Practical Nursing Certificate (PN21)- 49 Credit Hours

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 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. The nursing program covers all theoretical content areas outlined in Georgia Board Rule 410-9-06(5a & 5b). A variety of clinical experiences is planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. Program graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and have the qualifications of an entry-level practical nurse. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) provide direct patient observation, care, and assistance in offices, hospitals, clinics, private homes, group homes, nursing homes, emergency treatment facilities, or other healthcare facilities including, but not limited to: coronary care, intensive care, emergency treatment, surgical care and recovery, obstetrics, pediatrics, outpatient services, home health care, or other such areas of practice under the direction of physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and registered nurses. Licensing required. Median starting salary $54,620.

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Pre-Certificate Admission Requirements					
Program Specifics					
• Lagrange, Murphy and Coweta campus • Applicants will be ranked on a point scale for selection criteria based on their mandatory TEAS test score and additional optional items. The highest ranked applicants will be admitted into the Practical Nursing program. • **Minimum score of 65 on the TEAS exam**					
Set the Track, Start the Track, Stay on Track *S = Semester; CR = Credit Hours; FA = Fall; SP = Spring; SU = Summer* Courses may rotate among the following locations: Lagrange, Murphy and Coweta					
✓	**Grade**	**Courses (3 consecutive semesters) *****	**S**	**CR**	**Notes & Milestones**
		PNSG 1600 – Introduction to Pharmacology and Clinical Calculations	ALL	3	
		PNSG 1605 – Fundamentals	ALL	6	
		PNSG 1610 Adult Health Nursing I	ALL	6	
		PNSG 1635 Maternal Nursing	ALL	4	
		PNSG 1615 Adult Health Nursing II	ALL	6	
		PNSG 1640 Pediatric Nursing	ALL	3	
		PNSG 1620 Adult Health Nursing III	ALL	6	
		PNSG 1630 Mental Health Nursing	ALL	4	
		PNSG 1625 Adult Health Nursing IV	ALL	6	
		PNSG 1645 Practical Nursing Capstone	ALL	5	
				49	**Program Completion Hours**

Admission Criteria for Practical Nursing (PN12)

Admission to West Georgia Technical College's Health Sciences and Nursing diploma, degree and certificate programs is based on a selection criteria process. There are minimum requirements for admission to individual Health Sciences and Nursing programs, and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program.

Selection Criteria Deadlines
The Practical Nursing program will admit once each year at the Coweta Campus, LaGrange Campus and Murphy Campus.
- Murphy Campus – June 1st deadline for Fall Semester cohort start date
- Coweta Campus- September 1st deadline for Spring Semester cohort start date
- LaGrange Campus – February 1st deadline for Summer Semester cohort start date

Selection Criteria Requirements
- Must be admitted to the College in Good Academic Standing and Regular Status.
- Non-Georgia residents will be considered in the selection process on a space available basis.
- Must possess a current CPR Certification through the **American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers (Basic Life Support).**
  o A copy of current CPR Certification must be attached to the Selection Criteria File Review Request Form.
  o Online CPR certification will not be accepted.
- Must complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam with a minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 65% out of maximum of 100%
  o TEAS Exam must be current within two (2) years of the program start date; maximum of 3 attempts allowed per calendar year – minimum of 14 days required between testing dates.
  o A copy of the highest TEAS Score Report must be attached to file review request form.
  o Students may schedule the exam through:
    ➢ https://www.westgatech.edu/community-education/

Selection Criteria, Point System:
Applicants will be ranked on a point scale for selection criteria based on their TEAS test score. Additional bonus points maybe earned. The highest ranked applicants will be admitted into the Practical Nursing program.

Mandatory: Minimum score of 65 on the TEAS exam
- TEAS Exam has an expiration date of 2 years.
- The highest exam score will be used in the selection process.

o Be mindful of Practical Nursing application deadline when scheduling TEAS Exam
TEAS at WGTC or
TEAS with ATI Testing online

OPTIONAL: Students may be awarded bonus points to their overall score based on <u>ONE item below</u> (these points will be added to the highest TEAS Exam score):

	Choose ONE below
Verified current Allied Health license/certification or education. Certification would be CNA, CMA, EMT, Paramedic, Phlebotomy, Medical Coding, etc. College certificate or Diploma. **Points will not be awarded for having multiple licensures/certifications**.	3 points
Associate Degree	4 points
Bachelor Degree or Higher	5 points

Completed college certificate, college diploma, or degree (in the event of multiple awards, points from the highest earned award will be applied to the ranking score). <u>Official transcripts showing the conferment of the award must be received by the application deadline</u>.

Directions to Submit Practical Nursing Selection Review Form:

1. Gather all supporting documentation including copies of current **American Heart Association for Healthcare Providers (Basic Life Support)** CPR card and TEAS Exam score and save electronically.
2. Complete Practical Nursing Selection Form and attach all supporting documents electronically before the deadline. (Direct questions related to the form to admissions@westgatech.edu).
3. Allow 4-6 weeks from the program deadline date to receive notification of acceptance or denial from the Admissions Office.
   ➤ If accepted, respond via WGTC student email to secure your seat in the program by deadline.
   ➤ If denied, meet with an Advising Coach to determine next steps.

***LaGrange (Admitted Summer):
1st Semester: PNSG 1600 and PNSG 1605
2nd Semester: PNSG 1610, PNSG 1635, PNSG 1615 and PNSG 1640
3rd Semester: PNSG 1620, PNSG 1630, PNSG 1625 and PNSG 1645

***Murphy (Admitted Fall):
1st Semester: PNSG 1600, PNSG 1605, PNSG 1610, and PNSG 1635
2nd Semester: PNSG 1615, PNSG 1640, PNSG 1620, and PNSG 1630
3rd Semester: PNSG 1625 and PNSG 1645

***Coweta (Admitted Spring):
1st Semester: PNSG 1600, PNSG 1605, PNSG 1610, and PNSG 1635
2nd Semester: PNSG 1615 and PNSG 1640
3rd Semester: PNSG 1620, PNSG 1630, PNSG 1625 and PNSG 1645

Employment Opportunities: https://www.westgatech.edu/student-life/career-services/

Financial Aid by Program: https://www.westgatech.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WGTC-Available-Aid-By-Program-11-17-2023.pdf

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