website (to the left of the screen under the “Practical Nursing” tab) *OR* in the School of Nursing office. As part of the application, students must complete a Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) approved admission test, achieving the minimum Math, Reading and Language scores listed below. These subject area scores can be achieved from a single test or multiple tests (Example: ACT only for all scores or ACT for Math; COMPASS for Reading; ACCUPLACER-NG for Language). All exams must have been completed within the last three years.

Approved Admission Test	Math Score	Reading Score	Language Score
TABE	12.0	12.0	12.0
TABE 11/12	730	710	717
ACT	18	20	17
ASSET	42	44	42
COMPASS	Pre-Algebra – 55 Algebra – 33	85	70
ACCUPLACER – <i>Next Gen</i>	243 Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra & Statistics	250 Reading Comp	241 Writing

The Accuplacer – Next Generation exam is offered at several testing sites in the Shreveport/Bossier City area. A list of test sites and registration information is available on the Practical Nursing page of the SUSLA website.

The National League for Nursing’s (NLN) Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) must also be completed as part of the application process. Test dates and registration information are also available on the Practical Nursing page of the SUSLA website.

There are no prerequisite courses for the LPN program. However, if in the last three years, a student has taken Anatomy & Physiology I and/or II or Nutrition from an accredited college or university and earned a grade of 80% / “B” or higher, they may be eligible for advance standing, if accepted in the LPN program. Once an official transcript has been submitted to verify coursework, the student must take a challenge exam to show retained knowledge from the course(s). In order to receive advanced standing, a student must score 80% or higher on the challenge exam. All challenge exams will be administered by LPN faculty.

If a student was successful in clinical nursing courses in an RN program, they may be able to receive advanced standing in the LPN program. Again, an official transcript must be submitted in order to determine which classes are eligible. A challenge exam will be administered to show proof of course knowledge. A minimum score of 80% is required.

For those students who hold an active credential as a Certified Nursing Assistant in Louisiana, they may be able to receive advanced standing for the first Fundamentals of Nursing course (lecture + clinical). They will need to show proof of current certification (from the Louisiana CNA Registry), send the official transcript from the training facility, and pass the challenge exam + skills checkoff with a minimum of 80%.

All students must submit an official high school or GED transcript. Also, transcripts from previous attendance at any college, university or prior Practical Nursing program must be submitted to the School of Nursing. Keep in mind that in order for a transcript to be considered “official”, it must come directly from the prior institution to SUSLA. If e-script is available, it can be sent directly to tewilliams@susla.edu – Practical Nursing Program Coordinator. Transcripts that must be mailed can be sent to 610 Texas Street, Suite 201, Shreveport, LA 71101.

If you have questions about the application process, we encourage you to attend one of the in-person or virtual sessions that will be provided (see flyer for dates, times, and zoom links). You can also send questions via email to Mrs. Cytwelia Tobin: ctobin@susla.edu or Ms. Sharon Wallace: sdwallace@susla.edu .