

Requirements for Admission

Practical Nursing Requirements:

All Applicants:

1. Must have a high school diploma or the equivalency thereof (GED) or be a Dual Enrolled High School Senior who will turn 18 years old before completing the Practical Nursing Program. *All high school seniors must have met all high school graduation requirements before entering into the nursing program.* All applicants under 18 must have parent/legal guardian consent to enroll.
2. Must be able to read, write and speak the English language.
3. **ATI-TEAS TEST:**
All practical nursing applicants must take the nursing entrance exam (ATI-TEAS). The desired proficiency level score is a minimum of 58.7%. All test results should ***not*** be older than one (1) year from the date of application submission.

*Remotely proctored TEAS scores will ***not*** be accepted. Only scores from an official testing site/facility will be accepted.*

A copy of your ATI-TEAS results must be uploaded into your nursing application.

This exam is offered at Gadsden Technical College (GTC), for a fee of \$85.00.
You must register for testing in advance.

Current registration will begin April 1st.

To register for TEAS testing, visit our website or: <https://www.gadsdentech.org/practicalnursing>

- ❖ A study guide and/or practice test for ATI-TEAS can be purchased at www.atitesting.com or amazon.com.
- ❖ **If you are required to take both the TEAS and the Acceptable Basic Skills test, it is recommended to take the TEAS test first.**

4. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants are required to be in good mental and physical health and must submit proof of a recent medical evaluation/physical (not more than 12 months old). Please visit our website at:

<https://www.gadsdentech.org/practicalnursing>

to **print** the required Medical History and Physical Examination Forms. The applicant is to complete the Medical History and a healthcare provider is to complete the Physical Examination Form.

If after acceptance, a student's health status changes, further documentation may be required stating the student is mentally and physically able to continue the Program. Applicants are also required to provide proof of the following current immunizations:

- Tetanus, within the past 10 years (Td or Tdap).
- MMR x2 (given on or after the applicant's first birthday). Official documentation of immunity (titer results; must submit actual numerical value) is also acceptable.
- Hepatitis B series or titer. (titer results; must submit actual numerical value)
- Varivax x2. Official documentation of immunity (titer results; must submit actual numerical value) is also acceptable.
- PPD/Tuberculin test within past 12 months (a TB blood test is preferred)
*PPD/Tuberculin skin testing is valid for one (1) year from date of administration. Students who test positive for tuberculosis must show proof of a negative chest x-ray to satisfy this requirement.
- COVID Vaccine (at least 2 doses) is ***recommended***.
- Flu Vaccine (within 12 months) is ***recommended***.

Once these forms are completed, they must be uploaded into your nursing application.

5. **REFERENCES:**

Applicants must submit three (3) current reference letters: You can submit two professional references (recent employers, former teachers, counselors, etc...) and/or one personal reference (**not** a family member). All three reference letters should be **typed**, must contain **contact information** and a **signature** from the individual who provided the reference. Preferably all references should be on a letterhead.

Once all three (3) reference letters have been obtained, they must be uploaded into your nursing application. Reference letters can also be emailed from the individual who provided the reference directly to Doris Drake at: draked@gcpsmail.com

6. **MEDICAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE:**

Points will be given to any applicant who holds a current medial certification/licensure (i.e. CPR, medical assistant, certified nursing assistant, phlebotomy, et...). This is optional and only applies to those who possess these certification/licensures.

Upload a photocopy of the certification/Licensure into your nursing application.

7. **TRANSCRIPT:**

Applicants must submit an official **sealed/unopened** high school transcript and transcripts from any college(s) attended.

Transcripts may be sent electronically directly from the institution to Doris Drake at:

draked@gcpsmail.com

OR

Hand delivered to Gadsden Technical College's front office or mailed to:

***Gadsden Technical College
School of Practical Nursing
Attn: Doris Drake
201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Quincy, Florida 32351***

8. **BACKGROUND SCREENINGS:**

This screening process will be directed by the Program's staff at a later date. No action is required by the applicant at this time.

A Level II criminal background screening is required once accepted into the program. Students must have a clear background in order to participate in the mandatory clinical rotation, as well as to obtain licensure.

Please note that clearance of background screening for clinical facilities is not a certainty that the Florida Board of Nursing (FBON) will approve testing for licensure. Applicants are encouraged to visit the FBON website at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/> for information regarding licensure requirements prior to beginning the application process.

9. **DRUG SCREENING:**

This screening process will be directed by the Program's staff at a later date. No action is required by the applicant at this time.

All students must submit to, and pass, random drug screenings after entering the Practical Nursing Program and prior to having access to the clinical health care facilities utilized in the Program. This is a Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requirement demanded of all acute care facilities.

10. **INTERVIEW:**

After all documents have been uploaded and submitted (and the applicant has met minimum qualifications), an interview with the Nursing Program Coordinator and/or designated faculty member(s) will be scheduled. All interviews will be completed before acceptance into the program.

ACCEPTANCE:

Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program. Final selection will be based on the qualified applicant pool and space available. Applicants who have met the requirements for admission will be selected based on a defined point system and the number of available seats.

Successful application submission is dependent upon meeting all the requirements.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LENGTH OF PROGRAM:

The program is divided into five (5) Terms equaling 1,350 hours and takes approximately 11 ½ months to complete.

CLASS/CLINICAL TIMES:

Practical Nursing classroom hours are: 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM, Monday -Friday

All clinical days and hours may vary from: 6:45 AM – 2:45 PM and/or 2:45 PM – 10:45 PM.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms are required for all classes and clinicals. The student is responsible for the cost of all uniforms.

COST OF PROGRAM:

The cost of the Practical Nursing Program is approximately \$ 7,400.00. (**Note: This amount is subject to change**). Payments are divided into three-payment blocks and are due at the beginning of each payment block without exception. Uniforms and supplies costs are not included into the cost of the program.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

We currently accept the following types of financial assistance:

- Financial Aid “Pell Grant”
- CareerSource Capital Region Funding
- Florida Pre-Paid
- Veterans Assistance Funding
- Other Approved Scholarships
- Pay Out-of-Pocket
- GTC Scholarship Funding may be Available to Qualifying Students

Financial Aid (Pell Grant) should be completed prior to the completion of the applicant process.

Use the link below to apply for financial aid:

<https://studentaid.gov>

For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Officer at: (850) 875-8324, Ext. 5103.