



The St. Luke's School of Nursing Difference:

A rich history and a bright future.

St. Luke's School of Nursing is proud to be the oldest continuously operating nursing program in the country, and part of a rapidly growing health network that is a leader in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The most hands-on experience.

With 900 clinical hours starting in the first semester across all St. Luke's University Health Network hospital campuses, our graduates are well-prepared to enter practice.

A proven track record.

The NCLEX-RN pass rates for our graduates are consistently high, and our graduates are in demand, shown by our high post-graduation employment rates.

Affordable.

In addition to a competitive tuition rate, we offer grants, scholarships and loans to qualified students.

Accessible.

Our program is located in Bethlehem, in the bustling heart of the Lehigh Valley, PA. On-campus housing is available.

Dedicated to your success.

MSN and doctorally-prepared faculty with years of experience guide you through a well-rounded curriculum designed to make you a better nurse. An Academic Coach and network of student mentors provide additional support throughout your academic journey.

Advanced.

Students use our Clinical Learning Resource Center for "hands-on" simulation of clinical skills, work with standardized patients and interactive technologically-advanced manikins for practice of clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios.

Forward-thinking.

Our 20 month diploma program allows graduates to enter the workforce quickly. A variety of resources are available for graduates to further their education by attending an RN to BS in Nursing program at another college/university.

Involved.

Students participate in several organizations and community outreach projects to give back.



Student-led Backpacks to Brighten project gives school supplies to local children



Licensing and continuing education:

- » Graduates of the School of Nursing are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® Examination for Registered Professional Nurses (RN)
- » A temporary practice permit required by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing allows graduates to practice professional nursing for a maximum one-year period until the NCLEX-RN® is taken

Financial Aid

St. Luke's School of Nursing's FAFSA code is **006574**

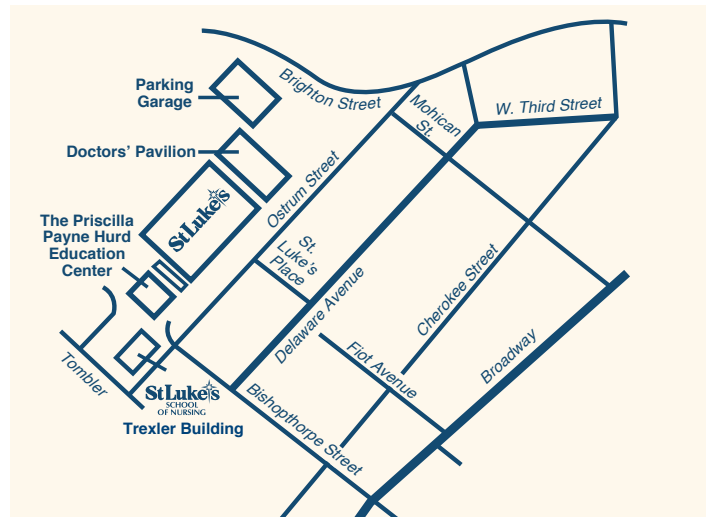
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St. Luke's University Health Network is a nationally recognized, non-profit, integrated regional health care network with exceptional medical expertise in trauma, open-heart surgery, robotic surgery, high-risk pregnancy, oncology, radiology, bariatric surgery, vascular disease, geriatrics and community health.

St. Luke's School of Nursing is in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances governing equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Please refer to the St. Luke's School of Nursing website at son.sluhn.org for a detailed explanation of this policy in the Catalog/Student Handbook.



Entry requirements

For a complete list of application items, please visit <http://www.slhn.org/son>

Prerequisite Courses

All prerequisite courses must be completed at an accredited college or university with a grade of “C” or better before beginning the RN diploma program at St. Luke’s School of Nursing.

Classes that do not meet the required number of credit hours will not be accepted.

Prerequisite College Courses	Transfer College Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	3	1
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	3	1
Microbiology	4	3	1
Chemistry	4	3	1
English I	3	3	
Introduction to Psychology	3	3	
Developmental Psychology	3	3	
Principles of Sociology	3	3	
PREREQUISITE TOTALS	28	24	4

All eligible applicants must have completed Algebra I and one other math course with a grade of C or better either at the high school level or college level.

Applicants must complete all prerequisites prior to the start of the Nursing program, but may be reviewed for admission prior to completion.

Applicants must complete six out of the eight prerequisites by the final application deadline. All remaining prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the Nursing program. (Please see <http://www.slhn.org/son> for application deadlines specific to each Nursing program start date.) Applicants accepted to the school with outstanding prerequisites will be given a provisional acceptance status and will be granted full acceptance once they provide St. Luke’s School of Nursing with official transcripts showing completion of all prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better.

Students will not be permitted to attend classes with outstanding prerequisites.

Accepted students who have not completed all outstanding prerequisites prior to the start of the Nursing program are not permitted to start the Nursing program. If this occurs, the acceptance will be rescinded or deferred at the discretion of St. Luke’s School of Nursing.

Pre-entrance exam

All applicants must complete the ATI Critical Thinking Exam at St. Luke’s School of Nursing.

This exam is designed to test one’s ability to use good judgment and reasoning and to think in a logical and orderly way.

There is no study guide or preparation available. Other entrance exams will not be accepted.

The ATI Critical Thinking Exam is a 40-question, 40-minute timed exam.

Applicants will be contacted by the Admissions Team to schedule their ATI Critical Thinking Exam testing session.

The testing fee for the exam is \$35 payable by check, money order, or cash (exact change only) on the day of the exam.

Applicants are permitted only one retake of the exam.

Exam retake sessions must take place 30 or more days after the initial testing date. Retakes after the application deadline will not be accepted.

**St. Luke's School of
Nursing Diploma Program
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**



Acceptable Prerequisite Courses from Area Colleges

Questions? Contact the admissions team at:
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College	A&P I & II with lab	Microbiology with lab	College Chemistry with lab	English Composition	Intro. to Sociology	Intro. to Psychology	Developmental Psychology (Life-Span)
Bucks County Comm. College	BIOL 181 & BIOL 182	BIOL 228	CHEM 101	COMP 110	SOCI 110	PSYC 110	PSYC 181
Cedar Crest College	BIO 117 & BIO 118	BIO 127	CHE 103	WRI 100	SOC 100	PSY 100	PSY 210
DeSales University	BI-263 & BI-264	BI-154	CH-103 or CH-107	EN-103	SO-109	PS-109	PS-240
East Stroudsburg University	BIOL 111 & BIOL 112	BIOL 330	CHEM 115/117	ENG 103	SOC 111	PSY 100	PSY 225
Harrisburg Area Comm. Coll.	BIOL 121 & 122	BIOL 221	CHEM 101	ENGL 101	SOCI 201	PSYC 101	PSYC 209
Kutztown University	BIO 120 & BIO 122	BIO 160	CHM 100	ENG 23	SOC 10CD	PSY 11	PSY 125
Lehigh Carbon Comm. College	BIO 163 & BIO 164	BIO 220	CHE 106	ENG 105	SOC 150	PSY 140	PSY 145
Luzerne Co. Comm. College	BIO 135 & BIO 136	BIO 251	CHE 151	ENG 101	SOC 101	PSY 103	PSY 217
Montgomery County Comm. College	BIO 131 & BIO 132	BIO 140 or BIO 141	CHE 121	ENG 101	SOC 101	PSY 101	PSY 206
Moravian College	BIOL 103 & BIOL 104	BIOL 235	CHEM 108	WRIT 100	SOC 115	PSYC 120	PSYC 207
Northampton Area Comm. College	BIOS 204 & BIOS 254	BIOS 202	CHEM 135	ENGL 101	SOCA 103	PSYC 103	PSYC 258
Penn State University	BIOL 129/129L* & BIOL 141/142*	MICRB 201/202	CHEM 110/111	ENGL 015	SOC 001	PSYCH 100	HDFS 129 or PSYCH 212
Raritan Valley Comm. College	BIOL 124 & BIOL 125	BIOL 133	CHEM 102 or CHEM 103	ENGL 111	SOCI 101	PSYC 103	PSYC 215
Reading Area Comm. College	BIO 250 & BIO 255	BIO 280	CHE 120	COM 121	SOC 130	PSY 130	PSY 208
Sussex Co. Comm. College	BIOS 103 & BIOS 104	BIOS 210	CHEM 100 or CHEM 110	ENGL 101	SOCA 101	PSYC 101	PSYC 109
Warren Co. Comm. College	BIO 262 & BIO 263	BIO 264	CHE 110 or CHE 164	ENG 140	SOC 103	PSY 101	PSY 175

**Applicants may complete prerequisites at more than one properly accredited college/university. Applicants attending Penn State University must complete both Mammalian Anatomy with lab and Introductory Physiology with lab at Penn State University, or complete both Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs at another college/university.*



Program Overview

Nursing 1: Basic Concepts of Nursing Care

Nursing foundations based on wellness, health promotion, and alterations in homeostasis. Through selected guided experiences the student can apply these skills and knowledge to meet the basic health needs of the client.

Classroom theory – 75 hours; Clinical laboratory – 180 hours; 9 credits.

Nursing Pharmacology 2A: Introduction to Nursing Pharmacology

Introduces concepts of pharmacology and its relationship to nursing practice. Provides a theoretical foundation for medication administration by utilizing the nursing process to focus on the nurse's role in medication administration, safety, teaching, and evaluation of individuals receiving pharmacological therapy.

Classroom theory – 30 hours, 2 credits.

Nursing Pharmacology 2B: Pathophysiologic Approach to Nursing Pharmacology

Emphasizes the importance of the nurse's role in the administration of pharmacological agents to clients with altered disease processes. Stresses the need for safety, teaching, and evaluating the individual's response to pharmacologic therapy.

Classroom theory – 30 hours, 2 credits.

Nursing 3: Nursing Care of Individuals Experiencing Cellular Imbalance

Emphasizes the care specific to the individual experiencing cellular imbalance. Adult-health nursing theory includes: prevention of illness, pathophysiology, promotion of wellness, rehabilitation, integration of research, diet therapy, patient teaching and other modalities.

Classroom theory – 75 hours; Clinical laboratory – 180 hours; 9 credits.

Nursing 4: Concepts of Pediatric Health Care

Introduces concepts of health and nursing care of the child. Theoretical framework includes dynamics of growth and development, health promotion, as well as acute and chronic childhood illnesses.

Classroom theory – 37.5 hours; Clinical laboratory – 90 hours; 4.5 credits.

Nursing 5: Nursing the Childbearing Family

Introduces concepts of care for the childbearing family and women's health. Includes care of families experiencing pregnancy and childbirth. Clinical component includes experiences in the prenatal, natal, and postpartum management of the patient.

Classroom theory – 37.5 hours; Clinical laboratory – 90 hours; 4.5 credits

Nursing 6: Mental Health Nursing, Nursing Care of the Individual Experiencing Coping Mechanism Failure

Introduces concepts of nursing care for the patient with coping mechanism failure. Theoretical framework emphasizes psychopathological disorders. The student gains experience with adults, adolescents, and children.

Classroom theory – 37.5 hours; Clinical laboratory – 90 hours; 4.5 credits

Nursing 7: Gerontological Nursing, Concepts of Health Care for the Older Adult

Concepts of nursing care for the older adult. Content includes expected health changes experienced by older adults as a result of the normal aging process, plus health problems resulting from pathology often experienced by the older adult.

Classroom theory – 37.5 hours; Clinical laboratory – 90 hours; 4.5 credits

Nursing 8: Nursing Management of Complex Health Care Problems

Introduces advanced nursing concepts as well as the leadership and management skills needed to manage the care of individuals with complex health care needs. Independence and professional socialization are further enhanced during the final weeks of the semester through an independent preceptored experience.

Classroom theory – 75 hours; Clinical laboratory – 180 hours; 9 credits

Semester 1
15 weeks

Semester 2
15 weeks

Semesters 3-4
7.5 weeks per rotation

Semester 5
15 weeks

Program Description

- St. Luke's School of Nursing offers a 20-month RN Diploma program. The program consists of 435 classroom hours and 900 clinical hours spread over five 15-week semesters.
 - An R.N. Diploma recipient is entitled to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam to become a licensed Registered Nurse.
 - St. Luke's School of Nursing is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is accredited through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN).
 - Graduates of St. Luke's School of Nursing had a 96.26% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensure exam during the 10/01/19 – 09/30/20 reporting period.
 - Graduates of St. Luke's School of Nursing are eligible to pursue a BS in nursing. Nursing credits transfer at the discretion of each college or university.
 - On-campus student housing is available at a current rate of \$1,200 per semester. Housing space is limited.
 - Current tuition for the Day option is \$24,925.
- Applicants interested in receiving financial aid should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Program Hours - Day option

The St. Luke's RN Diploma Program offers a full-time daytime program. Attendance at clinical is mandatory. Students are expected to attend all class and enrichment sessions.

Standard program hours are listed below. Students are given a calendar with exact class hours at the start of each semester.

Monday: 6:30a – 3:30p for Clinical

Tuesday: 9a -3p for class

Wednesday: 6:30a – 3:30p for Clinical

Thursday: 9a – 3:45p for class

Friday: 9a – 12:30p for class

While clinical experiences are normally during the day, there may be evening and weekend clinical experiences if needed.

All students should be fully prepared for day, evening and weekend hours during the Semester 8 Preceptorship.

2021 - 2022 Information Sessions

- Come visit us and learn about what St. Luke's School of Nursing has to offer! RSVP to son.admissions@sluhn.org, as space is limited.

Dates and times are listed at
www.slhn.org/son/visit-us/information-sessions

Acceptance

- Cohorts for the evening/weekend begin every eight months. This information is for the class beginning in early May 2022 (the class of 2023FA)
- Maximum class size is 80 students.
- There is no minimum G.P.A. requirement for admission to the program. Acceptance decisions are based on many factors including but not limited to: grades in prerequisites, ATI Critical Thinking Entrance Exam score, references, and interview.
- All application items must be submitted to the admissions department by the posted deadlines. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Important Deadlines & Dates

All applicants should contact the Admissions team prior to applying.

- 10/01/2021: Deadline for early review; eligible applicants must submit all application items by the deadline in order to qualify, including official transcripts showing a minimum of six out of the eight prerequisites completed with a "C" or better.
- 10/21/2021: Notification date for early review candidates
- **December 2021: Completion of prerequisites taken during traditional 15 week semesters**
- 02/01/2022: Final deadline for submission of all required application items, including official transcripts showing completion of 6 out of the 8 prerequisites with a "C" or better
- 02/21/2022: Admission decisions notification date for all applicants
- Mandatory enrollment sessions: All accepted students must attend one four hour session for enrollment requirements:
03/01/2022: 3pm 03/07/2022: 2pm
03/02/2022: 2:30pm 03/09/2022: 3pm
- 04/10/2022: Deadline for completion of all prerequisite courses through approved accelerated sessions
- 04/26/2022 at 8am: Mandatory New Student Orientation
- 05/02/2022: First day of classes
- 12/2023: Graduation

Please contact the Admissions team at son.admissions@sluhn.org or 484-526-3443

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Application Process for May 2022

Day entry

Applicants applying for this entry period must complete all prerequisites by the Fall 2022 semester if attending traditional 15-week semesters, or by April 10, 2022 if given permission to complete through accelerated semesters at properly accredited programs. Applicants will not be considered if enrolled at another program that extends beyond April 10, 2022.

APPLICATION ITEM	DUE
<p>Talk to the Admissions team about your college/university prerequisites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All applicants are highly encouraged to send their unofficial transcripts to the Admissions team for advising prior to applying. The admissions team will tell you which application deadline to follow. - Six out of the eight prerequisites must be completed by the applicable application deadline of either October 1, 2021 or February 1, 2022. <p>The remaining courses must be completed by the Fall 2021 traditional 15-week semester or by April 10, 2022 if given permission to complete through accelerated semesters at properly accredited programs.</p>	<p>Prior to application</p>
<p>Complete the online application found on our website at son.slhn.org.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The application fee is \$35 and can be paid online using a credit card or by check made payable to "St. Luke's School of Nursing." Applicants are also asked to submit a resume at the time of application. 	<p>First application deadline: October 1, 2021 Final application deadline: February 1, 2022</p>
<p>Request official transcripts to be sent to St. Luke's School of Nursing by ALL educational and training institutions attended from high school and beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send transcripts from all institutions attended, not just the schools where prerequisites were completed. - If the applicant received a GED, an official GED transcript must be submitted in addition to any partial high school transcripts. 	<p>Make your transcript requests at least six weeks in advance of the deadline so that all transcripts arrive by October 1, 2021 or February 1, 2022</p>
<p>Applicants who attended school outside of the United States must provide a credential evaluation of their transcripts from WES (www.wes.org) or ECE (www.ece.org).</p>	<p>For brand new evaluations, start the process by August 2021 so that it arrives by February 1, 2022</p>
<p>Register for and complete the ATI Critical Thinking Exam at our campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Admissions team will send testing dates to applicants shortly after the application is accepted. The cost of the exam is \$35, payable the day of the test. - Other entrance exams are not accepted. 	<p>First application applicants: October 1, 2021 All other applicants are encouraged to take the test by December 2021 but must complete the exam by February 1, 2022</p>
<p>Submit two references on the official reference form found on the application page of http://www.slhn.org/son</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - References must be from a professional, academic or advisory source. Personal references will not be accepted. - Applicants who have taken nursing courses leading to RN licensure must submit recommendations from the Director of the formerly enrolled Nursing program or the most recent nursing instructor, utilizing the "Recommendation Form for Applicants from Other RN Programs" 	<p>All applicants must submit recommendations by the October 1, 2021 deadline or the final deadline of February 1, 2022</p>
<p>Qualified applicants will be asked to participate in a face-to-face interview with members of St. Luke's School of Nursing's faculty and/or administration.</p>	<p>All applicants who are called for this step must be interviewed within one week of the application deadline</p>
<p>Send in your final transcripts, if applicable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have outstanding prerequisites or took additional courses during the accelerated Spring 2022 session, send in your official transcripts at the end. 	<p>April 10, 2022</p>

St. Luke's School of Nursing

Schedule of Estimated Expenses – 2021

Applicable to the classes admitted to start January 2018 through January 2022

Policy: Tuition and fees are due three times per academic year. The billing date is one month prior to the start of class, and the due date is the first day of class.

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Total
Tuition*	\$4,675	\$4,675	\$3,825	\$3,825	\$3,825	\$20,825
Lab/Sim Fee	50	50	50	50	50	\$ 250
Student Support Fees	70	70	70	70	70	\$ 350
Drug Testing Fee	125	0	0	0	0	\$ 125
ATI Testing Package Fee	750	750	750	0	0	\$2,250
Canvas/ExamSoft Fee	230	70	230	70	70	\$ 670
NSNA Membership Fee	80	0	0	0	0	\$ 80
Lab Supplies Bag	125	0	0	0	0	\$125
Graduation Fees	0	0	0	75	75	\$ 150
School Pin Fee	0	0	0	50	50	\$ 100
Total	\$6,105	\$5,615	\$4,925	\$4,140	\$4,140	\$24,925

*Tuition based on \$425 per credit Hour

Estimated Fees

The following additional expenses may be incurred during the program and are not included in the above expenses.

Personal laptop required for exams	\$500
Registration fee ⁶ credited toward tuition	\$200
Uniforms and misc. (scissors, stethoscope, etc.)	\$200
Textbooks (estimated for five semesters)	\$1500
NCLEX-RN® Testing Fee	\$200
PA State Board of Nursing Licensure Application	\$95
PA State Board of Nursing Background Check	\$22
Temporary Practice Permit	\$70
Travel and Personal @ \$160 per semester	\$800
Incidental Costs (eg., community agency travel)	\$1000
Dormitory Room (\$1,200 per semester x 5 semesters)	\$6000
Student meals (estimated \$250 per semester x 5 semesters)	\$1250
Total Estimated Fees	\$11,837

Policy

Tuition fees are due three times each year, per the schedule below:

Term	Billing Date	Due Date
Fall	One month before the start of classes	First day of classes
Winter	One month before the start of classes	First day of classes
Spring	One month before the start of classes	First day of classes

- Students with tuition balances due at the beginning of a term are not permitted to attend class, unless special exceptions are noted in files.
- Checks returned from bank due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$25 charge. Receipt of an insufficient funds check constitutes non-payment of a balance due.
- The School of Nursing reserves the right to withhold transcripts and deny access to educational facilities/resources to current or former students who have unsatisfied financial obligations to the St. Luke's School of Nursing. The School of Nursing's Financial Aid Policy and Procedure Manual is on file in the Financial Aid Office for review.

⁶ Not refundable unless the SON withdraws the applicant's acceptance before the applicant officially enters the SON.