Practical Nursing Diploma (PN12)
Offered at the Currahee Campus

Entrance Dates ................................................................. Fall
Length of Program .................................................................................. 6 Terms
Credit Hours Required for Graduation ................................................... 60

Purpose: The Practical Nursing diploma program prepares 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 academic and occupational courses providing a variety of techniques and materials necessary to assist the student in acquiring the needed knowledge and skills to give competent care. A variety of clinical experiences is planned so that theory and practice are integrated under the guidance of the clinical instructor. Program graduates receive a Practical Nursing diploma and have the qualifications of an entry-level practical nurse.

Admission Requirements:
- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores less than five years old

Program Requirements:
- Acceptance into the Practical Nursing program is a competitive process in which students are ranked based on their GPA and HESI scores.
- Attending a Practical Nursing Information Session is recommended as it provides much needed details about the application and entrance testing process. Dates of the information sessions are posted on the college website under Academic Programs.
- Schedule and take HESI exam.
- Must complete all required learning support courses before the competitive process begins
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course
- Must meet the technical competencies (listed below) of the program prior to entry
- Required to have a grade of “B” or better in ALHS 1011, MATH 1012, and PNSG 2010. Degree level courses in these areas with a grade of “C” or better may be accepted as transfer credit provided they meet the transfer of credit rules listed in the Admissions section of the catalog.
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better. A grade of “C” or better must be maintained in each course in order to continue in each clinical course and to progress to the next semester. An overall GPA of 2.0 or better is required to be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure exam.
- A negative (acceptable) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to clinical internship; student’s participation in clinical is dependent upon the results of these requirements. Denial of any clinical facility can result in the student being dropped from the program.
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- Clinical sites are located throughout the eight-county service area and will require the students to travel and provide their own transportation to and from the clinical sites.
- Physical and dental exams and immunization records are required before assignment to clinical affiliates for training

Additional Information:
- Any individual applying for licensure as a Practical Nurse who has ever been arrested must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application to the Georgia Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses
- Graduates must pass the NCLEX-PN State Board Exam in order to work as a licensed practical nurse in Georgia

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Other Essential Behavioral Attitudes – Ability to engage in activities consistent with safe nursing practice without demonstrated behaviors of addiction to, abuse of, or dependence on alcohol or other accountability for actions as a student in the Practical Nursing program and as a developing professional Practical Nurse.