

# Nurse Assistant Program Application Planning Guide

This is not an application. The intent of this guide is to help applicants develop a plan of readiness. An online application is available and may be submitted through your e-STORM account by selecting the “Program Applications” tile during the following periods:

| Admission                       | Application Period             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spring (January) 2027 admission | September 1 – December 1, 2026 |
| Summer (May) 2027 admission     | February 1 – April 1, 2027     |
| Fall (August) 2027 admission    | May 1 – July 1, 2027           |

**The application and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the application period.**

## Application Requirements

### A. Proof of Residency

Applicants who reside in-district receive priority admission over out-of-district and out-of-state students. Illinois residents may qualify for in-district status through an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement. Proof of residency and any approved agreement must be on file with Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline.

**East St. Louis campus:** This application is grant-funded. Priority is given to applicants who live in: Alorton, Brooklyn, Cahokia, Centerville, East St. Louis, Fairmont City, Madison, and Venice. Some addresses in nearby cities may also qualify if they are considered to be in “high poverty” and “possible high poverty” areas. Check with a health science advisor to see if your address is eligible.

### B. Grade Point Average – Point Earning

A minimum GPA of 2.5 from an accredited high school or college is required to apply. The GPA will be converted to an application point score. Example: GPA 3.25 = 3.25 Awarded Application Points

- **Applicants must have completed accepted courses in order to use a college GPA in place of high school GPA or GED scores. A GPA will be calculated from only these courses:** any Biology, Medical Terminology, Phlebotomy, prior Nurse Assistant course, Nutrition, and any Health and Exercise Science or Emergency Medical Services courses.
- The most recent eligible GPA will be used for the application.
- GED and HiSET scores may be converted to a GPA by an Academic Advisor.

The latest semester that college grades are accepted for each application:

- Spring Admission: Summer semester before the program starts or November 30
- Summer Admission: Fall semester before the program starts or April 1
- Fall Admission: Spring semester before the program starts or July 15

**Section B Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/4

### C. Math Placement – Point Earning

Applicants must demonstrate placement in Mathematics by completing one of the following:

- ALEKS placement test administered by a SWIC Testing Center, or
- Submission of official documentation for one of the following multiple measures:
  - ACT or SAT scores
  - GED or HiSET scores
  - High School GPA

Multiple measures are valid for six (6) years.

Previously completed appropriate college coursework may also be used to meet this requirement and does not expire.

Application points are assigned as follows:

| Course Eligibility | ALEKS Score | Application Points |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Math 97 or higher  | 25+         | 1                  |
| Math 95            | 14-24       | .5                 |
| Math 93            | 0-13        | 0                  |

**Section C Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/1

### D. English Placement – Point Earning

Applicants must demonstrate placement in Reading and Writing by completing one of the following:

- Accuplacer Reading placement test administered by a SWIC Testing Center, or
- Submission of official documentation for one of the following multiple measures:
  - ACT or SAT scores
  - GED or HiSET scores
  - High School GPA

Multiple measures are valid for six (6) years.

Previously completed appropriate college coursework may also be used to meet this requirement and does not expire.

Application points are assigned as follows:

| Course Eligibility   | Reading Score | Application Points |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| English 97 or higher | 226+          | 1                  |
| English 94           | 212-225       | .5                 |
|                      | 211 or lower  | 0                  |
| Course Eligibility   | Writing Score | Application Points |
| English 97 or higher | 226+          | 1                  |
| English 94           | 212-225       | .5                 |
|                      | 211 or lower  | 0                  |

Points are earned for reading and writing separately.

**Section D Points:** \_\_\_\_\_/2

### E. Short Answer Question

All applicants will be required to briefly explain why they'd like to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. The short response should be two sentences and will have a limit of 250 characters.

## Additional Application Point Opportunities

### F. Previous Experience

Applicants may earn points in multiple categories. Be sure to review and claim all sections that apply.

| Degrees and Certifications                                                          | Points | Select                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Bachelor's degree or higher                                                         | 1      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Associate degree                                                                    | .5     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Completion of any Health Science certificate                                        | .5     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Previous unsuccessful attempt of any Health Science degree or certificate – up to 4 | .25-1  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section F Points: \_\_\_\_\_/3

★Total Application Points: \_\_\_\_\_/10

## Campus and Class Options

| CAMPUS         | Fall & Spring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Summer                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BELLEVILLE     | <b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM</li><li>○ 12:30 PM – 5 PM</li></ul> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM</li><li>○ 4 PM – 8:30 PM</li></ul> | <b>Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 2 PM</li><li>○ 2:30 PM – 8:30 PM</li></ul> |
| GRANITE CITY   | <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 4 PM – 8:30 PM</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM</li></ul>                       |
| RED BUD        | <b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 2 PM</li></ul>                             |
| EAST ST. LOUIS | <b>Monday &amp; Wednesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM</li></ul> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 12:30 PM</li><li>○ 1 PM – 5:30 PM</li></ul>                           | <b>Tuesday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 8 AM – 2 PM</li></ul>                             |

# Mandatory Orientation Dates

for admitted students

**You will be informed by your SWIC email account about the MANDATORY orientation date.**

\*\*The orientation locations will be determined and shared at a later date.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO KEEP IN MIND FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS

- **Fingerprinting:** Must be completed before the first day of class. A representative will be available at orientation.
- **Drug Testing:** Required before clinicals; students may also be randomly tested at any time. The instructor will give you information and paperwork
- **Documentation:** Please submit the Healthcare Worker Criminal Background Check form and Drug Screening Permission form as soon as possible **prior to mandatory orientation**, and **bring your Social Security card with you to orientation**. If your card has been lost or stolen, please apply for a new card and bring your receipt to orientation until a new card has been issued
- **TB Testing:** A 2-step MANTOUX, QuantiFERON Gold, or TB Spot test is required before clinicals.
- **Flu Vaccine:** The annual influenza vaccine (not COVID-19) is required before clinicals.
- Some SWIC clinical sites require immunizations for students accepted into a health science program. To ensure compliance with clinical affiliation agreements and eligibility for clinical placement, students are strongly encouraged to remain current with vaccination requirements. Students who wish to request an exemption must contact the program coordinator to complete an exemption request form upon admission; however, approval is not guaranteed. If a clinical affiliate denies the exemption request for any reason, the student may be unable to complete required clinical components and may be removed from the program. Students are encouraged to consider this carefully before pursuing a health science program at SWIC.

## THIS INFORMATION WILL BE REVIEWED AT ORIENTATION

### Items to submit prior to application deadline:

- ✓ Online Nurse Assistant application with short answer response
- ✓ Proof of residency and, if applicable, an Inter-district Cooperative Agreement
- ✓ GED or HiSet verification (if applicable), high school transcripts, and all college transcripts
- ✓ Accuplacer and ALEKS testing if applicable
- ✓ Any applicable certification

All communication regarding your application is sent to your SWIC email account.

Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising at [Advising@swic.edu](mailto:Advising@swic.edu)  
or 618-235-2700 ext. 5455.

