



Practical Nursing Program Information and Admission Process

The Practical Nursing program has five prerequisite courses that must be completed with a minimum grade of C in each course before the student can go through the competitive admission process. These courses include:

ENGL 1101 - Composition and Rhetoric (*ENGL 1102)

MATH 1013 – Algebraic Concepts (*MATH 1100, 1101, MAT 1111, MAT 1112, MAT 1113, MAT 1131)

PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology (*PSYC 1101)

ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences

ALHS 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology (* Both BIOL 2113 and BIOL 2114 may be accepted if taken during another program of study or in transfer from another institution.)

**Acceptable course substitutions*

ALHS 1011 and ALHS 1090 must be repeated if five (5) years or older at the time of admission to the program. Anatomy and Physiology classes can only be attempted twice. A withdrawal or a failure counts as an attempt.

Students who have completed the Practical Nursing prerequisites are eligible to participate in the competitive admission process for entry into the Practical Nursing program. Admission is held twice per year: in June for students starting in the fall semester, and in September for students starting in the spring semester. Twenty-eight (28) students are admitted for each class.

The PN faculty will hold informational meetings on both campuses six weeks prior to each admission. For June admission, the meetings will be in April. For September admission, the meetings will be in July. Meeting times and locations will be sent to all students' email accounts whose major is listed as Practical Nursing. Students are encouraged to contact their respective PN advisors to prevent missing this information.

The entrance exam for the program is the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) Edition 6. Students may take the ATI TEAS at the Assessment Center at the DeKalb campus, Newton B campus, or any approved testing site listed on the ATI website, www.atitesting.com. The ATI TEAS must be taken within one (1) year prior to the deadline date for submitting documents for admission to the PN program, as indicated below.

The ATI TEAS is not healthcare based. It includes English grammar and usage, math, and high school level life science, physical science, and chemistry. The PN faculty strongly recommend that students purchase the ATI TEAS Study Guide. This guide may be purchased from the online store on ATI's website, www.atitesting.com, or from any web site that sells textbooks. Historically, students who utilized the study guide performed at a higher level on the test than those who chose not to do so.

The June admission ATI TEAS offered at GPTC will be administered the first and second weeks of the month. Deadline for submission of required documents is the third Thursday in June by 1:00 p.m. The September admission ATI TEAS offered at GPTC will be administered the third and fourth weeks of the month. Deadline for submission of required documents is the first Thursday of October by 1:00 p.m.

The admission process consists of the following:

- Admission to the college for the semester in which students take the TEAS.
- All prerequisites listed in Banner and visible to nursing faculty
- Verification of completion of all prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" in all courses.
- Verification that the student's major is listed as Practical Nursing (PN12) or CNA in Banner Web. These are the only two approved majors for admission participation.
- Taking and passing the entrance exam, the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS), with a minimum required score of 64.3%.
- Submission of required documents to faculty for calculation of Composite Scores by the stated deadline.

The ATI TEAS passing score is subject to change with each testing period. The student's total score is located at the top left of the report. Students who have passed the test are required to submit the documents below to his or her PN Advisor by the deadline.

The required documents are:

- Unofficial GPTC Banner Web Transcript with PN or CNA listed as the major (student should print)
 - Transfer students are required to have grades listed for all transfer classes on the GPTC Banner Web Transcript.
- Printed ATI TEAS Score Report (student should print from the ATI website)
 - All TEAS exams taken at testing centers other than GPTC must also be sent electronically to GPTC via the online store at www.atitesting.com for a nominal fee.
- Student Information Sheet obtained from a PN faculty advisor on the Covington campus or from a designated representative on the Clarkston campus.

The required documents must be submitted in person to a PN faculty member or other designated personnel. At the time of submission, the student is required to complete a student information sheet with accurate contact information. In order to comply with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), the student must provide a valid GPTC student email address. Private email addresses will not be used for communication.

GPA calculations are done according to the following guidelines:

- The highest grade earned in the prerequisite courses will be used for the calculation.

- ALHS 1090 must be repeated if five (5) years or older at the time of admission to the program.
- ALHS 1011 must be repeated if five (5) years or older at the time of admission to the program and can only be attempted twice. If the class has been taken twice, the highest ALHS 1011 grade earned will be used for the calculation. If the second attempt results in a withdrawal or a failure, the student will no longer be eligible for the nursing program at GPTC.
- If a student receives credit for a prerequisite class by exemption exam, that class will not be used to factor the GPA.

After GPA calculation, the student's TEAS score will be multiplied by the GPA to assign a Composite Score, which gives equal weight to both the GPA and the TEAS score. The twenty-eight students with the highest Composite Scores will be admitted to the PN program.

Students admitted to the program will receive notification via their GPTC student email addresses approximately one week after the deadline for submission of required documents. These students will also receive information regarding a mandatory orientation meeting that will be held approximately one month prior to the start of classes. The student's presence and punctuality at the meeting signifies his or her desire to accept and maintain a seat in the nursing program. Students not in attendance or who are tardy for the meeting will forfeit their seat in the program.

Students who passed the TEAS, but are not admitted to the program, will receive email notification during the same time period. Those students are encouraged to contact their respective PN advisors to discuss ways to improve prior to the next admission. A student with a passing ATI TEAS score, who is not admitted, may choose to keep the current score for the next admission with the proper notification of nursing faculty. The student is required to email his or her PN advisor stating the intent to use the ATI TEAS score for the next admission. In the event that the passing score changes and the student's score is below the required level, the student will be required to retake the examination.

For any other questions regarding the Practical Nursing Program, please contact the nursing faculty at 404-297-9522.

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