



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.

The five required prerequisite courses are:

ENGL 1010 – Fundamentals of English (*ENGL 1101)

MATH 1012 – Foundations of Mathematics (*All higher level GPTC MATH courses are accepted, except MATH 1127)

PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology (*PSYC 1101)

ALHS 1090 – Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences

ALHS 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology (*BIOL 2113 AND BIOL 2114 sequence – Both are required)

* Acceptable course substitutions listed in parentheses

ALHS 1011 and ALHS 1090 must be repeated if five (5) years or older at the time of admission to the program. ALHS 1090 and ALHS 1011 classes can only be attempted twice. A withdrawal or a failure are 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 in June for students starting in the fall semester. Twenty-eight (28) students are admitted for each class.

The PN faculty will hold an informational meeting prior to each admission. For the June admission, the meeting will be held in April. 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 7. 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 at 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 health care 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.

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The June admission ATI TEAS (version 7) offered at GPTC will be administered the Fourth and Fifth weeks of May. Deadline for submission of required documents is the second Friday in June by 1:00 p.m.

The admission process consists of the following:

1. Admission to the college for the semester in which students take the TEAS.
2. All prerequisites listed in Banner and visible to nursing faculty
 - a. Note: It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all transferred courses have letter grades assigned by the Admissions department.
3. Verification of completion of all prerequisites with a minimum grade of "C" in all courses.
4. 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.
5. Taking and passing the entrance exam, the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS 7), with a minimum required score of 68%.
6. 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 will be 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 prior to the specified deadline before each selection.

The required documents are:

1. Unofficial GPTC Banner Web Transcript with PN or CNA listed as the major
2. Transfer students are required to have grades listed for all transfer classes on the GPTC Banner Web Transcript.
3. ATI TEAS Score Report (student should print from the ATI website)
4. 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.
5. Student Information Sheet which will be sent via to the student's GPTC email. Students without an active GPTC student email account will not receive important communication and will not be able to submit their application.

The required documents must be submitted via the virtual drop box that will be emailed to GPTC students through Navigate prior to each application period. At the time of submission, the student is required to complete the 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:

1. The highest grade earned in the prerequisite courses will be used for the calculation.
2. ALHS 1090 must be repeated if five (5) years or older at the time of admission to the program.
3. 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

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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.

4. If a student receives credit for a prerequisite class by exemption exam, that class will not be used to factor the GPA.
5. Both BIOL 2113 and BIOL 2114 must be taken to substitute ALHS 1011 (a five-credit hour course). If only one course is taken, this requirement will not be satisfied. The GPA of the two courses will be averaged together to be used as the grade for this requirement.

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 two weeks 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. The TEAS test must be taken one (1) year prior to the deadline date. Students are only allowed one attempt to take the TEAS test per selection. If a student does not earn the benchmark score (or higher) on the first attempt, the student may retake the TEAS during the next selection period. If the student chooses to take the TEAS test more than once during a selection period, only the first attempt's score will be recognized and used for selection. In the event that the benchmark score or ATI test edition were to change, the student will be required to take the new version of the exam and meet the new benchmark score.

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

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