

**If you are an out-of-state student:** North Georgia Technical College adheres to the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) procedure 6.6.1p. Student Tuition and Fees, Item VI – *Out of State Students shall be enrolled in the college on a space available basis and shall not displace any Georgia Student desiring to enroll in the college.* If there are remaining seats unfilled, out of state students will be added as indicated in the competitive admissions process.

Interested applicants must enroll in North Georgia Technical College (NGTC) prior to applying for candidacy into the Practical Nursing (PN) certificate program. Applicants who have not been a student at NGTC within the last year must apply for acceptance to the college and submit necessary transcripts and any other documents requested by the Admissions Office. To obtain Practical Nursing candidacy, students must complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and submit the online PN Intent Form by the June 10 deadline each year.

NGTC Applications can be completed online at [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu) or can be mailed to:

North Georgia Technical College  
Attn: Admissions Department  
PO Box 65, Clarkesville, GA 30523

**When are admission applications to the college due?**

The admissions application deadlines for each semester are posted on the North Georgia Technical College website at [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu) and can be obtained by calling the main campus number at (706) 754-7700.

**When can I apply to the PN program after being accepted to the college?**

We will accept Intent Forms March 1 through June 10 each year.

The PN Intent form is submitted online from the Practical Nursing webpage by following the steps below:

1. Access the NGTC main website [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)
2. From the “*Study at NGTC*” heading at the top of the page, select “*Academic Programs*”
3. From the categories of programs, select “*Medical*”
4. From the list of medical programs, select “*Practical Nursing*”
5. Select “*Intent Form*” on the Practical Nursing webpage

**When does a new PN cohort start each year?**

Currahee Campus: Fall semester

Blairsville Campus: Fall semester

**How many students will be admitted?**

Currahee Campus: 20 Students

Blairsville Campus: 20 Students

**What credential will be issued upon completion of the program?** Graduates will be issued a certificate in Practical Nursing and will be eligible to apply to take the Georgia Board of Nursing LPN licensure exam.

**Admission to the Practical Nursing program is competitive. The number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available.**

**What is the competitive process?** Meeting minimum admissions standards does not guarantee acceptance. Applicants will be ranked on a point scale consisting of their mandatory TEAS test score plus an additional 5 points for having an active licensure or certification in any one area below. The additional 5 points can only be awarded once even if the student has licensure/certification in more than one area.

- Certified Paramedic
- Certified EMT/AEMT
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Certified Medical Assistant through AAMA

**What must I have completed to be eligible for the competitive admission process for the PN program?**

- Unconditional acceptance to North Georgia Technical College. Students must be either a current or former (within the academic year) student.
- Students who have not taken any classes for two consecutive terms must complete the readmission process with the Admissions Office to become an active student again.
- Submission of the online PN Intent Form by the June 10 deadline.
- Completion of the ATI TEAS exam by the June 10 deadline, adhering to the following guidelines:
  - The TEAS exam must be taken in-person at an official proctoring location. It can be taken at North Georgia Technical College or any other available testing site.
  - A minimum score of 58% must be achieved on the exam to gain eligibility for the program.
  - The 12-month period for valid scores is June 10 of the previous year through June 9 of the intent year.
  - Only the first two attempts on the TEAS exam within the 12-month period prior to the June 10 due date will be considered in the competitive process.
  - The highest total score from the two valid attempts will be used in the competitive process. The student receives the number of points equal to the total score.
  - There is no wait-time between the two attempts, although additional preparation between retakes is recommended.
  - Online registration for a TEAS testing session is available on the NGTC Practical Nursing webpage: <https://northgatech.edu/academic-programs/health-sciences/practical-nursing/>
  - Call the Clarkesville Campus testing office at 706-754-7716 with questions related to registering for a testing session and administration of the exam.

**How long does it take to complete the program?** It takes three semesters to complete the Practical Nursing courses: fall, spring and summer terms.

**Can I still work while I am in the PN program?** Students are strongly discouraged from working while they are enrolled in the PN program due to the heavy academic load. Work hours and childcare needs must be scheduled around the program class and clinical times.

**Can my prior college coursework be applied to the program?** No prior college coursework is applicable to the PN program

**May I transfer Practical Nursing courses?** Nursing courses may not be transferred-in from other colleges.

**Are PN classes offered in the evening or online?** The PN program curriculum (PNSG courses) will be offered during the day at the Currahee and Blairsville campuses. There will be some clinical rotations in the evening and possibly on weekends.

**Does the program offer internship opportunities?** Nursing students have assigned clinical hours, but these are not considered internships.

**Where will I find jobs when I complete the program?** Nurses are employed in hospitals, long-term care, rehabilitation centers, home care, inpatient and outpatient hospice, correctional facilities, outpatient clinics, physician's offices, school nursing, health education, mental health facilities, camp nurses, public health, insurance industry, regulatory services, health informatics and many others. NGTC provides placement counseling services through Student Affairs.

**What courses are included in the PN program?**

| <b>Course Code</b>        | <b>Course Title</b>                    | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
| PNSG 1600                 | Pharmacology and Clinical Calculations | 3                   |
| PNSG 1605                 | Fundamentals                           | 6                   |
| PNSG 1630                 | Mental Health Nursing                  | 4                   |
| PNSG 1610                 | Adult Health Nursing I                 | 6                   |
| PNSG 1615                 | Adult Health Nursing II                | 6                   |
| PNSG 1635                 | Maternal Nursing                       | 4                   |
| PNSG 1640                 | Pediatric Nursing                      | 3                   |
| PNSG 1620                 | Adult Health Nursing III               | 6                   |
| PNSG 1625                 | Adult Health Nursing IV                | 6                   |
| PNSG 1645                 | Practical Nursing Capstone             | 5                   |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b> |  | <b>49</b>           |

**Is there a bridge program available to become a registered nurse?**

Yes, there is an LPN-to-ASN Bridge Option program based at the NGTC Currahee Campus in Toccoa, GA. Information is available online at the following web address:

<https://northgatech.edu/academic-programs/health-sciences/lpn-to-rn-bridge-program/>

**Additional information**

- Students must meet the minimum admission standards and competitive admission requirements to be eligible as a candidate for the PN program.
- Criminal background checks and drug screenings will take place prior to clinical placement. Positive background checks and drug screens may result in denial of clinical placement and continuance in program.
- Students are required to follow the medical clearance policies designated by their assigned clinical and/or practicum sites. Please be aware that some clinical/practicum sites mandate vaccinations against specific diseases such as COVID-19, influenza and/or testing for specific diseases such as tuberculosis. If you elect not to be vaccinated or tested, you will not be allowed to attend those clinical/practicum sites. If you do not have all required immunizations and tests, you will have limited access to clinical/practicum sites. This will delay or prevent program completion.
- Although vaccines are not required for program admission, each clinical/practicum site reserves the right to deny a student entry based on their own policies and procedures. If a student is denied entry to a clinical/practicum site based on lack of vaccinations or testing, the student will not be able to complete the clinical/practicum course. As a result, successful completion of the program will not be possible.
- PN Applicants are notified by email and postal mail regarding the outcome of the competitive admissions process by July 15.
- Please see a Practical Nursing advisor for more information or call 706 754-7752.

**PRACTICAL NURSING COMPETITIVE ADMISSION CALCULATION INSTRUCTIONS**

The Practical Nursing competitive admission is based on the following point system:

| CATEGORY   | DESCRIPTION  | POINTS |
|--|--|--------|
| <p><b>1. ATI TEAS SCORE</b></p> <p><b>This category is required.</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited to 2 attempts within the 12-month period leading up to the annual June 10 deadline</li> <li>• Minimum composite score of 58%</li> <li>• TEAS Score = number of points awarded</li> </ul>  |        |
| <p><b>2. ACTIVE LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION</b></p> <p>* 5 points awarded only once.</p> <p>This category is optional.</p>  | <p>This category is not required but allowed if applicable. Licensure/certification must be active in the state of Georgia and verified through the state or organization’s registry. The 5 points can only be awarded once even if the student has licensure/certification in multiple areas. Only the following are applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified Paramedic</li> <li>• Certified EMT/AEMT</li> <li>• Certified Nursing Assistant</li> <li>• Certified Medical Assistant through AAMA</li> </ul> |        |
| <p><b>3. TIEBREAKER</b></p> <p>This category is not a factor unless there is a tie for the final spot in a cohort. In which case, the affected students would then be contacted to provide the additional criteria at that time.</p> | <p>In the rare event of a tie for the final spot in a cohort, an applicant may earn additional points for completion of any ONE of the following credentials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master’s Degree or higher (10 points)</li> <li>• Bachelor’s Degree (10 points)</li> <li>• Associate’s Degree (5 points)</li> <li>• Technical College Diploma or Certificate (5 points)</li> </ul>   |        |
|  | <p><b>TOTAL POINTS</b></p>   |        |