

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the class schedule?**
 - On theory days, classes are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This includes lunch and breaks.

- **What is the clinical schedule?**
 - The clinical schedule typically begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. (with occasional 2:45 p.m. – 10:45 p.m. clinicals depending on site availability).

- **Is there any entrance exam required?**
 - Yes, a TEAS examination is required for all students prior to entrance. Cost of the examination is paid for by the student and is non-refundable. If a student needs to re-test, an additional fee is due prior to scheduling the second examination, and the student must wait 30 days before re-testing.

- **What is on the entrance exam?**
 - The areas of focus for the entrance exam include: Reading, Math, English, Science and problem-solving skills.

- **If my math and reading levels are low, is there help prior to class starting?**
 - The program can make recommendations for online and in-person assistance; please contact us for more information.

- **Is there any financial aid available?**
 - Yes, if you qualify. Please call Mrs. Theresa Pletcher at 443-3651 ext. 6124.

- **What clearances do I need?**
 - **Department of Human Services Child Abuse Clearance, PA Criminal Clearance, Department of Humans Services FBI Clearance, and PA Department of Aging Clearance** (if you have not been a resident of PA for 2 years).

- **If I have a clearance that is one year old, can it be used?**
 - No, it cannot be used. All clearances can be no older than 3 months from the start date to be acceptable.

- **Do I need to get a physical?**
 - Yes, along with an eye exam and dental exam.

- **Will I have to take a drug test?**
 - Yes, a 13-panel drug test is required and must be completed at a specific location and time as designated by the SCTC Practical Nursing Program.

- **Where do I get the 2-Step Mantoux (PPD)?**
 - At your primary care physician. Cost depends on insurance coverage. This is not included in tuition and is an out-of-pocket cost to students.

- **What happens if I have only one step of the Mantoux done and class has begun?**
 - You MUST follow the guidelines that you receive with your acceptance packet.

- **Is there a limit to the size of the class?**
 - Yes, it is determined by the director.

- **Do I need to purchase a uniform for clinical?**
 - The SCTC Practical Nursing program includes scrub jackets w/ embroidery in the program's fees. Uniforms (scrubs) must be purchased separately by the student. For classroom attire, students must wear scrubs. For clinical, students are required to wear a ceil blue scrub top and navy bottoms.

- **When are the breaks in the school year?**
 - There may be an occasional snow day or remote instruction day if there is inclement weather. *Reliable home internet connectivity is required for students.* Holiday breaks are listed on the program's annual calendar.

- **How many program levels are there?**
 - There are 4 levels that are each approximately 10-16 weeks in length.