



Practical Nursing Program

PROGRAM MISSION/PURPOSE

The mission and purpose of the Practical Nursing program is to prepare qualified applicants to become graduates of the program who shall be theoretically, clinically, and legally, safe entry-level practitioners of licensed practical nursing. The Columbus Technical College Practical Nursing Program seeks to raise the work ethic standard with a level of education that prepares students to function cohesively with all members of the health team, fostering the best environment of care for patients across the lifespan. 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 needed knowledge and skills to not only gain entry into the nursing field, but to flourish. The nursing program covers all theoretical content areas outlined in Georgia Board Rule 410-9-06(5a & 5b). A variety of clinical experiences is planned so that theory and practice are integrated within the practical nursing scope of practice.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

The Practical Nursing Department is committed to excellence in nursing education and strives to meet or exceed the following goals/outcomes:

- Performance on the Comprehensive ATI – 80% of students will demonstrate competency with an 90th percentile of probability to pass the NCLEX.
- Performance on NCLEX- The licensure exam pass rate for first time takers will be at 80%.
- Program completion rate:
 - a. 70% of the students admitted will graduate on time with cohort.
 - b. 70% of the returning students will complete the program within 6 semesters.
- Program satisfaction rate:

Within one year after graduation at least 80% of graduates responding to the graduate survey will indicate satisfaction with the program and that program student learning outcomes were met.



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PROGRAM RESULTS

| Criteria | Level of Achievement expected | Level of Achievement obtained | Met or Not Met |
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| Students will graduate on time with their cohort (2024- 2025) | 70% | May 2025 28/35 = 80% (Only 1 student returned to 2026 Cohort) | Met |
| Returning Students will complete nursing program within 6 semesters (2024 Returner) | 70% | May 2025 1/1 = 100% | Met |
| Graduates will Pass NCLEX-PN on First attempt | 80% | October 2025 YTD: 19/21 = 90.48% | Met |
| Graduates responding to the graduate survey will indicate satisfaction with the program and that program student learning outcomes were met. | 80% | 100% of the responding students indicated either "agree" or "strongly agree" to the overall satisfaction of the program. | Met |



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| Performance on the Comprehensive ATI NCLEX Predictor Exam | 80% of cohort predicted probability to pass NCLEX at an 90 th percentile or higher | May 2025 34/35 students =97% | Met |
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