

**Practical Nursing Diploma Program**

Practical Nurses (LPNs) have a vital part in the healthcare community. They are involved in direct patient care, administering medications, monitoring equipment, changing dressings, preparing food trays, feeding, bathing and managing patients, dressing patients, maintaining patient charts, taking vital signs and pulse rates. A practical nursing student receives extensive clinical experience, supervised in area hospitals by hospital personnel and Columbus Technical College healthcare professionals. This program prepares the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing.

The Practical Nursing Diploma (PN) Program is a 57 credit hour program and has full approval by the Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217-3858. (912)207-1640.

Student education includes time in the classroom, lab, and clinical setting. Students are expected to demonstrate ethical and professional behavior while providing compassionate nursing care in a variety of healthcare settings. Students will interact and communicate with multiple disciplines within the healthcare team.

Once students successfully complete the PN requirements and pass all courses with a grade of “C” or higher they can register to take the Practical Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

**Competitive Admission**

Admission to the Practical Nursing Program is competitive. Students are ranked according to a point system. The points come from the GPA, Compass/ACCUPLACER scores (current within the last 5 years), ATI-TEAS exam score and follows the Division of Health Sciences and Nursing Policy for the Competitive Admission Process. PN Courses used in the ranking for competitive admission are:

**ENGL 1010, MATH 1012, PSYC 1010, ALHS 1011 (current within last 7 years) and ALHS 1060.**

**Completed Application Packets are turned in the Administrative Suite I on the 3rd floor of the Health Sciences Building, no later than March 1st and can be submitted as early as February 15th of that year. The program begins in the Summer Semester. The Letter of Intent Form and the Personal Data Form are found on the website at** [**www.columbustech.edu/academics/forms.cms**](http://www.columbustech.edu/academics/forms.cms) **. These forms, along with a copy of the ATI-TEAS exam score are required for application.**

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Our Graduates will:

1. Adhere to standards of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks of the licensed practical nurse.
2. Use nursing knowledge, skills, and current technology to provide safe, caring, and individualized nursing care to a diverse patient population.
3. Assist in the assessment of individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan.
4. Collaborate with clients and others, as needed, to plan and implement effective nursing care.
5. Utilize teaching and learning processes to reinforce teaching plans recognizing lifespan considerations.
6. Communicate clearly and professionally by the accurate and complete charting, reporting, and recording of patient information.
7. Communicate clearly and promote the use of electronic medical records in the healthcare environment to provide efficient quality patient care.
8. Demonstrate competence in drug calculations and administration of medications.
9. Participate in clinical decision-making within the LPN scope of practice.
10. Demonstrate critical thinking/problem solving skills in all areas of LPN practice.
11. Recognize the need for lifelong learning within the profession.

**Program Outcomes**

At least 75% of students who enter the program will graduation on time with their class.

At least 80% of graduates will pass the NCLEX-PN Licensure Examination on the first attempt.

**Year Program Pass Rate NCLEX-PN Pass Rate**

2014/15 75% 95%

2015/16 75% 89%

**Program Curriculum**

***PRACTICAL NURSING***

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| ***GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES*** | **Credit hours** | **Contact hours** |
| ***FIRST SEMESTER (Spring) general education*** |  |  |
| * *SEMN 1000* | *0* | 0 |
| * *ENGL 1010 Foundations of English\** | *3* | 45 |
| * *MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics\** | *3* | 45 |
| * *PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology\** | *3* | 45 |
| * *ALHS 1011 Human Anatomy and Physiology\** | *5* | 75 |
| * *ALHS 1060 Diet and Nutrition for Allied Health\** | *2* | 30 |
| *Total semester hours* | *16* | 240 |
| *Total General education hours* | *16* | 240 |
| *\* Indicates courses utilized for a GPA average during the admission process* |  |  |
|  | **Credit Hours** | **Contact hours** |
| ***SECOND SEMESTER (Summer) 1stNursing Semester*** |  |  |
| * *PNSG 2010 Introduction to Pharmacology and Clinical Calculations* | *2* | 30 |
| * *PNSG 2030 Nursing Fundamentals* | *6* | 90 |
| * *PNSG 2035 Nursing Fundamentals Clinical* | *2* | 30 |
| *Total Semester Hours* | *10* | 150 |
| ***Nursing courses*** | **Credit Hour** | **Contact hours** |
| ***THIRD SEMESTER ( Fall) 2nd Nursing Semester*** |  |  |
| * *PNSG 2210 Medical-Surgical Nursing I* | *4* | 60 |
| * *PNSG 2310 Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I* | *2* | 30 |
| * *PNSG 2220 Medical-Surgical Nursing II* | *4* | 60 |
| * *PNSG 2320 Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical II* | *2* | 30 |
| * *PNSG 2250 Maternity Nursing* | *3* | 45 |
| * *PNSG 2255 Maternity Nursing Clinical* | *1* | 15 |
| *Total Semester Hours* | *16* | 240 |
| ***FOURTH SEMESTER (Spring) 3rd Nursing Semester*** |  |  |
| * *PNSG 2230 Medical-Surgical Nursing III* | *4* | 60 |
| * *PNSG 2330 Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical III* | *2* | 30 |
| * *PNSG 2240 Medical-Surgical Nursing IV* | *4* | 60 |
| * *PNSG 2340 Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical IV* | *2* | 30 |
| * *PNSG 2410 Nursing Leadership* | *1* | 15 |
| * *PNSG 2415 Nursing Leadership Clinical* | *2* | 30 |
| *Total Semester Hours* | *15* | 225 |
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| *Total General Education Course Hours* | *16* |  |
| *Total Nursing Course Hours* | *41* |  |
| *Total Program Hours* | *57* |  |

**Estimated Salary**

Salary received depends on many factors including: setting of employment, experience, days/times of availability (weekend work in hospitals and other settings tend to have an increase in pay). Hourly pay ranges from $16 to $21 per hour.

**Estimated Student Expenses**

Admission Application Fee to CTC $25

Student Liability Insurance $17.50

Pre Admission TEAS Exam $101

Book Cost with discount for book bundle $892.26

ATI Testing Fee $924

Additional Paper Cost $20

Uniform costs $400

Stethoscope $50 +

Background Check/Drug Screen $60

Medical Exam $100

Immunizations $130

CPR/BLS $65