Application Planning Guide for Practical Nursing Program (025C)

Practical Nursing Planning Guide for Admission Summer 2025, Fall 2025 & Spring 2026:

The intent of this guide is to help applicants develop a plan of readiness for this application period.

Admission to the PN program is highly competitive. The program accepts approximately 20 applicants for summer, 24 applicants for fall and 35 applicants for spring from a pool of 150-200 individuals.

- ✓ **Program Admission Required to enroll in PN courses**

- ✓ **Online application is available and may be submitted through your e-STORM Student Center during the following periods:**

  - ▪ **Summer 2025 admission:**   **Jan. 31 – March 31, 2025**
  - ▪ **Fall 2025 admission:**   **April 1 - June 1, 2025**
  - ▪ **Spring 2026 admission:**   **June 2 - Aug. 1, 2025**

- ✓ **Deadlines for Application & ALL Supporting Documentation:**

  - ▪ **Summer 2025 admission (Red Bud Campus): March 31, 2025**
  - ▪ **Fall 2025 admission (East St. Louis Higher Education Center): June 1, 2025**
  - ▪ **Spring 2026 admission (Sam Wolf Granite City Campus): Aug. 1, 2025**

- ✓ **High School or college GPA MUST be on transcripts and received by enrollment services no later than deadlines above.**

- ✓ **Pre-Nursing Entrance Exam must be completed by the specified date listed on the application**

- ✓ **No waiting lists; application required each year**

Please remember that all communication regarding the Practical Nursing application will be sent to your student.swic.edu email account.

Overview of Requirements & Due Dates

Applicants must submit the following <u>to the Enrollment Services Office</u> by noted deadlines, unless the application period has been extended.

✓ **Practical Nursing Application (due by March 31, 2025 for summer/June 1, 2025 for fall/Aug. 1, 2025 for spring)** Applications are available and must be submitted between Jan. 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025 for entry into the Summer 2025 semester; April 1, 2025 to June 1, 2025 for entry into the Fall 2025 semester; and June 2, 2025 to Aug. 1, 2025 for entry into the Spring 2026 semester. Applications are available for online submission in the eSTORM Student Center. Hard copies are available in the Enrollment Services office during the application period. Completed hard copies are submitted to the Enrollment Services Office.

✓ **Meet with an Academic Advisor** to determine placement. Student must be eligible for ENG 97 or completion of ENG 94 with a "C" or better and eligible for MATH 97 or completion of MATH 95 with a "C" or better.
   ❖ Academic Advising assistance is available via email at advising@swic.edu or call, Belleville Campus 618-235-2700, ext. 5455, Red Bud Campus 618-282-6682, ext. 8114, or Sam Wolf Granite City campus 618-931-0600, ext. 7333.

✓ **Transcripts documenting High School or College GPA due by March 31, 2025 for summer, June 1, 2025 for fall and Aug. 1, 2025 for spring.**

   ❖ College course grades supersede high school grade when both appear on official transcripts.
   ❖ <u>Most recent</u> grades are used to determine points earned.

✓ **Transcripts from all colleges, universities, or approved/accredited Practical Nursing attended due by March 31, 2025 for summer, June 1, 2025 for fall and Aug. 1, 2025 for spring.**
   ❖ To have college transcripts reviewed for possible transfer credit, log into eSTORM and select the Transfer Credit Evaluation link found in `other academic...` ▼ ⟫ dropdown under Academics in your Student Center.
   ❖ Complete and submit this form as early as possible before the March 31st (Summer admission), June 1st (Fall admission) or Aug. 1st (Spring admission) deadlines to have the transcript reviewed for potential course credit.

✓ **Pre-Nursing Admission Exam**
   ❖ A non-refundable $70 testing fee is due by Application Deadline for corresponding cohort or the next business day to the Business Office.
   ❖ After the test fee is paid, students will receive an email to their student.swic.edu account identifying the steps to schedule the exam. The exam must be scheduled and completed at the Belleville Campus Testing Center or the Granite City Campus between **March 1st - 31st** for RB summer application, **May 1st - June 1st** testing for ESTL Fall application, and **Sep 1- 30th** testing for GC spring application.
   ❖ If tested previously, scores are accepted if less than 3 years old and the same test is used. If applicants have taken the test more than once, the most recent score is used.

Section A – Semester Admission

Designate your entry semester: (student must choose **one** option)

☐ Summer 2025 (Red Bud Campus)

☐ Fall 2025 (East St. Louis High Education Center)

☐ Spring 2026 (Sam Wolf Granite City Campus)

Program Locations

Summer Admission (2025)
The Practical Nursing Program is offered at the Red Bud Campus for summer semester. Students can only choose one option per application. The PN program accepts approximately 20 students each summer semester.

Fall Admission (2025)
The Practical Nursing Program is offered at the East St. Louis Higher Education Center for fall semester. Students can only choose **one** option per application. The PN program accepts approximately 24 students each fall semester.

Spring Admission (2026)
The Practical Nursing Program is offered at the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus for spring semester. Students can only choose **one** option per application. The PN program accepts approximately 35 students each spring semester.

Section B- Prerequisites to Application

For Summer 2025 admission, it is MANDATORY to have High School GPA or College GPA Prerequisite on file by March 31, 2025 – unless the application period has been extended.

For Fall 2025 admission, it is MANDATORY to have High School GPA or College GPA Prerequisite on file by June 1, 2025 – unless the application period has been extended.

For Spring 2026 admission, it is MANDATORY to have High School GPA or College GPA Prerequisite on file by August 1, 2025 – unless the application period has been extended.

How POINTS are assigned on the application to Prerequisite courses:

1. Record the GPA for high school or college. College course grades supersede high school grade when both appear on official transcripts, if 12 or more college credit hours are received.
2. A minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 grading scale is required.
3. Courses must be on the transcript by March 31, 2025 for summer, June 1, 2025 for fall and Aug. 1, 2025 for spring deadline.

High School GPA or College GPA Prerequisite

Student __must__ choose one of the requirements below:

High School GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale from an accredited high school OR

College GPA of 2.5 or higher if 12 or more college credit hours received.
***College course grades supersede high school grade when both appear on official transcripts.
Example of GPA Point Calculation: GPA 3.25 = 3.25 Received Points

	Institution Course Taken	Credit Hours Completed	GPA Earned	Points
High School GPA	_____	_____	_____	____/4 pt. max
OR				
College GPA	_____	_____	_____	____/4 pt. max

(Must have 12 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.5)

Suggestions for increasing points earned in Prerequisites Section:
- The higher the GPA, the more points are generated on the application.
- Students with low GPA scores may consider retaking course to earn a higher GPA. **Students must have at least 12 college credits to use as a GPA option on the application.** Meet with an academic advisor to determine courses to improve GPA. Academic Advising assistance is available via email at advising@swic.edu or call, Belleville Campus 618-235-2700, ext. 5455, Red Bud Campus 618-282-6682, ext. 8114, or Sam Wolf Granite City campus 618-931-0600, ext. 7333.
- Students have the potential to earn the greatest amount of points from this section of the application.

Section C – Previous Health Sciences Experience

Check *the box and* **circle** *the career field that reflects your license or certification experience.*

The following section only applies to those students who already have a degree, certificate or previously applied to the PN program

	Degree/Application	Points	Select One
Source of Points to be awarded for attainment of:	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1	☐
	Associate Degree in Arts or Science (not healthcare related)	0.50	☐
	CNA*/MA***/MLT/HIT/PTA/RC/RT (please circle which apply)	0.50	☐
	EMTP** *(licensed paramedic)*	0.50	☐
Previous Degree:	Previous Application to the SWIC Practical Nurse Program (4 apps. max) Year(s) _____ _____ _____ _____	0.25 - 1	☐

*Applicant must have proof of currency on the Illinois Nurse Aid Registry

** Applicants must provide copy of current IL EMTP license

*** MA certificate must be current on http://www.aama-ntl.org/ or send in a copy of current AMT/RMA Certified Member card or CCMA card.

Total Points Section C: _____ **/**3.5 pt. max

Section D – Pre-Nursing Admission Exam
It is MANDATORY to take the Pre-Nursing Admission Exam

Students earn points in this section based on results of the pre-nursing "TEAS" Admission examination available during the designated period assigned to each application. Directions on taking this exam are provided to students via their "swic.edu" email account after Enrollment Services Office receives your PN application and the Business Office receives the $70 examination fee. This email will identify when & how to schedule a testing date to complete this computerized exam at the SWIC Belleville Campus Testing Center and Granite City testing center during identified dates. The examination fee is non-refundable. Study guides for the TEAS (6th edition) are available at the campus bookstore or online through the manufacturer.

Students who have previously taken TEAS at another testing site within 3 years of the deadline, will be advised to request their score be transferred to Enrollment Services at SWIC from ATI online at www.atitesting.com. ATI may charge a transcript fee to be paid by the student. Transfer scores from ATI TEAS must be received by **SWIC NO LATER THAN then deadline of the application.**

How POINTS are assigned on the application for the Pre-Nursing admission exam:
If you wish to use your 2022, 2023, or 2024 TEAS score, indicate score and year of testing and site exam was taken. If you took the exam more than once, the most recent score will be used. If you have not taken this exam, place "CE" under the score section and you can estimate the points you believe you will earn. **Students may only take the TEAS examination once during the current application period.**
Exam Site _____ Year _____ Score _____

TEAS- Pre-Admission Exam Score	Points
90%-100%	2
89%-80%	1.5
79%-70%	1
69%-60%	0.5
59 and below	0

Total Points Section D _____/2 Pt. max

A final ranking score is determined by an academic evaluator, validating each submission and adding points earned in sections B + C + D = _____ **9.5 pts. Max**

Selection of qualified applicants will be based on a numerical ranking procedure.

Meeting the application deadlines is important in being successful in this process. Read all correspondence from the Enrollment Services office – they send notification if something is missing from your application file. **Please remember that all communication regarding the Practical Nursing application will be sent to your student.swic.edu email account.**

Reminder of deadlines & required supporting documentation:

For Summer 2025 Admission:
Submit between Jan. 31 – March 31, 2025:
- Application on file for Summer 2025 admission
- GED verification (if applicable), High School and all College transcripts
- SWIC Course Placement Assessment score identifying you are eligible for enrolling in ENG 97 & MATH 97 or above
- Applicable CNA certification
- TEAS Test Transcripts from ATI, if applicable
- Completion of Pre-Nursing Admission Exam
- Proof of Residency
    - Out-of-District Students must provide Inter-district Cooperative/Career Agreement paperwork for "indistrict" status in this application process

For Fall 2025 Admission:
Submit between April 1 - June 1, 2025:
- Application on file for Fall 2025 admission
- GED verification (if applicable), High School and all College transcripts
- SWIC Course Placement Assessment score identifying you are eligible for enrolling in ENG 97 & MATH 97 or above
- Applicable CNA certification
- TEAS Test Transcripts from ATI, if applicable
- Completion of Pre-Nursing Admission Exam
- Proof of Residency
    - Out-of-District Students must provide Inter-district Cooperative/Career Agreement paperwork for "indistrict" status in this application process

For Spring 2026 Admission:
Submit between June 2 – Aug. 1, 2025:
- Application on file for Spring 2026 admission
- GED verification (if applicable), High School and all College transcripts
- SWIC Course Placement Assessment score identifying you are eligible for enrolling in ENG 97 & MATH 97 or above
- Applicable CNA certification
- TEAS Test Transcripts from ATI, if applicable
- Completion of Pre-Nursing Admission Exam
- Proof of Residency
    - Out-of-District Students must provide Inter-district Cooperative/Career Agreement paperwork for "indistrict" status in this application process

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For suggestions on how to improve your chance of being accepted:
- ❖ **Review the PN home page at swic.edu/practical-nursing.**
- ❖ **Follow recommendations on the Planning Guide**
- ❖ **Determine potential points earned from completion of the PN Application Planning Guide and see how close you are to the points required the previous year.**
- ❖ **Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising, 618-235-2700, ext. 5455.**

Practical Nursing students are required to submit to background check and drug testing prior to clinical experience courses. Refer to college catalog for more information.