

# **PRACTICAL NURSING**

# Program Number 31-543-1 Technical Diploma • Two Terms

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If you're ill or injured, it's comforting to know you're in the care of highly skilled, welleducated healthcare professionals. If you work well under pressure; like math, science, communications, and problem solving; are independent; and have a strong desire to work with and help people—a career as a practical nurse may be the choice for you.

## **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving identity as a nurse committed to caring, advocacy, and quality care while adhering to evidence-based practice.
- Demonstrate appropriate written, verbal, and nonverbal communication in a variety of clinical contexts.
- Integrate knowledge of social, mathematical, and physical sciences, pharmacology, and disease processes while participating in clinical decision making.
- Provide patient centered care under supervision by participating in the nursing process across diverse populations and healthcare settings.
- Minimize risk of harm to patients, members of the healthcare team, and self through safe individual performance and participation in system effectiveness.
- Collaborate as an active member of the multidisciplinary healthcare team to provide effective patient care throughout the lifespan.
- Use information and technology to communicate, manage data, mitigate error, and assist with decision making.

#### **ADMISSIONS STEPS**

- · Work with Admissions Specialist to:
- Submit application and \$30 fee.
- Complete an assessment for placement (Accuplacer or ACT).
- Schedule Health Occupations Entrance assessment HESI.
- Submit official transcripts (high school and other colleges).
- Complete health requirements.
- Complete background check and \$16 processing fee.
- Complete Nursing Program Handbook form.
- Complete Functional Abilities Statement of Understanding form.
- Meet with program advisor/counselor to discuss program details.

## **APPROXIMATE COSTS**

- \$132 per credit (resident)
- \$198 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Other fees vary by program (books, supplies, materials, tools, uniforms, health-related exams, etc.) Visit gotoltc.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-fees for details.

## **PLACEMENT SCORES**

Accuplacer/ACT scores will be used to develop your educational plan. Contact your program advisor/counselor for details.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE**

- High school Chemisty may fulfill presemester requirement.
- Nursing Assistant skills must be attained within 6 months of starting clinicals.

## **CAREER & EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

LTC credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit gotoltc.edu/ future-students/transfer.

# **RELATED PROGRAMS**

Nursing - Associate Degree

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Catalog No. Class Title		Credit(s)
10806134	Presemester General Chemistry	4
	Term 1	
10543101	Nursing Fundamentals	2
10543102	Nursing Skills	3
10543103	Nursing Pharmacology	2
10543104	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice	2
10801195	Written Communication OR	3
	10801136 English Composition 1	
10806177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
10809188	Developmental Psychology	3

## Term 2

10543105	Nursing Health Alterations	3
10543106	Nursing Health Promotion	3
10543107	Nsg: Clinical Care Across Lifespan	2
10543108	Nsg: Intro Clinical Care Mgt	2
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
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# TOTAL 32

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Recommended Support Courses:

10543124	Virtual Clinical for Second Semester	1
	Nursing	
31543300	Learning Strategies for Nursing	1

Curriculum and Program Acceptance requirements are subject to change. Program start dates vary; check with your advisor/counselor for details.



DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY...introduces the student to the study of human development throughout the lifespan. This course explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills will enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

GENERAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY...examines basic concepts of human anatomy and physiology as they relate to health sciences. Using a body systems approach, the course emphasizes the interrelationships between structure and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization of the entire human body. It is intended to prepare health care professionals who need to apply basic concepts of whole body anatomy and physiology to informed decision-making and professional communication with colleagues and patients. PREREQUISITE: 10806134 General Chemistry or equivalent

NSG: CLINICAL CARE ACROSS LIFESPAN...applies nursing concepts and therapeutic interventions to clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to concepts of teaching and learning. Extending care to include the family is emphasized. COREQUISITE: 10543106 Nursing Health Promotion

Student must have completed all first semester courses. Student needs a current TB test and professional CPR card (1 and 2 person, adult, infant, and child, AED). Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better.

NSG: INTRO CLINICAL CARE MGT...applies nursing concepts and therapeutic nursing interventions to groups of clients across the lifespan. It also provides an introduction to leadership, management, and teambuilding. COREQUISITE: 10543105 Nursing Health Alterations. Student must have completed all first semester courses. Student needs a current TB test and professional CPR card (1 and 2 person, adult, infant, and child, AED). Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better.

NSG: INTRO CLINICAL PRACTICE...is an introductory clinical course that emphasizes basic nursing skills and application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of diverse clients across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on performing basic nursing skills, the formation of nurse-client relationships, communication, data collection, documentation, and medication administration. Student needs a current TB test and professional CPR card (1 and 2 person, adult, infant, and child, AED). Student needs to be admitted to the Nursing program. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. CONDITION: 105431 Nursing-Associate Degree Admissions Requirements Met; or 315431 Practical Nursing Admissions Requirements Met; and COREQUISITE: 10543101 Nursing Fundamentals and 10543102 Nursing Skills and 10543103 Nursing Pharmacology

NURSING FUNDAMENTALS...focuses on basic nursing concepts to provide evidenced-based care to diverse patient populations across the lifespan. Current and historical issues impacting nursing will be explored within the scope of nursing practice. The nursing process will be introduced as a framework for organizing the care of patients. This course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. COREQUISITE: 10806177 or 10806177OL or 10806177SA Gen Anatomy and Physiology, 10801195 Written Comm or 10801195OL Written Comm-Online and CONDITION: 105431 Nursing-Associate Degree or 315431 Practical Nursing Admission Requirements met

NURSING HEALTH ALTERATIONS...elaborates upon the basic concepts of health and illness as presented in Nursing Fundamentals. It applies theories of nursing in the care of clients through the lifespan, utilizing problem solving and critical thinking. This course will provide an opportunity to study conditions affecting different body systems and apply evidence-based nursing interventions. It will also introduce concepts of leadership and management. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITE: 10543101 Nrsg Fund and 10543102 Nrsg Skills and 10543103 Nursg Pharm and 10543104 Nrsg: Intro to Clin Practice and 10806177 or 10806177OL or 10806177SA Gen Anat & Phys or 10806196 Anat & Phys II

NURSING HEALTH PROMOTION...focuses on topics related to health promotion in for individuals and families throughout the lifespan. We will cover nursing care of the developing family, which includes reproductive issues, pregnancy, labor and delivery, post-partum, the newborn, and the child. Recognizing the spectrum of healthy families we will discern patterns associated with adaptive and maladaptive behaviors applying mental health principles. An emphasis is placed on teaching and supporting healthy lifestyle choices for individuals of all ages. Nutrition, exercise, stress management, empowerment, and risk reduction practices are highlighted. Study of the family will cover dynamics, functions, discipline styles, and stages of development. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. PREREQUISITE: 10543101 Nrsg Fund, 10543102 Nrsg Skills, 10543103 Nrsg Pharm, 10543104 Nrsg Intro Clin Pract, 10809164 Human Grwth/Dev or 10806186 A& P 2 & COREQUISITE: 10801196 or 10801196OL Oral/Interprs Com or 10801196 Speech

NURSING PHARMACOLOGY...introduces the principles of pharmacology, including drug classifications and their effects on the body. Emphasis is on the use of the components of the nursing process when administering medications. Student must be admitted to the Nursing program. Course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. Do not register for this class until you are assigned a clinical slot in 543-104 in current or next semester. CONDITION: 105431 Nursing-Associate Degree or 315431 Practical Nursing Admissions Requirements Met; and PREREQUISITE: 10806186 Intro to Biochemistry and COREQUISITE: 10806196 Anat & Phys 2 or 10806177 or 10806177OL or 10806177A Gen Anat & Phys

NURSING SKILLS...focuses on development of evidence-based clinical skills and physical assessment across the lifespan. Content includes mathematical calculations and conversions related to clinical skills. In addition the course includes techniques related to obtaining a health history and basic physical assessment skills using a body systems approach. This course requires a minimum grade of "C" or better. CONDITION: 105431 Nursing-Associate Degree Admissions Requirements Met; or 315431 Practical Nursing Admissions Requirements Met; and COREQUISITE: 10806196 Anatomy and Physiology II or 10806177 or 10806177OL or 10806177SA Gen Anatomy and Physiology

ORAL/INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION...provides students with the skills to develop speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and listening skills through individual speeches, group activities, and other projects. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION...teaches the writing process, which includes prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. Through a variety of writing assignments, the student will analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Keyboarding skills are required for this course. It also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents. PREREQUISITE: 10831103 Intro to College Wrtg equivalent and COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Rdg & Study Skills or equivalenT

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