



# Practical Nursing Program

## **Practical Nursing, PN21**

The Practical Nursing program is designed to prepare students to write the NCLEX-PN for licensure as practical nurses. The program prepares graduates to give competent nursing care. This is done through a selected number of occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials necessary to assist the student in acquiring the knowledge needed and skills to give competent care. The nursing program covers all theoretical content areas outlined in Georgia Board Rule 410-9-06(5a & 5b). A variety of clinical experiences are planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. Program graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and have the qualifications of an entry-level practical nurse. The PN21 program is a certificate program. Students most commonly will have to submit a satisfactory criminal background check as well as a drug screen to be placed in a clinical health care facility to complete the clinical rotations of their educational training.

## **Procedure for Competitive Admission Process**

The PN21 program does not require any prerequisite courses such as ENGL 1010, MATH 1012, PSYC 1010, ALHS 1090, and ALHS 1011. The application window to submit a competitive electronic application will take place mid-February of every year and is available on the college's website two (2) weeks before published deadlines.

1. The requirements to be selected for PN21 are as follows: High School or College GPA – 2.0 or greater and HESI A2 score – 60 or greater.
2. Applicants with college degrees must compete in the same areas as those without previous degrees, including the HESI A2 exam.
3. Current CTC students in competitive health sciences or nursing programs cannot apply for another competitive health sciences or nursing program until completion of their current program.
4. All accredited health sciences and nursing programs have state or national guidelines and standards that students must successfully meet to complete the program. However, the curriculum varies widely among programs. For example, some programs operate in the quarter system while others utilize semesters. Furthermore, each program's courses are structured differently and may be taught in a different order. Therefore, Columbus Technical College will not accept transfer credit from other accredited colleges and universities for previously completed nursing or health sciences program-occupational courses. Additionally, no military credits and/or nursing experience while working in the military will be accepted



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## **HESI Exam Requirements**

1. Applicants must score 60 or higher to be eligible.
2. The exam may be taken twice per calendar year, and the results are only good for two years.
3. The exam is administered in the CTC testing center (Located in the Carl Patrick Hall P603A). Call 706-649-1822 for exam dates, times, and questions. The cost of the exam is \$55.00, and an exam sitting fee of \$25.00, for a total of \$80.00.
4. CTC's specific exam will cover the following topics:
  - a. Reading comprehension
  - b. Vocabulary and General Knowledge
  - c. Grammar
  - d. Basic Math skills
  - e. Biology
  - f. Anatomy and Physiology
5. Exam preparation options
  - a. There is free study material through CTC's virtual library via Galileo under the test prep software Mometrix. Once in Mometrix, click on nursing and scroll to HESI A2 Secrets and HESI A2 Practice Questions to begin.
  - b. There is also a study guide that may be purchased: HESI Admission Assessment Exam and Review, 5th Edition, Elsevier, ISBN 978-0-323-58226-1

If you have any questions, please contact the PN Program Director, Angel Pike, at [apike@columbustech.edu](mailto:apike@columbustech.edu) for more information.



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## Curriculum

PN PROGRAM CURRICULUM PN21		
	Credit hour	Contact hours
<b>FIRST SEMESTER (Summer)</b>		
PNSG 1600 Introductory to Pharmacology and clinical calculations	3-3	3
PNSG 1605 Fundamentals	6-6	6
PNSG 1630 Mental Health Nursing	4-4	4
Total semester hours	13	13
	Credit Hour	Contact hours
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (Fall)</b>		
PNSG 1610 Adult Health Nursing I	6-6	6
PNSG 1615 Adult Health Nursing II	6-6	6
PNSG 1635 Maternal Nursing	4-4	4
PNSG 1640 Pediatric Nursing	3-3	3
Total semester hours	19	19
	Credit Hour	Contact hours
<b>THIRD SEMESTER (Spring)</b>		
PNSG 1620 Adult Health Nursing III	6-6	6
PNSG 1625 Adult Health Nursing IV	6-6	6
PNSG 1645 Practical Nursing Capstone	5-5	5
Total Semester Hours	15	15
Total Nursing Course Hours	49	
Total Program Hours	49	



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## Program Cost

<b>Program: Practical Nursing</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
CTC Tuition & Fees (Total for semesters once starting in a cohort) \$100/Credit Hour-Max of 15 Hours/Semester; Fees \$321/Semester	Total Cost for Tuition (4,900) + Fees: 49 Credit hours & 3 semesters of Fees = \$5,221
Program Lab Fees (includes lab kit)	\$60.00+ \$150 Est.
Program Testing Fees (for all 3 semesters) (ATI Book bundle included)	\$2556.00
Trajacys Clinical Tracking and Evaluation Tool	\$100.00
Uniforms/Shoes	\$350.00 Est.
Program Required Equipment	\$150.00 Est.
Misc. Fee (ATI Pre-program "LAUNCH" fee **first semester only**)	\$200
Malpractice/Liability Insurance Fee	\$12.00
Physical Exam	\$100.00 Est.
Immunization	\$125.00 Est.
ACEMAPP Fee	\$55.00
Background Check & Drug Screen Fee	\$67.95
BLS (CPR) for Healthcare Providers	\$65.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$9211.95</b>