

## **PN12: Practical Nursing Diploma (replaces PN04: Practical Nursing in the Quarter System)**

The Practical Nursing diploma 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 is planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor.

**NOTE:** All students seeking admission to the LPN program must complete a Level I criminal background check and a 10-panel drug screen. If unfavorable results are reported, the clinical facilities may deny the student permission to perform a practicum at their site(s).

A student must complete the entire program sequentially and pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become licensed. According to the Georgia Board of LPN rules, as well as other state boards of nursing, a person may be denied the opportunity to take the licensure examination and/or may be denied licensure if the person has been convicted of a felony or any crime violating federal or state controlled substance laws or other grounds as specified by law.

Student travel is required to clinical sites.

### **Career Opportunities**

*Graduates may find employment as licensed practical nurses in hospitals, physicians' offices, long-term care, rehabilitation therapy, clinics, and HMOs, or in related employment.*

### **Competitive Selection Process**

#### **Level I: Practical Nursing Preparatory/Core Courses**

Three classes are admitted annually. The selection deadline for all campuses is June 1.

To be eligible for Practical Nursing program selection, the student must complete the following requirements by the applicable Level I deadline. The student:

- Must complete the College's student application process and achieve regular status program admission.
- Must be in good academic standing with the College.
- Must complete the following courses with a minimum grade of C: ALHS 1011, ALHS 1060, ENGL 1010, MATH 1012, PSYC 1010, and COMP 1000.
- Must possess certification in CPR by the American Heart Association/BLS for the Healthcare Provider.
- Must complete the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Aptitude Exam. Students may schedule a testing date by calling the Continuing Education Department at 770.836.6615. There is a fee for each attempt at taking this exam. Students are allowed to repeat the exam in an effort to improve their score.
- Must submit a Health Services Competitive Selection File Review Request to the Office of Student Affairs upon completion of the required courses. Students must also attach a copy of their CPR certification card and a copy of the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam score report.

## Level II: Practical Nursing Competitive Selection

The competitive selection is based on the following scoring process:

- Students must achieve a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.0 on the Level I core courses required for eligibility to the selection process. The academic performance demonstrated in the required Level I courses will comprise 50 percent of the overall score.
- Students must achieve a minimum raw score of 160 on the Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) Health Occupations Aptitude Exam Edition 3 or a minimum raw score of 200 on other editions of the PSB. The score on the PSB will comprise 50 percent of the overall score.
- Students with the highest overall scores from Level I courses and the PSB exam will be selected for program admission.

## Level III: Practical Nursing Occupational and Clinical Courses

Students selected for admission to the Practical Nursing program will complete the occupational and clinical program courses in a prescribed sequence as a class unit.

**Credit Required for Graduation: Minimum of 59 credit hours**

### Curriculum

	<b>Program Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	<i>Basic Skills Courses</i>	
_____	ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English I	3
_____	MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics	3
_____	PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology	3
	<i>Occupational Courses</i>	
_____	ALHS 1011 Anatomy and Physiology	5
_____	ALHS 1060 Diet and Nutrition for Allied Health Sciences	2
_____	COMP 1000 Introduction to Computers	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 2250 Maternity Nursing	3
_____	PNSG 2255 Maternity Nursing Clinical	1
_____	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 2410 Nursing Leadership	1
_____	PNSG 2415 Nursing Leadership Clinical	2