

Practical Nursing 1,350 Clock Hours (45 Vocational Credits)

Guided Pathway: Practical Nursing Occupational Certificate

For more information, visit www.fgc.edu, your academic advisor at (386) 754-4222

Meta-major: Practical Nursing/ Health Sciences

University Transfer: NA

The Practical Nursing (PN) program is a 12-Month certificate program designed to prepare a student for nursing employment in the healthcare field. The graduate of this program contributes to the health and well-being of patients through direct patient care, administration of medications and medical treatments. Graduates of this program enter a challenging and exciting field with a variety of employment opportunities such as: doctor's offices, home health, hospitals, corrections system, long-term care facilities and other healthcare settings. The PN occupational certificate is a limited access program, that begins each spring and qualifies the student to take the national licensing exam to become a licensed practical nurse.

Please see the PN application packet on the FGC website that will provide additional information regarding the admission requirements of the program, including a required separate supplemental application. Clinicals are required for this program. Clinicals may not follow regular college schedule, and can include weekdays, evenings or weekends. Students will be required to submit current physical and immunizations. Drug and background screen must be completed and student must be cleared prior to attending clinicals.

Semester by Semester Map for Full-Time Students

Semester 1 (Spring only)

PRN 0001C Basic Nursing- 16.56 Vocational Credits

*PRN 0080 Body Structure & Function- 2.0 Vocational Credits

*PRN 0070 Basic Nutrition- 0.77 Vocational Credits

*PRN 0020 Human Development Across the Life Span- 0.67 Vocational Credits

*Students who have successfully completed BSC 2085 & 2086 with lab or BSC 2084 are exempt from PRN 0080. Students who have successfully completed DEP 2004 are exempt from PRN 0020. Students who have successfully completed HUN 1201 are exempt from PRN 0070.

Action Items:

- Submit a Florida Gateway College application to FGC Enrollment Services
- Meet with your college advisor to confirm academic and career goals
- Review the posted PN Certificate Program Admission Packet located on the Health Sciences page of FGC's website and complete the required PN supplemental application form
- Take required TABE test and score the required minimum score for program entrance
- Complete the nursing entrance exam (TEAS) with a score of proficiency (58.7%) or higher
- Prepare to be interviewed if randomly selected before a final decision is made for acceptance to the program. If selected, please come in professional attire and be prepared to write a 2-paragraph reflection paper related to an assigned area in nursing
- Complete and submit your FASFA and then apply for financial aid at FGC

- Receive an acceptance or a denial postal mailed letter from the FGC Practical Nursing program by the due date indicated in the application packet
- Complete physical exam with required immunizations, background and drug screen after receiving a program acceptance letter and before starting the program
- Successfully complete the PN on-line new student orientation prior to the published deadline to maintain position in the cohort
- Attend the mandatory in-processing on campus on scheduled date
- Register for required courses with the help of nursing faculty advisor

Semester 2 (Summer only)

PRN 0381C Medical/Surgical Nursing Across the Life Span I- 10 Vocational Credits

Action Items:

- Meet with your assigned nursing faculty advisor to confirm academic and career goals by end of the semester
- Register for required courses with the help of nursing faculty advisor

Semester 3 (Fall semester only)

PRN 0382C Medical/Surgical Nursing Across the Life Span II- 10 Vocational Credits

PRN 0100C Maternal/Infant/Child- 2.83 Vocational Credits

PRN 0011C Transition to Practice- 2.17 Vocational Credits

Action Items:

- Meet with assigned nursing faculty advisor to confirm academic and career goals by end of the semester
- Register for your final required program courses with the help of nursing faculty advisor
- Update your resume and begin your search for your desired nursing job
- Complete and sign your Graduation Application, by the due date, with assistance of assigned nursing faculty advisor
- Participate in a two-day mandatory NCLEX-PN review course on campus prior to graduation
- Participate in Florida Gateway College's Fall Nursing Pinning Ceremony
- Participate in Florida Gateway College's Fall Graduation Ceremony
- Complete and submit registered nurse (PN) licensing application to the Florida Board of Nursing (FON)
- Complete and submit application to PearsonVue to sit for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Examination (NCLEX-PN)