

Diploma NURSING - PN

The Nursing PN diploma prepares students to care for acutely and chronically ill patients, to help rehabilitate patients, and to share in the prevention of illness. HGTC's curriculum combines classroom instruction with laboratory practice and clinical experience in various settings. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Upon successful completion of this examination and appropriate board licensure, the candidate will be designated as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

The Nursing and Practical Nursing programs are approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Board of Nursing and are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Phone (404) 975-5000, Fax (404) 975-5020, www.acenursing.org.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

Applicants will be accepted into the Nursing - PN program by completing a weighted admission form. Students with the highest scores will receive admission to the program. A waiting list of applicants will not be maintained for future admission. An applicant who receives notification that he/she was not admitted to the program must resubmit the Nursing - PN Application by the program application deadline date to be considered for admission to the next available class. Weighted admission forms are available on the Health Science web page.

- Criminal Background Check prior to acceptance
- Urine Drug Screening prior to acceptance
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate has the ability to perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to enrollment in the first nursing course.
- Complete and pass the General Hospital Orientation.
- Proof of CPR certification for Health Care Providers prior to and throughout curriculum.
- GPA of 2.0 or better on all required general education and support courses. A minimum grade of "C" is also required in all courses required for Nursing - PN.
- Have met one of the following two admission options:
 - Be eligible for BIO 210, ENG 101 and MAT 155 and met the required score on the TEAS. TEAS scores are valid for 2 years from testing date. Students may retest every 3 months.
 - Successful completion of all 5 Health Science Nursing Core Courses with a minimum grade of "C" and a GPA of at least 2.0. (MAT and BIO time limits apply.)
- Payment of a non-refundable tuition deposit.
- All applicants must be at least 17 years of age by August 1 of the semester of acceptance. Students are submitted into the Nursing - PN program fall semester only.
- Complete the online Nursing - PN Information Session.
- For re-acceptance guidelines, see the ADN PN Student Handbook.
- For students seeking transfer credits from other institutions, see the ADN PN Student Handbook.
- Other expenses for which you are responsible may include, but are not limited to: purchasing scrubs and shoes, gas and transportation to clinical sites, Licensing Exam fees of \$200 - \$300.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all PNR-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Grade below "C" are considered course failures. Any student who fails to meet the requirements for progression will be dropped from the nursing program and must apply for re-acceptance. For further information regarding re-acceptance, see the ADN PN Student Handbook.

Students must pass a criminal background check and urine drug screening 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

FALL START - First Semester

| | | |
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| BIO 210 | Anatomy Physiology I | 4 |
| MAT 155 | Contemporary Mathematics | 3 |
| PNR 110 | Fundamentals of Nursing | 5 |
| PNR 120 | Medical/Surgical Nursing I | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 17 |

Second Semester

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| BIO 211 | Anatomy Physiology II | 4 |
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| AHS 108 | Nutrition | 3 |
| PNR 130 | Medical/Surgical Nursing II | 5 |
| PNR 154 | Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 17 |
| Third Semester | | |
| ENG 101 | English Composition I | 3 |
| PNR 140 | Medical/Surgical Nursing III | 5 |
| PNR 183 | Special Topics in PNR | 3 |
| PSY 201 | General Psychology | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 14 |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 48 |
| SUMMER START - First Semester | | |
| BIO 210 | Anatomy Physiology I | 4 |
| MAT 155 | Contemporary Mathematics | 3 |
| PNR 110 | Fundamentals of Nursing | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 13 |
| Second Semester | | |
| BIO 211 | Anatomy Physiology II | 4 |
| AHS 108 | Nutrition | 3 |
| PNR 120 | Medical/Surgical Nursing I | 5 |
| PNR 130 | Medical/Surgical Nursing II | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 17 |
| Third Semester | | |
| ENG 101 | English Composition I | 3 |
| PNR 154 | Maternal/Infant/Child Nursing | 5 |
| PNR 140 | Medical/Surgical Nursing III | 3 |
| PNR 183 | Special Topics in PNR | 3 |
| PSY 201 | General Psychology | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 19 |
| | TOTAL CREDIT HOURS | 48 |