

# PRACTICAL NURSING



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Licensed practical nurses are in demand in our region, and are vitally important in providing quality patient care. The Practical Nursing diploma program encompasses classroom and clinical instruction in all phases of direct patient care, including dispensing medication and IV therapy. The GACTC Practical Nursing program has served our community since 1970 and is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing. The GACTC offers both full-time and part-time Practical Nursing programs; the program is 1500 hours. Courses in the Practical Nursing program include the following:

- Personal & vocational relationship
- Fundamentals of nursing
- Anatomy & physiology
- Medical nursing I,II, and III
- Surgical nursing I,II, and III
- Maternity nursing
- Pediatric nursing
- Pharmacology I and II
- More than 850 hours of clinical instruction in all phases of direct patient care.



## INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

Upon graduation from the program, students are Graduate Practical Nurses and are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Students are eligible for the Pennsylvania IV Therapy Certificate.



## FINANCIAL AID

1. Apply online for the FSA ID username and password at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>.
2. File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). File online at <https://studentaid.gov/> using your FSA ID. GACTC school code is 015272.
3. Complete the Student Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note under the Loans and Grants tab at <https://studentaid.gov/>.
4. Carefully review any communication you receive from our Financial Aid office and other student aid programs. All requests for information should be returned promptly to the appropriate department or agency, or call the Financial Aid office for assistance at (814) 505-1257 or [financial.aid@gactc.edu](mailto:financial.aid@gactc.edu).

## SCHEDULE

### APPLY NOW!



Full-time program: August 2025 through August 2026.  
Proposed schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm (hours may vary due to clinical experiences.)

Part-time program: September 2026 through August 2028.  
Proposed schedule: Tuesday - Thursday 4:30 to 8:30pm. Clinical hours also vary pending clinical site, but can be weekdays 4:30pm to 9:30pm and every other weekend from 6:30am to 2:00pm.

## Practical Nursing Diploma Program

### 2024-2025 Estimated Tuition & Fees

	Full-time	Part-time
<b>Tuition</b>	<b>\$18,165.00</b>	<b>\$18,165.00</b>
<b>Textbooks*</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$740.00</b>
<b>Educational Resource Fee (ATI)</b>	<b>\$1650.00</b>	<b>\$1650.00</b>
<b>Supplies</b>		
Uniforms	\$240.00	\$240.00
Nursing Equipment	\$130.00	\$130.00
Laptop*	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>Fees</b>		
Skills Lab Fee	\$375.00	\$375.00
Comprehensive Fee	\$560.00	\$750.00
 <b>Estimated Total Tuition &amp; Fees:</b>	 <b><u>\$22,720.00</u></b>	 <b><u>\$22,950.00</u></b>

Students may be responsible for other fees and supplies not listed above that may be required for program completion. See below for estimated out-of-pocket expenses.

### Textbooks:

<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Edition</u>
9780323884211	Fundamental Concepts & Skills for Nursing	6
9780323711265	The Human Body in Health and Illness	7
9780323556194	Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing for The Human Body in Health and Illness	6
9780323810173	Success for Practical/Vocational Nursing	9
9780323826228	Calculation of Drug Dosage	12
9781975188740(FT)	CoursePoint for Timby's Introductory Medical-Surgical Nursing	13
9781975197131(PT)		
9781975186999	Lippincott CoursePoint Enhanced for Hatfield's Introductory Maternity & Pediatric Nursing	5
9781975186913	CoursePoint for Introductory Clinical Pharmacology	12
	ATI Learning & NCLEX Resources	

\* If you do not wish to receive the required textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, you may purchase the textbooks and/or laptop on your own. If you do not receive the textbooks and/or laptop from the GACTC, the cost of the textbooks and/or laptop as detailed in the fees above, will be deducted from your tuition statement. We recommend having access to a computer to use outside of class sessions.

Estimated out-of-pocket expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Non-refundable deposit fee (payable after acceptance to program) - \$100.00
- Shoes - approximate cost is \$50.00
- BLS CPR - \$50.00
- Watch with a second hand - approximate cost is \$20.00
- Flu Vaccine - approximate cost is \$35.00
- Temporary Practice Permit - \$70.00
- Licensure Exam - \$95.00
- NCLEX Exam - \$200.00

*Out-of-pocket fees are subject to change.*