

Practical Nursing At a Glance



The practical nursing program offers a unique educational experience where “Opportunity is at your Fingertips”. The Program prepares individuals for careers in the much needed area of nursing.

The state approved curriculum is designed to educate, motivate and prepare individuals to become proficient in their duties and responsibilities as Licensed Practical Nurses. It offers theoretical and clinical instruction in a caring class setting and atmosphere to both adult and high school seniors.

Gadsden Center for Health Education School of Practical Nursing is located at Gadsden Technical Institute and functions under the Career, Technical and Adult Education Program of the Gadsden County School Board. It is approved by state agencies, namely, the state Department of Education and the Florida Board of Nursing. As this program is approved by both agencies, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Upon passing the NCLEX-PN, the Florida Board of Nursing will issue a license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Florida.

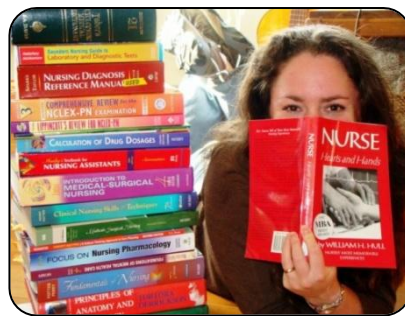
Faculty members are registered nurses licensed by the state of Florida Board of Nursing. Faculty members consider nursing students to be dedicated learners who will assume responsibility for their own learning and progress throughout the program.

Admission Packets are available and accepted annually, April 1 – 30th and must be returned on or before **April 30th** of each year. Classes begin in August and end in July.

Program Content

The program’s content includes, but is not limited to, theoretical instructions and clinical experience in:

- *Nutrition
- *Obstetrics
- *Pediatrics
- *Geriatrics



- *Medical-Surgical Nursing
- *Mental Health Concepts
- *Legal Aspects of Practice
- *Body Structure and Function

- *Current Issues in Nursing
- *Interpersonal Relationship Skills
- *Human Growth and Development
- *Pharmacology and Administration of Medication
- *Personal, Family and Community Health Concepts
- *Clinical Application of Vocational Roles and Functions

Clinical practice is obtained in surrounding hospitals, long term care centers, physician offices and other area healthcare facilities, and is 50% of the total Program content.

GCHE Advantages

- ❖ Offers Nursing Education to High School students
(Free Tuition and Books for students residing in Gadsden County)
- ❖ TEAS and TABE Testing on-site
- ❖ Student Services: Job Placement Assistance
- ❖ Comprehensive NCLEX Preparation and Review
- ❖ Successful NCLEX Passage Rate
 - 2012 - 100%
 - 2013 - 100%
 - 2014 - 90%
- ❖ Convenient Location to Neighboring Counties
- ❖ Caring and Patient Faculty
- ❖ Profession-related Field Trips

- ❖ Smaller Class Size
- ❖ Small Instructor-Student Ratio



- ❖ 1:1 Instructor Assistance



Hours: M-F

Classroom and Skills Lab: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

Clinical Experience: 6:45 AM-2:45 PM or
2:45-10:45 PM (may vary)

- ❖ Computer Adaptive Testing



REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

1. Be at least 18 years old to be admitted to the school of practical nursing or at least 16 years old if a high school student to attend both Gadsden technical institute (GTI) and the school of practical nursing per completion of academic requirements. High school students should contact the school for more information on high admission. (All applicants under 18 must have parent/legal guardian consent to enroll.)
2. Have completed at least four years of high school or the equivalency thereof (GED).
3. Be able to read, write and speak the English language.
4. Provide official identification. (example: driver's license, state id)
5. Submit an official transcript from last school attended (sealed/unopened).
6. Submit applications to both Gadsden technical institute (GTI) and the school of practical nursing. Application are available on the schools website at www.gadsdentech.org
7. Take the T.A.B.E. as part of the admission process.
8. Take the nursing entrance exam (TEAS-V) prior to admission.
9. Submit three current reference letters.
10. Have up to date immunizations.
11. Attend mandatory new student orientation.
12. Undergo Criminal Background Screening.
13. Undergo random Drug Screening.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q When are applications accepted?

A Annually, April 1- 30th.

Q What is the length of the program?

A 1366 hours. Approximately 11.5 months.

Q What are the admission requirements?

A Must be 16 years of age or older, submit application packet to the school and nursing program with an official transcript, have a high school diploma or its equivalency. High school seniors that have completed academic requirements may also be admitted (call school for more information.)

Q Is the T.A.B.E. an admission requirement?

A No, however it is a part of the admission process and results should be submitted with the application packet.

Q Is there a nursing entrance exam?

A Yes. Applicants must take the TEAS and submit the results with the application packet.

Q Do you accept transfers from other practical nursing programs?

A Yes, in accordance with the program's curriculum schedule, verification per official transcript of courses completed, within one year of the date of withdrawal from the last nursing program attended and availability of space.

Q What is the cost of the program?

A The approximate cost of the program is \$ 6,500.00 and is subject to change. Contact the Nursing Program Coordinator for applicable program tuition, fees and payment methods.

Q Is financial assistance available?

A You may contact the school's Job Development Counselor for eligibility for assistance.

Q What are the admission requirements for high school students?

A Must be 16 years of age or older, submit application packet to the school and nursing program, receive official academic clearance and/or approval from high school counselor or designee, receive parental permission, have a 2.7 or higher GPA, (You may contact the Nursing Program Coordinator for more information).

Q Is the T.A.B.E. an admission requirement for high school students?

A No.

Q Is there a nursing entrance exam for high school students?

A Yes. Applicants must take the TEAS as part of the admission process.

Q What is the cost of the program for high school students?

A Tuition and books are free for students residing in Gadsden County. Contact the Nursing Program Coordinator for applicable program fees.

Q Will high school students commute between school campuses?

A No. You will report to Gadsden Technical Institute daily.

Q Will high school students be able to participate in their senior class and graduation activities?

A Yes, with prior arrangements and approval from the Nursing Program Coordinator.

Our Alumni



Various local healthcare facilities and doctor offices have employed our nursing graduates including, but are not limited to the following:

- ❖ NHC Homecare
- ❖ Capital Regional Medical Center
- ❖ Centre Point Health & Rehab
- ❖ River Chase Care Center
- ❖ Apalachee Correctional Institute
- ❖ Florida State Hospital
- ❖ Apalachee Center, Inc.
- ❖ Nature Coast Women Care
- ❖ Capital Health Plan
- ❖ Tallahassee Memorial Rehab
- ❖ Heritage Healthcare & Rehab Center
- ❖ Miracle Hill Nursing & Convalescent Home
- ❖ Woodmont Assisted Living Community
- ❖ Davita Dialysis Center
- ❖ Seven Hills Health and Rehab

*"We accept no less than excellence from ourselves-
We deliver no less than the very best to those we serve."*

"Failure is not an Option"

"Be A Nurse"



Continue to visit our website for additional information, application packet with instructions and other Practical Nursing highlights.

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