GTCC
GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRACTICAL NURSING

(*To obtain a Practical Nursing diploma*)

Fall 2027 Entry (August Start)

Diploma – 41-44 Credit Hours Jamestown Campus

The Practical Nursing (PN) diploma program prepares students for eligibility for licensure, to work as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). This program has a selective admissions process. The cap on annual student enrollment is 30 for each Fall admission. This packet outlines the minimum criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process. Before applying, it is recommended to review the Technical Standards and Essential Functions required for the program. Reading these standards carefully along with a realistic assessment of your own personality, interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you choose a program and career path that is the best fit for you.

Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety as some requirements are time sensitive.

PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

✓**Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students).**
- *Students currently enrolled at GTCC do not need to complete a new application for admission. These students will begin with the remaining steps and make sure the NC Residency is current.*
- *See page 2 for details on this requirement.*
- ***It is highly recommended to have this step completed by April 2nd.***

✓**Complete the REQUIRED online Program Information Session by April 9th.**
- *See page 2 for instructions for accessing the session.*
- ***Sessions completed for previous admission cycles are NOT acceptable**.*

✓**Demonstrate "college readiness" for English and Mathematics.**
- *See page 3 to view options for meeting this requirement.*

✓**Demonstrate BIOLOGY competency**
- *See page 3 to view options for meeting this requirement.*

✓**Hold current certification as a Nurse Aide I on the NC Nurse Aide Registry with no substantiated findings.**
- *See page 4 for information on this requirement.*

✓**Complete the ATI TEAS exam and achieve a minimum composite score of 66.**
- *Accepting ATI TEAS exam scores from **VERSION 7** only from 2025 and later (**PRELIMINARY SCORES NOT ACCEPTED; THE OFFICIAL ATI TEAS SCORE IS REQUIRED**).*
- *Prior versions of the TEAS will not be accepted.*
- *See page 4 for information on scheduling an exam*

✓ **Submit the Fall 2027 Practical Nursing Program Application**
- *Applications accepted **March 1st through April 16th.***
- *See page 4 for details on application submissions*

Note: Meeting all criteria listed above does not guarantee acceptance to the program. However, all criteria must be met to apply and be considered for selection.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

General Education Courses

These courses may be taken prior to applying to the program to lighten the academic load and for possible award of ranking points.

BIO 163*	Basic Anatomy & Physiology (must be completed 2017 or later)	5 credits
PSY 150	General Psychology	3 credits
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3 credits
	Total General Education Credits:	**11 credits**

Table 1General Education Courses

Nursing Program Courses

These courses are taken once accepted to the program.

Fall 2027		
NUR 101	Practical Nursing I	11 credits
Spring 2028		
NUR 102	Practical Nursing II	10 credits
Summer 2028		
NUR 103	Practical Nursing III	9 credits
	Total Nursing Course Credits:	**30 credits**
	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DIPLOMA:	**41 credits**

Table 2Nursing Program Courses

GTCC GUIDED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS
PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students)

- **New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admission, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS).** To get started, visit the Admissions Office
  - **Returning students=** students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses at for more than 12 months
  - **Submit your official transcripts to the GTCC Admissions Office by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu.** Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate. **All degrees from institutions outside of the United States require evaluation by an agency recognized by NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit the transcripts website to verify that your transcripts have been received.)***
  - **Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.** This process takes longer near the beginning or end of a semester. Transfer credits from an Institutionally Accredited College or University **must** appear on your GTCC **Student Planning** transcript in order to be considered for meeting program requirements and/or earning ranking points.

- **Activate your GTCC Titan Account.** You should be able to do this within 3 to 5 business days of completing your GTCC Application.
- **Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with any part of the general admission process, you can contact the Admissions office at 336-334-4822, ext. 31125 or email the Admissions Office.

Complete the Required Online Program Information Session by 5pm, April 9th

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement!

This session will provide you with a detailed overview of the program, faculty and student expectations, class schedules and clinical requirements, the minimum program admission requirements, submitting your program application, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class.

- **You must have an activated Titan account to access the information session.**
- Enroll yourself in the Practical Nursing Diploma: Guided Entry Programs Information Session-2027 course
- You must pass all three modules with a score of 100% to receive credit for completing this task and to access the program application. **Access to the session will close at 5pm on April 9th!**

Demonstrate College Readiness for English AND Mathematics

You must be able to demonstrate that you have achieved the appropriate levels of college readiness in both subject areas. The chart below shows options for meeting these requirements.

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
❒ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111. ❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098 ❒ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of **P2** ❒ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011 ❒ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University ❒ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions! ❒ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher	❒ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for one of the following -- MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 171 (or a higher-level math). ❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050 ❒ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of **P2** ❒ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for one of the following: MAT 043, MAT 052, or MAT 071 ❒ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University ❒ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions!

❒ **Option 8**: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 025	❒ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher ❒ **Option 8**: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 025 **(program of study requires MAT 143 or MAT 152)** ❒ **Option 9:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT **035 (program of study requires MAT 121 or MAT 171)**

Table 3College Readiness Requirements

If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a Guided Entry Advisor for clarification PRIOR TO submitting your Program Application.

Demonstrate Biology Competency

Applicants can meet this requirement one of the following ways:

- College-level BIO/lab 4 credit hour course with a "C" or better, completed within 10 years of program start date— *(since 2017)*
    - The course must be reflected on your transcript in **Student Planning**.
- High school-level BIO/lab course with a "C" or better, completed since the 2024-2025 school year
    - Your high school transcript must be on file in Admissions.
        - **AP (Advanced Placement) scores are accepted within the past 5 years (since 2022). The College Board Scores of 3, 4, or 5 must be on file in Admissions to receive credit.**
        - **IB (International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination) scores are accepted within the past 5 years (since 2022). The official transcript from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) scores of 4, 5, 6, or 7 must be on file in Admissions to receive credit**

Possess a Current, Valid Certification as a North Carolina Nurse Aide I with No Substantiated Findings

Applicants are required to have a current NA I Registry listing (CNA certification) prior to submitting the program application. You must keep this certification current throughout the Nursing Program.

- If you have not completed the certification, you can request to be added to the contact list for upcoming GTCC trainings by emailing Amy Byerly (aeleonard@gtcc.edu). For a list of all state-approved trainings, visit the NC Nurse Aide Registry site.
- You must provide your Registry Listing number on the Program application. Visit the NC Nurse Aide Registry Verification Page (NC HCPR: Verify Registry Listings (ncdhhs.gov)) to access your listing.

Complete the ATI TEAS Exam and Achieve a Minimum Composite Score of 66

You may schedule your ATI TEAS exam through the GTCC Assessment Center or an ATI-approved testing center.
Your ATI TEAS exam scores must be VERSION 7 only from 2025 or later. PRELIMINARY SCORES ARE NOT ACCEPTED; the official ATI TEAS score is required)

To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit the Assessment Center's website.

- **Resources for the ATI TEAS exam include:**
  - **GTCC's Center for Academic Engagement (CAE) offers NurseHub TEAS Preparation to help students strengthen their readiness for the TEAS exam. Contact CAE at 336-334-4822, ext. 50318 or email CAE**
  - For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit ATI's website.
- To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit the Assessment Center's website. For questions related to scheduling the exam at GTCC, please contact the Assessment Center (testingcenter@gtcc.edu or 336-334-4822, ext. 50574). For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit ATI Testing website.
- **NOTE**: **Do not send exam scores to GTCC. You will be required to upload an official copy of your exam score to your program application.**

SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Program Applications will be accepted March 1st through 5pm on April 16th, 2027.

Once you have completed all of the minimum admission requirements, it's time to submit your program application. This will be completed electronically through the Practical Nursing Diploma: Guided Entry Programs Information Session-2027 course in Canvas. Once you have completed the information session with a score of 100%, the link for the application can be accessed starting March 1, 2027.

- Only one submission will be permitted for each applicant
- You will be required to upload a copy of your NA I Registry Listing
- You will be required to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS exam score; must include applicant's name, date of exam, total score, and Version 7 (**preliminary scores are not accepted; the official ATI TEAS score is required**)
- If applicable, you will upload documentation of other ranking criteria
- **It is critical that you check your Student Planning transcript to make sure all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. Ranking points will only be given for courses that are on record. It is your responsibility to ensure all official transcripts have been submitted to Admissions and processed for transfer credits.**
- Incomplete and/or ineligible applications will not be moved forward to the Selection Committee
- **The Guided Entry Programs Office will not review program applications until after the April 16th deadline. It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your application.**

PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Ranking and Selection Process

Approximately three to four weeks following the April 16th deadline, all application submissions will be screened by the Guided Entry Programs Office to confirm all minimum program admissions requirements have been met. All applicants will be notified via GTCC email if their submission will be moved forward to the Selection Committee for the final ranking review.

Each applicant will be notified via GTCC email of the results of the screening and next steps:

- Program applications meeting all program admission requirements will move forward to the Selection Committee for the ranking review process.
- Applications not meeting program admission requirements will not move forward to the Selection Committee for ranking review. Applicants will be advised on requirements needed to apply for the next program entry.

The next 2-3 weeks following the initial screening, the Health Sciences Review Committee (comprised of Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, Dean of Health Sciences, and Guided Entry Programs Office Staff) will review all eligible applications.

Applicants are ranked using a points system and will be selected based on the total points earned (see the next page). Ties will be decided based on the following criteria: 1) The total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The ATI TEAS composite score; and 3) The date of the Guided Entry Program Application for the program of interest.

Notification Process

Final results will be sent electronically to the applicant's GTCC email address **approximately** 6 weeks after the application deadline – it is the applicant's responsibility to check this email account frequently to avoid missing important communications from GTCC.

- **Applicants offered a seat must accept or decline a program seat by submitting an Intent to Enroll Form within 4 calendar days of the date on the acceptance letter.** Failure to respond within the stated timeframe will result in the seat being offered to an alternate. Once a student declines a program seat, the decision may not be reversed.

- **Applicants have 7 business days from the date of the notification letter to contest the results of the selection process.** The request for a review of the results must be submitted in writing to the Associate Vice President of Instruction (Dr. Jeremy Bennett - jdbennett5@gtcc.edu). The Associate Vice President of Instruction will render a decision within 7-10 business days of receipt of the written request. **The Associate Vice President of Instruction's decision is final.**

CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION

(NOTE: Courses that have received "Pass/Fail" or "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" grades will be considered equivalent to a "C".)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE DIPLOMA	Points Awarded
*BIO 163 – Basic Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2017 or later)	A = 8; B = 6; C = 2
PSY 150 - General Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	A = 4; B = 2

Table 4Required General Education Courses

ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DIPLOMA	Points Awarded
*BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology I **AND** BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II (**completed 2017 or later**) with "C" or higher. **Points for each course are averaged for final ranking.** ***Applicants will not earn ranking points for completing BIO 168, BIO 169, and BIO 163. The grades that result in the highest ranking points will be awarded.**	(**A+A =8; A+B=6; A+C=5; B+B=4; B+C=3; C+C=2**)
PSY 241 - Developmental Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
ENG 112, ENG 113 or ENG 114 - Writing/Research in the Disciplines, Writing/Literature Research *or* Professional Research and Reporting	A = 4; B = 2
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective Select from: GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses	A = 4; B = 2
MAT 143 (or higher-level course) with a grade of "B" or higher	2
CHM 131/131A or CHM 151 (or higher-level course) with grades of "B" or higher	2
BIO 275 (Microbiology) with a grade of "B" or higher (completed 2017 or later)	2

**HUM 115 (Critical Thinking) with a grade of "B" or higher	2
ACA Course (i.e., ACA 111, ACA 118, or ACA 122) with a grade of "B" or higher	1

Table 5Additional non-required courses

***BIO 168 & BIO 169 may be taken instead of BIO 163. This is recommended for those who are considering applying to the LPN-ADN bridge program in the future.**

** ***Preferred Course***

AP (Advanced Placement) courses: applicants who earned AP credit for general education courses may earn ranking points based on the following criteria: **AP score of 5 = grade of "A" AP score of 4 = grade of "B"**

College Board scores must be on file in the GTCC Admissions Office to earn AP course credit, and AP scores are valid for five years (from 2022).

OTHER RANKING CRITERIA	Points Awarded
College-Level Programs: Points awarded for the ONE HIGHEST level completed (ONLY ONE) – All degrees received from institutions outside the United States require evaluation by a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. TRANSCRIPT MUST STATE DEGREE AWARDED OR CONFERRED & BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!	
Completion of a Master's Degree or higher in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	6
Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	4
Completion of an Associate's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	3
Completion of a Diploma in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	2
Current Health-Related Certification/Licensure (up to two separate items may be submitted) -- **MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION.**	
May attach up to two separate CURRENT certifications/licensure for a maximum of two points. Must be from an officially recognized regulatory body. **CPR/First Aid/BLS is NOT acceptable. Certificates of Completions are not accepted. Nurse Aide I licensure is not acceptable as it is part of minimum requirements.**	1-2
Applicants can earn additional ranking points for the average term GPA of 3.0 or higher from Fall 2024 through Fall 2026 (a minimum of 12 completed credit hours is required; all term GPAs within the specified timeframe will be averaged). TRANSCRIPTS MUST BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS WITH GRADES COMPLETED!	
4.0	5
3.5 -3.99	4
3.0-3.49	3

TOTAL RANKING POINTS	Points Awarded
General Education Courses Required for the Degree	
Additional Courses Not Required for the Degree	
Other Ranking Criteria	

TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED:	

Table 6Degree/Health Certifications/GPA Ranking Criteria

PROGRAM ORIENTATION, ADVISING/REGISTRATION, AND ENROLLMENT

Once a seat in a program of study is accepted, the student will then communicate with the Program Director regarding all matters related to program orientation, advising/registration, and enrollment.

The student is required to attend all program orientations, meetings, or other events scheduled before the start of classes. Failure to attend these meetings without prior approval from the Program Director will result in removal from the program. An alternate student will be selected to fill the vacant seat, as directed by the Program Director.

The student must enroll in program classes before the first day of the semester.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the program and withdraws from the program or is dropped from the program that semester must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry.

The GTCC Guided Entry Process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.

Important Notes to Health Science Program Applicants

Program faculty reserves the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the discretion of the faculty. By accepting admission into the program, students agree to always abide by the program's requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the program. Changes made after the publication of the Handbook will be posted as an addendum to the Handbook.

Most programs require students to have a criminal background check, a drug screen, and an OIG review (Office of Inspector General) upon admission. Healthcare agencies that are utilized for clinical and/or internship experiences require this evaluation. If a student is denied agency access due to a positive check or screening, the student may not be able to complete the clinical education experiences, which will result in the inability to continue in the health science program. Screening may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.0 or better to graduate. Students who receive a grade of "D" in a general education course (other than BIO or CHM) can graduate if their GPA is at least 2.0. However, a grade of "D" in a general education course will not transfer to another institution, nor will GTCC accept a grade of "D" for credit from another institution. Students must achieve a "C" or better in BIO, CHM, and program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the program.

If You Have Questions about the Guided Entry Admission Process, Please Contact:
Guided Entry Programs Office
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