

Practical Nurse

Career Certificate (VC)

2024 - 2025

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

Program Coordinator: _____

Major Courses (1350 clock hours/45 vocational hours)

The purpose of the practical nursing certificate program is to prepare students for eligibility to apply for the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses) and obtain licensure in the State of Florida. This program is only available at the Gulf Franklin Campus in Port St. Joe, Florida.

The program consists of 1,350 hours of study. The practical nursing student is prepared to give patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. The student will be exposed to skills and have knowledge necessary to give safe and effective care to patients in a variety of settings. The Practical Nursing program is a selective admission, limited enrollment program. Admission to Gulf Coast State College does not imply acceptance into the Practical Nursing program.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Apply to Gulf Coast State College Office of Enrollment Services.
- Submit an application to the Practical Nursing program at the Gulf Franklin Campus.
- Submit official high school and any college or vocational transcripts to Enrollment Services.
- Submit active, satisfactory scores on the TABE examination or equivalent PERT scores. TABE tests are given at the Gulf Franklin Campus and the main campus. Successful completion of TABE is required for graduation.
- CNAs must submit a copy of certification to the Gulf Franklin Campus Nursing Department.

After meeting the above criteria, the applicant should contact the Gulf Franklin Campus to schedule an appointment with the Assistant Nursing Coordinator for advising and review of the application folder for completeness.

Applications must be completed and submitted by the last working day in June for the fall class. Due to the selection process, meeting minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission.

It is the responsibility of the student to maintain communication with the program advisor to ensure that the application folder is complete and up-to-date with current admission requirements.

Selection of Students: During the first week in May, the selection committee will review all completed applications and make selections for the class. Students are selected based on admission index criteria. Those residing within the service area will be given additional consideration. Applicants will be notified by mail of selection status.

Requirements after Conditional Acceptance:

- Satisfactory fingerprint/background check.
- Copy of current certification in BLS (Basic Life Support) from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer.
- Completion of physical examination (with satisfactory results), including copy of immunization form.

Applications are available from the Gulf Franklin Campus, Port St. Joe, and from the Health Sciences Division, Panama City Campus.

- PRN0098C Practical Nursing Foundations 1*= 300 ct/10v
- PRN0099C Practical Nursing Foundations 2+*= 300 ct/10v
- PRN0290C Medical Surgical Nursing 1+*= 300 ct/10v
- PRN0291C Medical Surgical Nursing 2+*= 300 ct/10v
- PRN0690C Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills+*= 150 ct/5v

Notes

Developmental Courses

- ENC0022 Dev. Writing I & II Combined* 3
- REA0019 Dev. Reading I & II Combined* 3
- MAT0012 Dev. Arithmetic with Algebra* 3

Key

- + = Prerequisite or co-requisite required
- * = Minimum grade of "C" required
- @ = Course meets Civic Literacy Requirement
- = General Education Core course
- == Career Certificate Course
- # = Applies to A.S. and Certificate Programs