

PRACTICAL NURSING



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Licensed practical nurses are in demand in our region, and are vitally important in providing quality patient care. The Practical Nursing diploma program encompasses classroom and clinical instruction in all phases of direct patient care, including dispensing medication and IV therapy. The GACTC Practical Nursing program has served our community since 1970. The GACTC offers both full-time and part-time Practical Nursing programs. Courses in the Practical Nursing program include the following:

- Personal & vocational relationship
- Fundamentals of nursing
- Anatomy & physiology
- Medical nursing I, II, and III
- Surgical nursing I, II, and III
- Maternity nursing
- Pediatric nursing
- Pharmacology I and II
- More than 900 hours of clinical instruction in all phases of direct patient care.



INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Upon graduation from the program, students are Graduate Practical Nurses and are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Other certifications include:

- OSHA 10-hour training
- IV Therapy certification



FINANCIAL AID

1. Apply online for the FSA ID username and password at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.
2. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). File online at <https://studentaid.gov/> using your FSA ID. GACTC school code is 015272.
3. Complete the Student Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note under the Loans and Grants tab at <https://studentaid.gov/>.
4. Carefully review any communication you receive from the our Financial Aid office and other student aid programs. All requests for information should be returned promptly to the appropriate department or agency, or call the Financial Aid office for assistance at (814) 505-1257 or financial.aid@gactc.edu.

SCHEDULE

Full-time program: August 2024 through August 2025.

Proposed schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm (hours may vary due to clinical experiences.)

Part-time program: September 2024 through August 2026.

Proposed schedule: Tuesday - Thursday 4:30 to 8:30pm. Clinical hours also vary pending clinical site, but can be weekdays 4:30pm to 9:30pm and every other weekend from 6:30am to 2:00pm.

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www.gactc.edu / (814) 941-TECH

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Practical Nursing Diploma Program

2023-2024 Estimated Tuition & Fees

Tuition	\$17,300.00
Textbooks	
Textbooks*	\$2,675.00
Supplies	
Uniforms	\$230.00
Nursing Equipment	\$130.00
Laptop*	\$900.00
Fees	
OSHA 10-hour Certification	\$35.00
Skills Lab Fee	\$375.00
Comprehensive Fee	\$500.00
Estimated Total Tuition & Fees:	<u>\$22,145.00</u>

Students may be responsible for other fees and supplies not listed above that may be required for program completion. See below for estimated out-of-pocket expenses.

Textbooks:

<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Edition</u>
9780323884211	Fundamental Concepts & Skills for Nursing	6
9780323711265	The Human Body in Health and Disease	7
9780323556057	Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing for The Human Body in Health and Disease	6
9780323683722	Success for Practical/Vocational Nursing	9
9780323826228	Calculation of Drug Dosage	12
9781975197131	CoursePoint for Timby's Introductory Medical-Surgical Nursing	13
9781975186951	Lippincott CoursePoint Enhanced for Hatfield's Introductory Maternity & Pediatric Nursing	5
9781975193867	CoursePoint for Introductory Clinical Pharmacology	12
	ATI Learning & NCLEX Resources	

* If you do not wish to receive the required textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, you may purchase the textbooks and/or laptop on your own. If you do not receive the textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, the cost of the textbooks and/or laptop as detailed in the fees above, will be deducted from your tuition statement. We recommend having access to a computer to use outside of class sessions.

Estimated out-of-pocket expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Non-refundable deposit fee (payable after acceptance to program) - \$100.00
- Shoes - approximate cost is \$50.00
- BLS CPR - \$50.00
- Watch with a second hand - approximate cost is \$20.00
- Flu Vaccine - approximate cost is \$35.00
- Temporary Practice Permit - \$70.00
- Licensure Exam - \$95.00
- NCLEX Exam - \$200.00

Out-of-pocket fees are subject to change.