



**SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ULLIN, ILLINOIS 62992**

ADMISSION PACKET

**LETTER AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE
FOR
SIONI ONLINE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM**

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 2012
ONLINE SIONI ADN PROGRAM CAN BE SUBMITTED TO
THE NURSING DEPARTMENT BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011.**

**A SEPARATE COLLEGE APPLICATION AND NURSING
PROGRAM APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR
TO TAKING THE ENTRANCE TEST.**

**THE APPLICATION PROCESS MUST BE COMPLETED
BY
APRIL 1, 2012**

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Southern Illinois Online Nursing Initiative (SIONI) program of which Shawnee Community College is a proud participant. The Southern Illinois Online Nursing Initiative is a partnership between community colleges designed to meet the needs of our region by providing an innovative approach to nursing education through a hybrid-online format. Shawnee Community College was given approval for this program by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 2009. We began our first class in January 2010. This is an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree designed for working LPNs who wish to become RNs. In this packet you will find information about SIONI and the application process. If after reviewing this material you have any questions regarding the program or the admission criteria, please call the Nursing Office at (618) 634-3200, ext. 3282.

Admission into the SIONI program is limited and is based on the composite score of the required entrance test and points awarded for completion of the general education classes. A student's admission is conditional pending successful completion of all required general education courses with a "C" or better, a two credit hour online course with a "B" or better, and the Nursing Skills Review course (ADN 201). This process is explained in the packet.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Shawnee Community College hybrid-online program. We are excited about this new initiative and hope that it will help to further your education in nursing.

Sincerely,

Denise Griffith, MSN, RN, APN
Director of Nursing

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SIONI ONLINE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Admission Requirements

The following procedures will apply to all prospective students seeking admission to the Southern Illinois Online Nursing Initiative (SIONI) program offered through Shawnee Community College. Failure to comply with the deadline dates designated by the College may terminate the application for the class in which the applicant is seeking admission; and it will be the responsibility of the applicant to inform the Nursing Department if he/she wishes to be considered for admission to a future class. **Test scores are good for two years; however, a new application must be completed each year and submitted by the required deadline.**

- A) All application materials should be delivered to the Nursing Department by April 1, 2012.
 - 1. The required application materials include: a completed Associate Degree Nursing Application Form found in this packet, college transcript, a copy of your current nursing license and a picture ID.
- B) Follow the procedure for taking the Pre-Admission Examination as listed on the next page.
- C) Students are rank-ordered for admission. Preference is given to LPNs who live in the college district, have completed all general education courses and have taken an online course. Applicants who are not admitted and are on a waiting list will not be carried over for the next year. If interested in applying for the next year's program, a new application must be submitted.
- D) Applicants who meet the criteria for admission and supply all application materials required will be admitted based on the rank ordering of their highest test score. Points will be added to the composite test score for completion of BIO 215, Introduction to Physiology; ENG 112, English II; and BIO 218, Microbiology. Points will be given as follows: A = 3 points, B = 2 points, C = 1 point. These points will be counted only at the time of the class selection. Classes completed after that time will not count as points toward admission.
- E) The nursing class will be selected the week of April 6, 2012. If you have not received a letter from the college Nursing Department by April 13, please contact the Nursing Department at (618) 634-3282.
- F) **Student's admission to the ADN program is conditional pending successful completion of all required general education courses, an online course, and the Nursing Skills Review course (ADN 201) which will be arranged with each student individually.**
- G) Students accepted into the program must submit a completed Shawnee Community College Physical Form which demonstrates physical capabilities to perform all clinical work expected of a student nurse. (The physical form is not required until an acceptance letter into the program is received. The physical form will be provided during a scheduled registration session.)
- H) Students must submit to a criminal background check and drug test after being accepted into the program.
- I) Students must provide proof of personal health insurance or a medical card.
- J) Failure to comply with the deadline dates designated by the College WILL terminate the application for the class in which the applicant is seeking admission; and it will be the responsibility of the applicant to inform the Nursing Department if he/she wishes to be considered for admission to a future class.
- K) Applicants who are not admitted and are on a waiting list will not be carried over for the next year. If interested in applying for the next year's program, a new application must be submitted.

Please complete the entire Shawnee Community College application for admission. For the Degree Section, mark Associate of Applied Science in Associate Degree Nursing.

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the Nursing Department at (618) 634-3282. The toll free number is 1 (800) 481-2242, ext. 3282.

SIONI Online Associate Degree Nursing Entrance Test Procedure

The test given for entry into the Shawnee Community College SIONI Online Associate Degree Nursing program is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 5 from the Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI). Applicants wishing to prepare for the test can purchase access to online practice tests for **\$37**. A combination package of the study manual and online access is also available for **\$88**. Please note that these products are optional. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items go to www.atitesting.com and click on Online Store for more information.

1. Each applicant may take the entrance test twice between September 19, 2011 and April 1, 2012. Any additional tests beyond the first two will not be counted. The highest composite score of the two tests will be accepted. The entrance test must be taken at the Shawnee Community College Testing Center. Exceptions may be allowed by the Director of Nursing based on extenuating circumstances.
2. The cost of the test is \$40.00
3. The applicant should schedule the entrance test through the Shawnee College Testing Center by calling (618) 634-3200, ext. 3316. The test is administered via the computers in the Testing Center. All efforts will be made to accommodate the student in regard to scheduling, however due to the high usage of the testing center it is recommended that individuals schedule a testing time well in advance. You must have your receipt for payment and photo ID in order to take the exam (**No exceptions**). Payment is to be made at the Bursar's Office and a receipt for payment will be given to the payee. Payment can only be made after the applicant has submitted their application and transcripts or GED record to the Nursing Department.
4. Upon taking the test the applicant will be given a photocopy of the test results. The original copy of the test results will stay with the testing coordinator and will be forwarded to the Nursing Department after April 1. Please bring your scores down, after testing, to the Nursing Department for them to be copied and entered into the computer.
5. Test scores are good for two years; however a student must complete a new application form for each year and submit it by the required deadline.
6. The applicant must submit a program application (included in the admission packet) and pay the fee for testing before or on the day of testing. The program application should be submitted to Peggy Greer, the secretary in the Nursing Department. **A current program application must be on file for the applicant to be considered as a candidate.** Please note this application is different than the college application.
7. Applicants who are not admitted and are on a waiting list will not be carried over for the next year. If interested, the applicant will need to complete a new application.
8. The last date for test scores to be accepted for the 2012/2013 academic year is April 1, 2012.

**FACT SHEET
POTENTIAL SIONI STUDENTS**

1. There will be 10 persons selected for the SIONI program which begins in August, 2012.
2. The selection of students is based on the stated admission criteria. The test scores are very important. They are rank ordered and the class is accepted rank order highest to lower (lowest being the lowest acceptable score). Preference will be given to applicants who live in the SCC district.
3. Selection of the class will be completed and letters of notification will be mailed the week of April 6, 2012. Potential students will receive a letter indicating their acceptance into the program. Any individual, not receiving a letter by April 13, should contact the Nursing Department.
4. Students are required to have completed Introduction to Anatomy, BIO 210, Introduction to Physiology, BIO 215, Microbiology, BIO 218, and English I and II and Psychology 210 or a Related Humanities course with a grade of "C" or better prior to beginning the SIONI program.
5. Students must have also completed a two credit hour online course and received a grade of "B" or better.
6. Potential students should not purchase anything until after they have attended an orientation and registration session which will be scheduled before the program begins.
7. A physical examination, criminal background check and drug test are required, but should not be scheduled to be completed until you have received official notification that you have definitely been accepted into the program. You will receive an official physical exam form and information regarding the criminal background check and drug test.
8. A required orientation program will be held. The date will be included in the acceptance letter.

The ADN Program has been chosen as a targeted program for the Perkins Grant. This Federal Vocational Grant supplies supplemental services such as tutoring, adaptive equipment, supplies, etc. for students who would qualify as academically challenged, physically handicapped, economically disadvantaged, LEP (Limited English Proficient), and non-traditional (male) students.

Shawnee Community College is an equal opportunity affirmative action institution. Admission, financial aid, student employment, curriculum requirements, extra-curricular participation, counseling, placement services, and athletic programs shall be available to all students without regard to race, sex, age, national origin, or disability. Contact the College's Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, telephone (618) 634-3245.

SIONI PROGRAM CURRICULUM

	<u>Credit Hours</u>
ADN 200 Intro to Conceptual Framework: Assessment & Pharmacology	3
ADN 204 Respiratory Nursing	3
ADN 206 Cardiovascular Nursing	3
ADN 208 Metabolic/Endocrine Nursing	3
ADN 210 Gastrointestinal/Genitourinary Nursing	3
ADN 212 Psychiatric Nursing	2
ADN 214 Pediatric Nursing	2
ADN 216 Obstetrical Nursing	2
ADN 218 Orthopedic/Dermatological Nursing	3
ADN 226 Neurological/Sensory Nursing	3
ADN 228 Leadership Today & Tomorrow	3

Classes will be taken one class at a time over a 5 - 6 week period. Students will be required to come to campus four evenings during that time for the purpose of testing and lab skills performance. Three clinic days are required for each course and will be held mainly on Saturdays. An occasional clinic day during the week may be required.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

The information below is being gathered at the request of the U.S. Department of Education for statistical purposes only and is not used for admission of students.

SEX: ___M ___F DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

MARITAL STATUS: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____ AGES OF CHILDREN: _____

Mark all the races that apply.

RACE:(optional) African American _____ Asian _____ American Indian _____
Hispanic _____ Caucasian/White _____
Other (specify) _____

VETERAN: Yes _____ No _____

NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION CHECKLIST

___ Submit to Admissions Office:

- College Application
- High School Transcript
- Practical Nursing Transcript (if not a Shawnee Graduate)

___ Submit to the Nursing Department:

- Nursing Program Application
- College Transcript
- Copy of IL Nursing License
- Picture ID

___ Call SCC Testing Center to schedule the entrance test. (618) 634-3200, ext. 3316)