

Practical Nursing 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	Campus Location	Application Period
Summer 2027 admission	Red Bud	October 1 – December 1, 2026
Fall 2027 admission	East. St Louis	February 1 – April 1, 2027
Spring 2028 admission	Granite City	June 1 – August 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 Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement. Proof of residency and any approved agreement must be on file with Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline.

Due to the competitive nature of this program, it is highly unlikely that out-of-state or out-of-district students without an Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement will be admitted.

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 12 or more college credit hours from the same institution to use a college GPA.
- 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.
- Special consideration: A higher GPA from a completed degree (Associate, Bachelor’s, or higher) may be considered if the student’s current SWIC GPA does not accurately reflect their academic history.

The latest semester that coursework is accepted for each application cycle:

Program Admission	Final Accepted Term	Official Transcript Deadline
Summer 2027	Fall 2026	January 10, 2027
Fall 2027	Spring 2027	May 20, 2027
Spring 2028	Summer 2027	August 1, 2028

Section B Points: _____/4

C. Math Placement – Point Earning

A minimum eligibility of Math 97 is required to apply. Applicants must demonstrate college readiness 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 203 or above	76+	2
Math 113, Math 114, Math 191, Math 213, Business 205	61-75	1.5
Math 105, Math 112	46-60	1
Math 107, Math 111, Math 112+92	40-45	.5
Math 97	25-39	0

Section C Points: _____/2

D. English Placement – Point Earning

A minimum eligibility of English 97 is required to apply. Applicants must demonstrate college readiness in Reading/Writing by completing one of the following:

- Accuplacer Reading/Writing 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	Accuplacer Score	Application Points
English 101	250+	1
English 101+100	240-249	.5
English 97	226-239	0

Section D Points: _____/1

Additional Application Point Opportunities

E. 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	☐
Associate degree in Arts or Science	.5	☐
CNA*, MA**, HIT, PTA, RC, RT, EMTP***	.5	☐
Coursework Completed with B or higher		
Health Related Occupations 100 or 160	.25	☐
Health Related Occupations 120	.25	☐
Health Related Occupations 150	.25	☐
Biology 155 or 157	.25	☐
Biology 156 or 158	.25	☐
Biology 250	.25	☐
Previous Application to the SWIC Practical Nursing Program		
Up to four (4) applications	.25-1	☐

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

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

***Applicants must provide a copy of current IL EMTP license

Section E Points: _____/4.5

★Total Application Points: _____/11.5

Deadline Reminders:

Requirement	Red Bud	East St. Louis	Granite City
✓ Online LPN program application	December 1, 2026	April 1, 2027	August 1, 2027
✓ GED or HiSet verification (if applicable), high school transcripts, and all college transcripts	January 10, 2027	May 20, 2027	August 1, 2027
✓ Confirmation of English 97 and Math 97 or higher eligibility.	December 1, 2026	April 1, 2027	August 1, 2027
✓ Transfer Credit Evaluation Request form for all college transcripts	December 1, 2026	April 1, 2027	August 1, 2027
✓ Proof of residency and, if applicable, an Interdistrict Cooperative Agreement	December 1, 2026	April 1, 2027	August 1, 2027
✓ Any applicable certification	December 1, 2026	April 1, 2027	August 1, 2027

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.

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

Need assistance or have questions? Contact Academic Advising at Advising@swic.edu or 618-235-2700 ext. 5455.