



## ***Practical Nursing Diploma (PN12)*** ***(Competitive Admissions Program)***

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care. This is done through a selected number of academic and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials necessary to assist the student in acquiring the needed knowledge and skills to give competent care. A variety of clinical experiences are planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. Program graduates receive a Practical Nursing diploma and have the qualifications of an entry-level practical nurse.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program are prepared for responsible employment positions in hospitals, nursing homes, health departments, doctors offices, and federal, state, and community agencies.

### **ACCREDITATION/APPROVAL**

The Practical Nursing program is approved by The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nursing, 237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217, Ph. 478.207.1300.

### **LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION**

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses has granted full approval to the Practical Nurse Education program at Ogeechee Technical College. The applicant that has successfully completed a Georgia approved practical nursing program before the exam date, and upon proof that the applicant meets the statutory qualifications to become a licensed practical nurse in Georgia, and upon proof of payment of proper fees, the Board will allow the applicant to take such examination. Students are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensing exam. However, the Board has the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony or any crime violating a federal or state law. Because of this policy, there may be an inability of the person with a conviction to work in the profession.

### **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:**

1. Submit a completed application and application fee;
2. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Submit official high school transcript or GED transcript;
4. Submit official college transcripts, if applicable;
5. Completion of Health Care Assistant certificate for Practical Nursing program with an overall coursework GPA of 2.5 or better
6. ALHS 1011 must have been taken within one year of admission to the PN program.
7. Take the Health Occupation Aptitude Examination and score at least a 30<sup>th</sup> percentile in each of the five (5) areas
8. PN is a competitive admissions program. Please refer to page 14 for more information.
9. A student receiving a work ethics grade of less than two, from two different instructors, will be ineligible for competitive admissions.
- Meet the following assessment requirements:

<b>TEST</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Numerical</b>
COMPASS	70	32	26
SAT	430	NA	400
ACT	13	12	17

### **READMISSION TO THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM**

Students requesting to return to the Practical Nursing program after a leave of absence must request, in writing to the Dean for Health Sciences and to the Practical Nursing Program Director, for readmission no later than mid-semester of the semester prior to readmission.

A student who is dropped from the Practical Nursing program due to academic reasons, attendance, or having received a grade less than “C” in any Practical Nursing course will be limited to a ONE-TIME re-entry into the program. In addition to the above statement, a student may repeat only one semester in the Practical Nursing program curriculum wherein the minimum grade of “C” was not earned.

A student wishing to re-enter the program must understand that readmission is granted on a competitive and space available basis, based on the program’s admission criteria, the accrediting agency and clinical capacity. Readmission will be considered only if there are slots available.

Students seeking readmission in order to repeat a course(s) must be readmitted to the program within 12 months from the date of their last completed semester.

A student desiring to re-enroll in the Practical Nursing program after a leave of absence must follow the following policies and procedures:

10. Take a written examination covering materials taught in previously taken coursework. The student MUST make a grade of 75 or better.
11. Take a skills test covering competencies in the procedures learned in previously taken coursework. The student MUST make an 85 or better on the skills test.
12. Must repeat the last successfully completed clinical rotation. Days/hours of rotation will vary depending on re-entry level. This allows for the student to review before assuming the next level of responsibility. The student who has taken a leave of absence greater than 12 months will need to start over under the new TCSG standards for Practical Nursing
13. Based on limited seats available, students will be readmitted to the program based on their scores on the written and skills exams.

### **PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA CURRICULUM**

The curriculum for the Practical Nursing diploma program is designed for the semester system. A student may enter the program fall semester. To graduate, the Practical Nursing diploma-seeking students must earn a minimum of 60 semester credit hours. Students must complete Simplex Review Course. In addition, students must score 85% or higher on ATI Comprehensive Predictor Exam. The program requires a minimum of 1410 contact hours and generally takes 5 semesters to complete.

<b><u>Program Courses</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
<b>Basic Skills Courses</b>	<b>9</b>
ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English I (OL)	3
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Mathematics* (OL)	3
PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology (OL)	3
<b>Occupational Courses</b>	<b>51</b>
ALHS 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology* (OL)	5
ALHS 1060 – Diet and Nutrition for Allied Health Sciences* (OL)	2
COMP 1000 – Introduction to Computers (OL)	3
PNSG 2010 – Introduction to Pharmacology and Clinical Calculations*	2
PNSG 2030 – Nursing Fundamentals*	6
PNSG 2035 – Nursing Fundamentals Clinical*	2
PNSG 2210 – Medical Surgical Nursing I*	4
PNSG 2220 – Medical Surgical Nursing II*	4
PNSG 2230 – Medical Surgical Nursing III*	4
PNSG 2240 – Medical Surgical Nursing IV*	4
PNSG 2310 – Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical I*	2

PNSG 2320 – Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II*	2
PNSG 2330 – Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical III*	2
PNSG 2340 – Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical IV*	2
PNSG 2250 – Maternity Nursing*	3
PNSG 2255 – Maternity Nursing Clinical I*	1
PNSG 2410 – Nursing Leadership*	1
PNSG 2415 – Nursing Leadership Clinical*	2

(OL) designation indicates course may be available online during selected semesters. \* “C” or higher grade is required for this course.

### PROGRAM COSTS

Tuition/Fees: \$5,400  
 Books/Supplies: \$2,500  
 Uniform Costs: Approximately \$250\*  
 Liability Insurance: \$11 per fiscal year  
 License Exam: \$240  
 Physical Exam: \$150  
 TB Test: \$40  
 Hepatitis B Series: \$265  
 #4402 Forensic Drug Panel (7) or similar screening: \$25  
 Criminal Background Check: \$39-\$80  
 NCLEX-PN Exam: \$200  
 Simplex Review Course: \$200  
 Georgia Board of Examiners of LPN Application Fee: \$40  
 Fingerprinting: \$60\*\*

\* Uniforms are required beginning 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

\*\*Fingerprinting is required prior to submitting application to Georgia Board of Examiners to sit for NCLEX-PN exam.

(Costs are estimates and are subject to change.)

### CLINICAL EDUCATION

Number of Clinical Sites: 10

General Location of the Clinical Sites: Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties.

Special Requirements of the Clinical Sites:

14. CPR Certification; First Aid Training;
15. Beginning students must submit a medical exam stating that the student is in good health. This must include documentation of TB skin testing, all required immunizations including Hepatitis B. Students who refuse the Hepatitis B vaccination series must sign a declination form and be aware that clinical sites may refuse to accept them. Forms will be provided by the instructor;
16. Criminal Background Check
17. Urine Drug Screen

### Clinical Education Courses

The Practical Nursing practicums focus on health management and maintenance and the prevention of illness, care of the individual as a whole, and deviations from the normal state of health. The definition of client care includes using the nursing process, performing assessments, using critical thinking, and providing client education. Topics include health management and maintenance and prevention of illness, care of the individual as a whole, and deviations from the normal state of health in the cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, urinary, and gastrointestinal systems; client care, treatments, pharmacology, medication administration, and diet therapy related to the cardiovascular, respiratory, endocrine, urinary, gastrointestinal systems, musculoskeletal, neurological, integumentary, sensory systems, mental health, oncology; care of the child as a whole, and deviations from the normal state of health in the pediatric client; client care, treatment, pharmacology, medication administration, and diet therapy of the pediatric client; growth and development; obstetric clients, and the newborn; client care, treatment, pharmacology, medication administration, and diet therapy related to the reproductive system, obstetric clients, and the newborn; and standard precautions. The clinical practicums allow the student to become involved in a professional work situation applying technical skills.

Practicum courses require that the student spend a minimum number of hours a week in a supervised work setting. Students may not receive pay from the clinical site for practicum hours. Students are evaluated by the clinical site preceptor and/or the clinical instructor.

### ***Clinical Assignments***

Clinical times may vary depending on the shift work and working hours of the various clinical facilities. However, some clinicals may be scheduled to include shift work. Clinical sites are selected by the program coordinator. Students are responsible for having reliable transportation to the site. Some sites may require the student to travel outside of Bulloch

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### **QUESTIONS:**

Contact Admissions at 912.688.6994 or via email at [enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@ogeecheetech.edu)!

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