



**Thank you for your interest in our Associate Degree Nursing Program.** Enclosed is the admission packet. It includes information you will need to read and forms you will need to complete and return if you would like to begin the application process. Available on-line are the current estimated expense sheets for the ADN program. You can access this form by going to [http://www.gulfcoast.edu/health\\_sciences/nursing/CostSheet-Traditional%20Program-2010-2011.pdf](http://www.gulfcoast.edu/health_sciences/nursing/CostSheet-Traditional%20Program-2010-2011.pdf). Applicants desiring admission into the RN program, who have failed to achieve a “C” or better in **ANY** two nursing courses, in any RN nursing program(s) attended, will not be considered for admission. Students who have been readmitted one time to **ANY** RN program are not eligible for admission.

The need for registered nurses in the community and nationwide has remained constant and average salaries for staff RNs in Florida range from \$40,000 to \$60,000 depending upon education, experience, and location.

The Gulf Coast State College Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.\* As identified in the packet and brochure, it is a **72 credit hour** program that encompasses on-campus classroom and laboratory hours and clinical experience in a variety of local hospitals and facilities. Once selected, students should complete the fulltime nursing program in two years. General education courses can be completed on a part-time basis prior to entering the program. Upon graduation, students receive an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (A.D.N.) and are eligible to sit for the national exam to obtain a Registered Nurse (R.N.) license.

An Associate in Science Degree in Nursing is the first step in professional nursing. If you would choose to do so, it prepares you to begin further studies (through University Programs) to progress in the profession for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, a Master’s Degree in Nursing, or a Doctoral Degree.

Please read through the information provided carefully and if you have any questions, contact **Craig Wise**, our Assistant Coordinator for Health Sciences Admissions, at **(850) 913-3311** or via e-mail [cwise@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:cwise@gulfcoast.edu). Nursing program information is also available on our website at [http://www.gulfcoast.edu/health\\_sciences/nursing/default.htm](http://www.gulfcoast.edu/health_sciences/nursing/default.htm).

**ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Two classes are admitted each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The deadlines for applications to be complete with all checklist items completed are by the last working day in **FEBRUARY** (for fall class) and the last working day in **SEPTEMBER** (for spring class).

**Good luck with your educational plans.**

Coordinator of Nursing

\*The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) can be contacted at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, or 1-404-975-5000.

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**Gulf Coast State College**  
**Associate Degree Nursing Program**  
**Tracks for Entering**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING:**

The program is for the student who enters without prior nursing core courses and intends to complete all the required nursing core courses at Gulf Coast State College.

**LPN to ADN TRANSITION – TRADITIONAL OPTION:**

The student is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and wishes to enter with advanced standing into the Associate Degree Nursing Program Weekday Option at Gulf Coast State College. Classes are full time, Monday through Thursday. (This option uses a different application packet).

**LPN to ADN TRANSITION – WEEKEND OPTIONS:**

The program is for the student who is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and wishes to enter with advanced standing into the Associate Degree Nursing Program Weekend Option at Gulf Coast State College on either Main campus or the Gulf Franklin campus. Classes are part time (Friday for 6 hours and Saturday *OR* Sunday for 12½ hours).

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM:**

The program is for the student who has completed any portion of a Registered Nursing Program's core courses at another College or University and wishes to transfer credit into Gulf Coast State College's Associate Degree Nursing Program. Depending upon a transcript evaluation, the student may be allowed to enter the program with advanced placement if the course work in nursing is less than two years old. The student must complete a minimum of eighteen credit hours at Gulf Coast State College to be eligible for graduation.  
(This option uses a different application packet.)





# ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

## CHECKLIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

**NOTE:** Students who have ever been admitted to any Nursing Program previously must produce a Letter of Recommendation from the previous Nursing Dean / Director. A student who has failed to achieve a “C” or better in **ANY** two nursing core courses, in any RN nursing program(s) attended, will not be considered for admission. Students who have been readmitted one time to **ANY** RN program are not eligible for admission.

To **INITIATE** the application process, the student **MUST** complete the following requirements:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **APPLY FOR GENERAL ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE - (Declare Major: RN-APP).** Call or visit GCSC Enrollment Services to obtain an Application for Admission and to receive information on the college admissions process. The numbers are (850) 872-3892 or 1-800-311-3685, ext. 3892. Applications are also available on our website: [www.gulfcoast.edu](http://www.gulfcoast.edu). **Students must pay the College application fee: Failure to pay the college application fee at the time of submission can result in your ineligibility for program consideration.**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **COMPLETE THE HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION APPLICATION FOR NURSING**  
Submit the completed application in this package to the Health Sciences Division Office, Health Science Building Room 200. **(NOTE: Students need to submit their “Application for Admission” form as soon as possible. Example: The same time you turn in the general college admission form.)**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **PROVIDE OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**  
Applicant must request that official transcripts from high school or GED (scores required) **and** all colleges attended be sent to **GCSC Enrollment Services** for evaluation. Evaluating transcripts can be time consuming; Enrollment Services will notify you when the evaluation is complete. Failure to declare the correct major can result in unnecessary evaluation delays.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **DEMONSTRATE COLLEGE LEVEL COMPETENCE IN ENGLISH & READING\*/\*\***  
Students may demonstrate this competence in one of the following five methods:
  - A. **Florida College Placement Tests (CPT):** Take the English CPT and achieve an 83 and the Reading CPT and achieve an 83.  
-OR-
  - B. **PERT:** Take the English PERT and achieve a 99 and the Reading PERT and achieve a 104.  
-OR-
  - C. **ACT:** Achieve a reading score of 18 and an English score of 17.  
-OR-
  - D. **SAT:** Achieve a verbal score of 440.  
-OR-
  - E. **Complete the prerequisite requirements to enter ENC 1101** (Prerequisite requirements are listed within the ENC 1101 course description in the college catalog).
    - i. **\*NOTE: Mixed scores from different types of tests will not be accepted.** For example, a reading CPT of 83 and an English ACT of 18 will not be accepted. Competence in BOTH subjects, from either CPT or ACT as specified above, must be demonstrated. **Computerized placement tests are available. Please see note below.**
    - ii. Computerized placement tests for English and Reading are given in the **Enrollment Services Bldg #128**. The fee is \$5.00 (See Placement Testing Schedule for additional information or call the Testing Office at 769-1551, ext.2899). Study guides for the tests are available in the college bookstore. The tests may be taken only two times in a semester.

**\*\*NOTE:** Students who desire to **improve their probability of success** in **ALL** nursing courses should **enroll** in **OST 1257 – Medical Terminology** **BEFORE** entering the nursing program. The nursing program **REQUIRES** the students to have knowledge of medical language in **EACH NURSING COURSE**.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **COMPLETE THE CAREER APTITUDE BATTERY TEST: (For advising purposes only)**  
Applicants must complete the **career aptitude battery test** in the “Career Center” (SUE Room 54) and submit your test results with your nursing application. To schedule an appointment to take the test or **request a test by e-mail if you do not live in the area** call 850-872-3855. **Please keep a copy of the results for your records, copies will not be provided at a later date.**
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **OBTAIN A NURSING FACULTY ADVISOR (Students should reach this point as quickly as possible).**  
**After ALL of the above criteria are met,** the student **MUST** contact Craig Wise, the Assistant Coordinator for Health Sciences Admissions, and request to be assigned a nursing faculty advisor. He can be reached at (850) 913-3311 or [cwise@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:cwise@gulfcoast.edu).

**NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:** It is the **RESPONSIBILITY** of the **STUDENT** to **MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION** WITH their **ADVISOR** to ensure that their application folder is complete and up-to-date with current admission requirements. Remember that most faculty are not on campus on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or during summer months.

**Advanced Placement Students** will be considered for acceptance contingent upon successful completion of the Advanced Placement checklist prior to starting the Nursing Program. Students’ application folders will be considered at the first and last nursing faculty meeting of each semester.

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To be considered for **ADMISSION** into the Nursing Program, the applicant's folder **MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE PUBLISHED DATES AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE.**

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS NEEDED AS FOLLOWS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **COMPLETION OF BSC 2085 & 2085L (ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I WITH LAB).**  
A minimum grade of "C" must be achieved.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **DEMONSTRATION OF ALGEBRA COMPETENCE\*\*/\*\* - Students must demonstrate a minimum level of competency in algebra by one of the following five methods:**

  - A. **CPT:** Take the Algebra CPT and achieve a minimum score of 72.  
-OR-
  - B. **PERT:** Take the Math Test PERT and achieve a minimum score of 113.  
-OR-
  - C. **ACT:** Achieve a math score of 19.  
-OR-
  - D. **SAT:** Achieve a math score of 440.  
-OR-
  - E. **MAT 0028- Fundamentals of Algebra course (Appropriate placement test scores are required to take this course):** Complete with a grade of "C" or higher. Completion of a higher-level algebra course will also satisfy this requirement. **\*Computerized placement tests are available. Please see note below.**
    - i. Computerized placement tests for Algebra are given in the **Enrollment Services Bldg #128**. The fee is \$5.00 (See Placement Testing Schedule for additional information or call the Testing Office at 769-1551, ext. 2899). Study guides for the tests are available in the college bookstore. The tests may be taken only two times in a semester.

**\*\*NOTE:** Students who desire to **improve their probability of success** in **ALL** nursing courses should **enroll** in **MTB0375 - Health Math** **BEFORE** entering the nursing program. The nursing program **REQUIRES** the students to **validate nursing math skills** in **EACH NURSING COURSE**. See course Learning Activity Guide for specific passing requirements.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.5 (MINIMUM)**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **COMPLETION OF THE HESI A2 ADMISSION ASSESSMENT TEST** - Applicants must successfully complete the HESI A2 Pre-Admission Exam for RN programs. The HESI A2 may be taken no more than twice. **A minimum score of seventy-five percent (75%) for each of the four components is required.** It is comprised of exams that are academically oriented, consisting of **math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary**. Included in this packet is information on the exam, the study guide and how to apply to take it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **APPOINTMENT WITH ASSIGNED NURSING FACULTY ADVISOR**  
The applicant **MUST** call to schedule an appointment with his/her assigned Advisor to review the application folder for completeness prior to the dates listed below. You can contact your advisor by contacting them via e-mail or by phone. Call 769-1551 and dial the appropriate extension listed below:  

Azzati ( <a href="mailto:mazzati@gulfcoast.edu">mazzati@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5843	Kirksey ( <a href="mailto:jkirksey@gulfcoast.edu">jkirksey@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5833
Chitwood ( <a href="mailto:rchitwood@gulfcoast.edu">rchitwood@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5836	Knauss ( <a href="mailto:pknauss@gulfcoast.edu">pknauss@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5830
Fowler ( <a href="mailto:dfowler@gulfcoast.edu">dfowler@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5841	Miller ( <a href="mailto:cmiller@gulfcoast.edu">cmiller@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #3360
Hart ( <a href="mailto:shart@gulfcoast.edu">shart@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5834	Moebius ( <a href="mailto:cmoebius@gulfcoast.edu">cmoebius@gulfcoast.edu</a> ) #5838

**UPON ACCEPTANCE INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING WILL BE REQUIRED:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **CURRENT PPD or TB TEST or DECLINATION WITH X-RAY RESULTS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **MEDICAL EXAMINATION** - With Satisfactory Results
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **SATISFACTORY FINGERPRINT / CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **CURRENT CPR CARD** - From either American Heart Association (BCLS-C) for Healthcare Provider (Basic Cardiac Life Support), or the American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

**ADMISSION APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Two classes are admitted each year, one in spring and one in fall. The initial deadlines for application to be complete (with all the above information) are by the last working day in **FEBRUARY** (for fall class) and the last working day in **SEPTEMBER** (for spring class).

**NOTE TO ALL STUDENTS:** Admission to the program is **competitive in nature** and **is not guaranteed**. A selection committee ranks all applications and admission is granted to the most qualified applicants. Applicants can improve their chances of admission by maintaining a high GPA, completing pre & co-requisite courses and scoring high on the nursing entrance exam. **It should be understood that satisfactorily meeting minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission.**

## ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS & CURRICULUM PLAN

**Prerequisite Courses: Successfully completed with a C or higher prior to acceptance into the Nursing Program**

BSC 2085	Human Anatomy & Physiology	3 Credits	Pre-Requisite Course Before Entering the Program
BSC 2085L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1 Credit	Pre-Requisite Course Before Entering the Program

**Courses that may be taken prior to entering OR during the nursing program and must be completed with a C or higher are indicated below. (Students are strongly encouraged to take as many of these courses as possible *prior* to entering the Nursing Program.)**

DEP 2004	Developmental Psychology	3 Credits	Before Entering Semester 2 of the Program
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3 Credits	Before Entering Semester 2 of the Program
BSC 2086	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3 Credits	Before Entering Semester 2 of the Program
BSC 2086L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1 Credit	Before Entering Semester 2 of the Program
**NUR1142	**Introduction to Pharmacology	2 Credits	**Before Entering Semester 2 of the Program
SYG 2000	Principles of Sociology	3 Credits	Before Entering Semester 3 of the Program
MCB 2004	Microbiology	3 Credits	Before Entering Semester 4 of the Program
MCB 2004L	Microbiology Lab	1 Credit	Before Entering Semester 4 of the Program
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3 Credits	By the End of Semester 4 of the Program
Humanities	Humanities I, II, or III	3 Credits	By the End of Semester 4 of the Program
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3 Credits	By the End of Semester 4 of the Program

### NURSING CORE COURSES

**The following required nursing courses are taken in sequence over 4 semesters (2 fall and 2 spring) after acceptance into the Nursing Program. Classes are Monday through Thursday:**

Course	Course Number	Course Name	Credits
Semester 1:	NUR 1022C	Foundations of Nursing Practice*	3
	**NUR 1142	**Introduction to Pharmacology	2
	NUR 1210C	Nursing Care of the Adult I	4
Semester 2:	NUR 1212C	Nursing Care of the Adult II	5
	NUR 1281C	Gerontological Nursing	5
Semester 3:	NUR 2420C	Maternal-Infant Nursing	4
	NUR 2310C	Nursing Care of the Child	4
	NUR 2520C	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
Semester 4:	NUR 2241C	Nursing Care, Adult III	8
	NUR 2945C	Practicum	3

**\*NOTE:** Students who desire to improve their probability of success in ALL NURSING COURSES may enroll in OST 1257 - Medical Terminology and MTB 0375 - Health Math. These courses are designed to improve understanding of core nursing concepts, not to reduce the length or amount of credits in the Nursing Program.

**\*\*NOTE:** Student can enroll in Introduction to Pharmacology before entering the nursing program. It is highly recommended not to take this course until the SEMESTER BEFORE you are accepted into the nursing program!

**Reminder:** Students must have a GPA of 2.5 to begin the nursing program. All courses must be completed with a C or higher, GPA 2.0, for continuation in the nursing program.

## GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (Not All Inclusive)
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations</li> <li>• Develop nursing care plans</li> <li>• Make rapid decisions under pressure</li> <li>• Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations</li> <li>• Assist with problem solving</li> </ul>
<b>Interpersonal</b>	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, educational, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues</li> <li>• Cope effectively with high levels of stress</li> <li>• Cope with anger/fear/hostility of others in a calm manner</li> <li>• Cope with confrontation</li> <li>• Demonstrate high degree of patience</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain treatment procedures</li> <li>• Initiate client education</li> <li>• Document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses</li> </ul>
<b>Mobility</b>	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, to maneuver in small spaces and to perform procedures necessary for emergency intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move around in patient's rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas</li> <li>• Administer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation procedures</li> <li>• Walk the equivalent of 5 miles per day</li> <li>• Remain on one's feet in upright position at a workstation without moving about</li> <li>• Climb stairs</li> <li>• Remain in seated position</li> </ul>
<b>Motor Skills</b>	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calibrate and use equipment</li> <li>• Position patients/clients</li> <li>• Perform repetitive tasks</li> <li>• Able to grip</li> <li>• Bend at knee and squat.</li> <li>• Reach above shoulder level</li> <li>• Lift and carry 25 pounds</li> <li>• Exert 20-50 pounds of force (pushing/pulling)</li> </ul>
<b>Hearing</b>	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, and cries for help</li> <li>• Hear tape recorded transcriptions</li> <li>• Hear telephone interactions</li> </ul>
<b>Visual</b>	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe patient/client responses</li> <li>• Identify and distinguish colors</li> </ul>
<b>Tactile</b>	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertion of a catheter</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental</b>	Ability to tolerate environmental stressors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapt to shift work</li> <li>• Work with chemicals and detergents</li> <li>• Tolerate exposure to fumes and odors</li> <li>• Work in areas that are close and crowded</li> </ul>

**SOURCES:**

1. Red Alert: The Americans With Disabilities Act Implications for Nursing Education Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression Framework. Southern Regional Education Board, Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing, March 1993.
2. Dictionary of Occupations and Professions. Vol. II, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 1991, Nurse, General Duty.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR BACKGROUND**

Applicants to the Nursing Programs in the Health Sciences Division of Gulf Coast State College work very hard to meet the entry requirements for selection. Our programs make every effort to accept as many academically qualified students as possible. In addition to meeting basic entry requirements, however, applicants must also consider how their personal history and background may affect their ability to meet admission and clinical requirements, sit for various state licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment.

Health Sciences Programs require students to submit to a background screening and/or drug screening before being officially accepted into the offered program. The health sciences program/s must follow state mandated laws for professional practice which will extend to admission and acceptance. State laws may mandate that student/s who have an unfavorable background screening (certain felonies) must have a clean record for 15 years or more past the initial incident before being allowed to take state licensure exam/s. Certain clinical sites may require a clean background screening in order for students to attend clinical and work with their patients. Students who cannot produce a favorable background check and/or drug screening may not be able to meet their program's admission requirements and clinical obligations, which would jeopardize their ability to successfully complete that program.

Students who graduate from our programs must also pass state licensure exam/s in order to be employable in their program of study. The various state entities that provide testing and licenses for Health Professionals, oftentimes, require background checks / drug screening prior to sitting for the exams and applying for licensure. State laws may mandate that student/s who have an unfavorable background screening (certain felonies) must have a clean record for 15 years or more past the initial incident before being allowed to take state licensure exam/s. It is possible to have successfully graduated from a health science program but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check and/or drug screening.

Employers of licensed health professionals can also have a variety of requirements that must be met prior to the granting of employment. These can include background checks of varying depths, and/or drug screenings. It is possible to graduate from a program and obtain the health professional license, but be denied some employment options due to an unfavorable background check or drug screen.

We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision concerning making application to one of our programs.

### **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) students who are granted conditional acceptance into a Health Sciences program must receive a satisfactory criminal background check prior to final acceptance into the program. The background check will be scheduled and performed at the discretion of the Division of Health Sciences at GCSC. Information and instructions on how to complete the background check will be sent by the program coordinator. Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. The student must also be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access. It is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check. An applicant must consider how his / her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website ([www.doh.state.fl.us/](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/)) for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

### **Please read the following information carefully:**

Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Health Sciences program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering into the Health Sciences programs and / or clinical rotations.

#### **456.0635 (2) Medicaid fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration**

Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue or renew a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant, has been:

- (a) Convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, chapter 893, 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the date of the application;
- (b) Terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
- (c) Terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state or Federal Government, from any other state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program, unless the applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years prior to the date of the application.

## GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE - ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

### Important Information: Future Application for Florida Nursing License

When you make application for your Florida License to practice nursing, you will be required to complete a section on the application relative to a prior arrest record. You will be requested to answer the following questions:

**Q. Have you ever been arrested – regardless of adjudication - for any felony offense?**

If you answer yes, you must provide the following information:

- A. Date of Arrest**
- B. State and County**
- C. Country Outside of the U.S.**
- D. Charges**
- E. Disposition**

You must have arrest and court records of final adjudication for each offense sent to the State Board of Nursing. Your application will not be considered complete until these records are received. If the records are no longer available, you will be responsible for having certification of their unavailability sent directly from the arresting jurisdiction.

At the June 7, 2003, Board Meeting, the Board of Nursing established the following policy:

***Applicants for licensure who have been convicted of a felony and civil rights have not been restored are not eligible for licensure and are not eligible to take the licensing examination. The application is considered to be incomplete. When documentation of restoration of civil rights is received, the Board will consider the application for licensure.***

On July 1, 2009, Pursuant to Section 456.0635 – Florida Statutes, the health care board of the department shall refuse to issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant has been:

- 1). Convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere to a felony violation regardless of adjudication of chapters 409, 817, or 893, Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396 unless the sentence and any probation or parole ended more than 15 years prior to the application.***
- 2). Terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent five year).***
- 3). Terminated for cause of any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent five years).***

This policy does not refer to applicants with felony arrests and adjudication was withheld:

***You need to consider the above stated licensure requirements when making application to the program. However, the Florida Board of Nursing Office will not accept calls from pre-nursing students with arrest records to determine if you are eligible for licensure. The determination can only be made after graduation, when your application and all supporting documentation is received, reviewed by the Board Staff, and then presented to the Board.***

The following information is excerpted from Florida Department of Professional Regulation, Board of Nursing; Chapter 464.008 Licensure by Examination in the Nurse Practice Act and is provided to inform applicants to the nursing program the legal criteria for licensure. If you have a concern as to whether you would be able to meet the criteria, please arrange to discuss this with the Coordinator of Nursing or the Chairman of Health Sciences prior to submitting your application.

#### **464.008 Licensure by Examination**

- (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse shall apply to the department to take the licensure examination. The department shall examine each applicant who:
  - (a) Has completed the application form and remitted a fee set by the board not to exceed \$150 and has remitted an examination fee set by the board not to exceed \$75 plus the actual per applicant cost to the department for purchase of the examination from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing or a similar national organization.
  - (b) Has provided sufficient information on or after October 1, 1989, which must be submitted by the department for a statewide criminal records correspondence check through the Department of Law Enforcement.
  - (c) Is in good mental and physical health, is a recipient of a high school diploma or the equivalent, and has completed the requirements for graduation from an approved program for the preparation of registered nurses or licensed practical nurses, whichever is applicable. Courses successfully completed in a professional nursing program which are at least equivalent to a practical nursing program may be used to satisfy the education requirements for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.
  - (d) Has the ability to communicate in the English language, which may be determined by an examination given by the department.
2. Each applicant who passes the examination and provides proof of graduation from an approved nursing program shall, unless denied pursuant to s. 464.018, be entitled to Licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse or a Licensed Practical Nurse, whichever is applicable.
3. Any applicant who fails the examination three consecutive times, regardless of the jurisdiction in which the examination is taken, shall be required to complete a board-approved remedial course before the applicant will be approved for reexamination. After taking the remedial course, the applicant may be approved to retake the examination up to three additional times before the applicant is required to retake remediation. The applicant shall apply for reexamination within 6 months after completion of remediation. The board shall by rule establish guidelines for remedial courses.

History – ss. 1, 6, ch. 79-225; ss. 2, 3, ch. 81-318; ss. 6, 17, 28, ch. 86-284, s. 12, ch. 83-205; s. 10, ch. 88-219; s. 34, ch. 89-162; s. 58, ch. 91-137; s. 5, ch. 91-156; s. 4, ch. 91-429; s. 94, ch. 92-149; s. 5, ch. 96-274; s. 78, ch. 97-264; s. 116, ch. 99-397; s. 95, ch. 2001-227.

## **PROCEDURE TO APPLY FOR THE HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT (A2):**

- Go to the Business Office window on the first floor of the Administration Building.
- Inform them of your choice to pay for the HESI A2 exam and the date you choose to take it.
- Pay the exam fee **(\$30.00)** and testing fee **(\$10.00)** to equal **\$40.00**. Cash, check, VISA, or MasterCard is accepted. The Business Office will give you a transaction receipt.
- Bring the two-part receipt to the nursing administrative assistant in room 229 of the Health Science Building on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm **before** the test application date deadline.
- You will then be given a testing application to complete and leave with the administrative assistant at that time. **(You cannot test without having completed the application.)**
- Arrive at the testing site on the scheduled day fifteen minutes before the testing time.
- You **MUST** bring your receipt and **TWO forms of identification**. One must be a current photo ID to be allowed to take the exam.
- If you cannot take the exam at the scheduled time, please notify the administrative assistant at (850) 872-3829; however, the fees already paid will be forfeited.
- If you wish to apply after the published application deadline, an additional late fee of \$10.00 will be charged.
- After completion of the exam, you will receive a copy of your test results. The official copy of the results will be forwarded to the nursing department.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL STUDENTS:**

- **YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO TAKE THE EXAM TWICE:** Students who are not successful after one attempt must see a nursing advisor before the second attempt. Failure to pass the exam on the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt will disqualify the student for admission to the Gulf Coast State College Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- An Admission Assessment Study Guide is available for preparation for this exam. It can be purchased at the campus bookstore. A reserve copy with a 3-7 day check out is available in the GCSC Library.
  1. **Admission Assessment Study Guide** by HESI Elsevier Title – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
ISBN-13: 978-1-4160-5635-5 also available at <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com>

## **NOTE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN ALL OR PART OF HESI-A2 EXAM AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS:**

- Students transferring in the HESI A2 exams scores from other institutions are allowed only two total testing attempts. If there is a portion of the HESI A2 exam that has not been completed, the student must pay for the entire HESI A2 Exam and complete the required section/s. The four components of math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary must each have a 75% or better in order for the student to be eligible for the GCSC nursing program.
- Failure to pass the exam on the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt will disqualify the student for admission to the Gulf Coast State College Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- To receive the HESI A2 official results from another institution, you must contact HESI at [v.givens@elsevier.com](mailto:v.givens@elsevier.com) and give your name and contact number and you will receive a release form which you must complete and return to HESI before your results can be processed. You are requesting an official transcript of your HESI A2 results. There is a **\$15.00** charge for these results. After completing this process your result will be sent to the college.

## HESI A2 TEST SCHEDULE - 2011 – 2013

\* Applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete a computer - based entrance exam called the **HESI Admission Assessment (A2)**. The HESI A2 may be taken no more than twice. It is comprised of exams that are academically oriented, consisting of **math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary**. The exam is one component utilized to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission into the nursing program. The average score of seventy-five percent (75%) for each of the four components or higher is required. Testing will be conducted at Gulf Coast State College as follows:

APPLICATION DEADLINE	NO LATE FEE APPLICATIONS AFTER THIS DATE	EXAM DATE	TIME	LOCATION
8/5/2011	8/12/2011	Friday 8/19/2011	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
8/26/2011	9/2/2011	Friday 9/9/2011	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
9/9/2011	9/16/2011	Friday 9/23/2011	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
1/6/2012	1/13/2012	Friday 1/20/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
1/27/2012	2/3/2012	Friday 2/10/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
2/10/2012	2/17/2012	Friday 2/24/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
6/8/2012	6/15/2012	Friday 6/22/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
8/3/2012	8/10/2012	Friday 8/17/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
8/24/2012	8/31/2012	Friday 9/7/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
9/7/2012	9/14/2012	Friday 9/21/2012	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118
1/2013	TBA	Friday TBA	8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Health Sciences Room 118

Application materials are available in the Health Sciences office, Room 229, in the Health Science Building. HESI A2 application process on the reverse side. **NOTE:** The HESI A2 begins promptly at 8:30 AM, please be at the testing site 15 minutes before the scheduled time to allow for registration.

*\*Excludes LPN-ADN Articulation Applicants*