**Diploma: Applied Science**  
**Major: PRACTICAL NURSING (PRN1)**  
**Limited Access Program**  
Credit Requirements: 48 semester credit hours

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Criminal Background Check Required: YES  
Urine Drug Screening Required: YES

The Practical Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare students to function in hospitals, extended care facilities, doctors’ offices, clinics, schools and private industry under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. The program prepares students to care for acutely and chronically ill patients, to help rehabilitate patients and to share in the prevention of illness. The curriculum combines classroom instruction with laboratory practice and clinical experience in various settings. To obtain a diploma, a student must complete 48 credit hours with a minimum 2.00 cumulative grade point average and minimum grade of “C” in all courses required for Practical Nursing.

The Practical Nursing (PN) program at Horry Georgetown Technical College is approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Nursing and accredited by the NLNAC (National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326 (404-975-5000).

Graduates of the program may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. Upon successful completion of this examination and appropriate board licensure, the candidate will be designated as a Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.).

**Requirements for Preliminary Acceptance to the Practical Nursing Program**  
Once students have completed the following requirements, they will be granted acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program based on selection for available seats.

- Meet the criteria for admission to HGTC. This includes submission of admission application fee; official high school transcript, including graduation date or copy of GED; and official college transcripts;
- Minimum placement test scores from one of the following tests: SAT, ACT or COMPASS (College placement test); the Developmental Studies course sequence will be required if minimum placement test scores are not achieved;  
- Transfer students must meet the College transfer student admission requirements;  
- An applicant must be at least 17 years of age by August 1 of the semester of acceptance. Students are admitted into the Practical Nursing program in the Fall Semester only;  
- GPA of 2.0 or better on all required general education and support courses. A minimum grade of “C” is also required in all courses required for Practical Nursing Program. Any two (2) failures in any of these courses within the two years prior to acceptance removes a student from being eligible for the program for two years from the date of the last failure; and,  
- Have met one of the following two admission options:  
  a. Eligibility for BIO 210, ENG 101 and MAT 155 and have met the required score on the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills.) TEAS scores are valid of two years from the testing date. Students may retest every 3 months; and,  
  b. Completion of the following 6 (six) Health Science Core Courses with a G.P.A. of 2.0 (MAT and BIO time limits apply): AHS 126, BIO 210, BIO 211, ENG 101, MAT 155 and PSY 201.

**Requirements for Full Acceptance to the Practical Nursing Program, based on selection for available seats:**

- Present a copy of a certified birth certificate;  
- Attendance at an orientation seminar;  
- Provide a Health Sciences Division Physical Examination Form, completed 30 days prior to the first day of classes, indicating the student is physically and mentally able to enter the program;  
- Provide CPR certification (BLS Health Care Provider) must be current for duration of program;  
- Pass a criminal background check prior to entry into the program. Students who are turned down because of their background check will not be admitted to the program;  
- Pass a drug screening test; and,  
- Meet additional Acceptance/Technical Standards:
The following standards are considered essential criteria for participation in the Nursing Program. Students selected for the Nursing Program must be able to independently engage in educational activities and clinical training activities in a manner that will not endanger clients/patients, other students, staff members, themselves, or the public. These criteria are necessary for the successful implementation of the clinical objectives of the Nursing Program.

In order to be admitted, or to be retained in the Nursing Program after admission, all applicants with or without accommodations must:
• Possess sufficient visual acuity to independently read and interpret the writing of all sizes;
• Independently be able to provide verbal communication to and receive communication from clients/patients and members of the health care team, and be able to assess care needs through the use of monitoring devices, stethoscopes, infusion pumps, fire alarms, audible exposure indicators, etc.;
• Possess sufficient gross and fine motor skills to independently position and assist in lifting clients/patients, manipulate equipment, and perform other skills required in meeting the needs of nursing care; and,
• Submit a complete Health Sciences Division Physical Examination Form.

**Program Requirements**

In order to progress in the curriculum, the student must:
• Earn a minimum grade of “C” in all general education, support and nursing courses. Failure of one required nursing course will result in student being dropped from the program with eligibility for readmission. A student who has a second failure in any one of the required nursing courses may apply for readmission to the nursing program if all other criteria are met after a two year waiting period. See Nursing Student Handbook for information on unsuccessful attempts. The handbook is available at www.hgtc.edu/nursing;
• Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA on all required courses;
• Submit evidence of current CPR certification (Health Care Provider). Current CPR certification is required to start each nursing course;
• Be covered by professional liability insurance (included in the tuition fees for each nursing course);
• Submit a completed Health Sciences Division Physical Examination Form prior to enrollment in the first nursing course. Evidence of an updated annual physical examination/health record is required;
• Meet all program and course requirements according to the Practical Nursing Student Handbook and course syllabi; and,
• Be cognizant that certain general education courses have credit time limits. For the Practical Nursing Program, the following course time limits apply: Practical Nursing courses; Biology 211. See the Transfer Credit Time Limit section of the catalog.

Any student who fails to meet requirements for progression will be dropped from the program and must apply for re-acceptance. (This re-acceptance process occurs through application to the Nursing Department Chair. For further information regarding re-acceptance, see Practical Nursing Student Handbook.)

Selected learning experiences will be provided in a number of health care agencies located within the geographical area served by the College, such as hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, nursery schools and day care centers. Students are assigned to clinical agencies based on a space available basis as well as appropriate learning experiences. Students will be solely responsible for transportation to and from the College and to and from the health care agencies utilized for clinical experiences.

Because competency in nursing is a critical component of safe nursing practice, the grading scale for practical nursing is higher than the general college grading scale.

**The grading scale for all Practical Nursing courses and AHS 126, Health Care Calculations, is:**

- 93-100   A
- 85-92    B
- 77-84    C
- 69-76    D
- Below 69 F

**Transfer Students from Another Practical Nursing Program**

To be accepted for transfer, nursing courses must have been part of a parallel program at a regionally accredited post-secondary institution and completed within the past year. Each course is considered individually and students may be required to submit course descriptions or college catalogs to describe previous work. General education course transfer credit follows College policy.
Students who meet the following criteria will be considered on an individual basis. Candidates for transfer must:

- Submit an application for admission to the College including the non-refundable application fee;
- Meet minimum program acceptance requirements;
- Submit a letter to the Nursing Department Chair requesting transfer into program;
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and a grade of “C” or better in each of the HGTC required general education and support courses taken in the program from which the student is transferring;
- Have earned a grade of “C” or better in all nursing courses for which the student seeks transfer credit. Students who have failed any required course will be dropped from the program with eligibility for readmission. Students who have a second failure in any required nursing courses may apply for readmission to the nursing program if all other criteria are met, after a two year waiting period. Nursing courses older than one calendar year will not be accepted;
- Submit proof of course content equivalent to HGTC nursing courses;
- Complete at least the final semester in the practical nursing program at Horry Georgetown Technical College. 25% (12 credit hours) of the total degree requirements must be from Horry Georgetown Technical College in order to receive a diploma in Practical Nursing; and,
- Provide a letter from previous nursing program chair stating eligibility to continue in previous program.

Checklist for transfer students is located on the Nursing department website at www.hgtc.edu/nursing.

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