



# ***PRACTICAL NURSING FACT BOOKLET***

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## ***SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE***

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Dear Prospective Student,

Welcome and thank you for choosing Savannah Technical College to assist you in pursuit of a career in Practical Nursing. The Practical Nursing program provides theoretical as well as clinical skills. The student must understand the enormous commitment that is necessary to succeed. He/she must demonstrate not only the ability to learn new material, but also the ability to appropriately apply the newly learned information. The Practical Nursing department has a competitive progression process that is designed to ensure maximum opportunity for the student to succeed in completing the program, as well as to succeed in passing the National Council of Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, Georgia 30326. 404-975-5000) and approved by the Georgia Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses (Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217-3858. 478-207-1300).

The Practical Nursing Program provides academic and occupational preparation and uses a variety of methods, technologies and materials to enable the graduate to provide competent nursing care. Clinical experience is planned so that theory and practice are integrated to provide optimum learning through “hands on” experience. Qualified instructors supervise clinical experiences.

Licensed Practical Nurses work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, physician’s offices, home health care agencies, school systems, correctional facilities, insurance companies and private duty.

Again, thank you for your interest in Practical Nursing and for choosing Savannah Technical College as the place for you to pursue your dream.

Mrs. Asha Anumolu  
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LPN Program

**Savannah Technical College  
Practical Nursing Program**

**Mission Statement:**

The practical nursing program is committed to creating opportunities for individuals to acquire technical skills, education, and work ethics that meet the dynamic needs of individuals, employers, and the healthcare community.

**Program Requirements**

The following guidelines have been established by Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and approved by the Savannah Technical College administration for progression into the PN program.

1. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age.
2. Submit an application and a \$20.00 processing fee for admission to:  

Student Success  
Attn: Admissions Officer  
Savannah Technical College  
5717 White Bluff Road  
Savannah, GA 31405
3. Arrange to take the ***Placement test*** by appointment with the testing office at (912) 443-5716. Please contact the office for testing dates.
4. Immediately complete and/or forward the following to admission's office
  - a. An official high school transcript or GED certificate
  - b. Official College transcripts (if any)
5. Complete a financial aid application. PELL grants and other aid are available to qualified people if and only when they complete the financial aid application.
6. Obtain regular admission status to Savannah Technical College.
7. Attend new student program orientation. Please contact student services for orientation dates.
8. **Students interested in pursuing Practical Nursing Diploma Program of study must be enrolled in Healthcare Assistant- Nurse Aide Specialization TCC**

9. **Healthcare Assistant – Nurse Aide Specialization TCC:  
Curriculum Outline**

	<b><u>General Core Courses</u></b>	<b>Credits (9cr)</b>
<b>1.</b>	ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English	3cr
<b>2.</b>	MATH 1012 Foundations of Mathematics	3cr
<b>3.</b>	PSYC 1010 Introduction of Psychology	3cr
	<b><u>Occupational Courses</u></b>	<b>Credits (13cr)</b>
<b>4.</b>	ALHS 1011 Anatomy and Physiology	5cr
<b>5.</b>	ALHS 1040 Introduction to Health Care	3cr
<b>6.</b>	ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology	2cr
<b>7.</b>	COMP 1000 Intro. to Microcomputers	3cr
	<b><u>Nurse Aide Specialization</u></b>	<b>Credits (8cr)</b>
<b>8.</b>	ALHS 1060 Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2cr
<b>9.</b>	NAST 1100 Patient Care Fundamentals	6cr

10. **Practical Nursing Diploma Program Track and admission  
requirement**

- a. Students must complete the HealthCare Assistant TCC- Nurse Aide Specialization in order to be considered for progression into the Practical Nursing diploma program.
- b. Students will be ranked for enrollment into the Practical Nursing diploma program based on grade point average (GPA) for all classes that comprise the Nurse Aide Specialization- Healthcare Assistant TCC. Students must complete the Nurse Aide Certification Exam and have a current Nurse Aide Certification Card at the time of application to Practical Nursing program.
- c. Students must also poses a current CPR and First Aid card at the time of submitting application to Practical Nursing program.
- d. Transfer credits from other institutions will be included in the GPA calculation if any classes are being used to meet the requirements of the TCC.
- e. A minimum GPA of **3.0** is required for progression into the Practical Nursing program as well as regular admission status to Savannah Technical College.
- f. Students on Academic Warning or Academic Suspension will not be considered for progression into the program.
- g. Students may only repeat **one** course **one** time and still be considered for progression into the Practical Nursing program. **Repeating more than one core course will automatically disqualify the student for progression unless the course has expired.**

- h. ALHS 1011 and MATH 1012 courses must have a grade of “B” or better and must not be more than two years old when applying to the Practical Nursing program or the student must repeat the course(s).
- i. Other ALHS courses (ALHS 1040, ALHS 1060, and ALHS 1090) must be less than 3 years old.

**Meeting the minimum program requirements does not guarantee progression into the Practical Nursing program.**

11. In order for a student to be considered for progression for **Fall** Semester offering of PNSG 2010(Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations), PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals), PNSG 2035 (Nursing Fundamentals Clinical), PNSG 2210(Medical-Surgical Nursing I), and PNSG 2215(Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I), all required core courses(TCC) must be completed by the end of **Spring** Semester. In order for a student to be considered for progression for the **Spring** Semester offering of PNSG 2010(Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations), PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals), PNSG 2035 (Nursing Fundamentals Clinical), PNSG 2210(Medical-Surgical Nursing I), and PNSG 2215(Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I), all required core courses(TCC) must be completed by the end of Summer Semester.

For **Liberty Campus**, in order to progress to PNSG 2010(Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations), PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals), PNSG 2035 (Nursing Fundamentals Clinical), PNSG 2210(Medical-Surgical Nursing I), and PNSG 2215(Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I), for Spring Semester , all required courses(TCC) must be completed by the end of Summer Semester.

12. PNSG 2010(Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations), PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals), PNSG 2035 (Nursing Fundamentals Clinical), PNSG 2210(Medical-Surgical Nursing I), and PNSG 2215(Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I), are available in the Fall and Spring Semester at Savannah Campus and Spring Semester at Liberty Campus.
13. To progress from PNSG 2010(Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations), PNSG 2030 (Nursing Fundamentals), PNSG 2035 (Nursing Fundamentals Clinical), to PNSG 2210(Medical-Surgical Nursing I), and PNSG 2215(Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical I), and complete the practical nursing program, the student must receive a grade of a “C” or better in all PNSG courses and maintain a GPA of at least 2.5.

## Estimated Program Costs:

*Note: costs are subject to change:*

Tuition	See current catalog/website
Uniforms, Equipment & Supplies- (watch, penlight, stethoscope)	700.00
Text books	700.00
Testing (ATI & Mock Board)	500.00
Miscellaneous (school pin, graduation, etc.)	150.00
National Council of Licensed Examination for LPN	200.00
GA Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses fee	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2290.00</b>
	<b>Plus tuition</b>

## Academic Standards:

In order to progress through the nursing program, students must first meet or exceed requirements as outline on page 4, 5, & 6 of this fact sheet. Students must receive a grade of “C” or higher in all prerequisite or corequisite courses. (Exception of B or higher in MATH 1012 & ALHS 1011.) Students who receive a grade of “D,” “F,” or “WF,” in a core course will affect the GPA. Students who receive a grade of “D,” “F,” or “WF,” in a nursing course cannot continue in the program. Students may request re-entry into the program by making their request in writing to the Department Head of Nursing and a copy to the Dean for Allied Health Programs. Readmission is based on space availability. If granted readmission, students must receive advisement on registration day of the returning semester to maintain their readmitted status. **Any readmitted student who fails to achieve a grade of “C” or higher a second time will be dropped from the program and will not be eligible for readmission into the program for a period of three (3) years.** This also applies to a student who withdraws from any two nursing courses. The student must go through the application process and retake all ALHS courses again.

## Student Responsibility:

Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from clinical sites and their own medical insurance. Responsibilities for individual courses will be outlined by the instructor in the course syllabus and in the program handbook.

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

<b>PNSG 2010 Intro to Pharmacology/Clinical Calculations</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PNSG 2030 Nursing Fundamentals</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>PNSG 2035 Nursing Fundamentals Clinical</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PNSG 2210 Medical-Surgical Nursing I</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PNSG 2310 Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical 1</b>	<b>2</b>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

<b>PNSG 2220 Medical Surgical Nursing II</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PNSG 2320 Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical II</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PNSG 2230 Medical Surgical Nursing III</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PNSG 2330 Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical III</b>	<b>2</b>

**3<sup>rd</sup> Semester**

<b>PNSG 2240 Medical Surgical Nursing IV</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PNSG 2340 Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical IV</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PNSG 2250 Maternity Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PNSG 2255 Maternity Nursing Clinical</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PNSG 2410 Nursing Leadership</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PNSG 2415 Nursing Leadership Clinical</b>	<b>2</b>

**General Information:**

Information concerning the program (progression in the program, financial aid, childcare and other services) is available in the Savannah Technical College website.

[www.savannahtech.edu](http://www.savannahtech.edu)

**Nondiscriminatory Policy and Institutional Status:**

Savannah Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, age, or disability in admissions, employment or in access to its educational programs and/or activities.

**NURSING WEBSITES:**

[www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)

[www.napnes.org](http://www.napnes.org)

[www.georgianurses.org](http://www.georgianurses.org)

[www.sos.state.ga.us/ebd-lpn](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/ebd-lpn)

[www.ana.org](http://www.ana.org)

[www.dtae.org](http://www.dtae.org)

[www.nlnac.com](http://www.nlnac.com)

**Professional Organizations:**

American Licensed Practical Nurse Association  
1090 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 682-5800

Georgia Licensed Practical Nurses Association  
P.O. Box 478  
Macon, Ga. 31202  
(478)745-6655

National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service  
8607 Second Avenue, #404 A  
Silver Spring, MD. 20910-2745  
(301) 588-2491

**SAVANNAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

***How will I be selected for progression into the Practical Nursing Program?***

*The selection process is base on completion of the core courses one semester prior to a class beginning, the achievement of a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher, and a “B” in AHS 1011 & MAT 1012. Fill out a data sheet in the month of March or September for the Savannah Campus or in August for the Liberty Campus. Data sheets must be completed each time you apply to the program, no data sheets will be kept on file.*

***Do I need a nursing entrance test?***

*“No”, there is no entrance test.*

***Is there financial aid available?***

*Yes, please contact Student Success for further information.*

***When do I start my clinical experience?***

*It will begin in PNSG 2035, Nursing Fundamentals clinical.*

***Do I need to have a physical examination, CPR & First Aid before I enter the program?***

*Yes, these are required before you begin your clinical rotation in PNSG 2035, Nursing Fundamentals Clinical. You will be required to have a yearly physical, PPD or chest x-ray, immunizations or titers, tetanus every 10 years, and Hepatitis B series.*

***Who will be my advisor?***

*All full time practical nursing faculty serves as advisors.*

***If I have been convicted of a felony will I be allowed to attend the program?***

*A student who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be admitted to the program, but such a conviction may prevent one from receiving a license from the Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses. If you have been arrested or convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, or any crime as sited in Georgia Code #43-26-40, you may want to discuss this matter with an advisor prior to entering the program. Some clinical facilities do require background checks before students are allowed to rotate through their facility.*

***What is the future of the nursing profession?***

*As the "baby boomer" population ages, tremendous growth is projected for all health care fields. As population grows, health care needs will rise. There will be a strong need for nurses no matter where you live. Many nurses are younger females, the turnover rate is relatively high as nurses marry, have children, and/or follow their spouses' career moves.*

***Where will I be able to find a job with this type of training?***

*Nurses work in a variety of settings such as nursing homes, doctors' offices, industry health departments, private duty settings, home health care and school nursing. Opportunities in hospital setting are very rare and limited in this community.*

**What will I earn?**

Salary in the local area ranges from \$13.00 to approximately \$15.00 an hour, depending on the location and type of work. When considering positions, remember to look at the total package of benefits along with the base salary. For example, a slightly lower salary may be more beneficial if the health insurance and retirement benefits are generous.

**What skills will I learn to do in this program?**

As a graduate you will possess the skills to administer medication, assess and care for adults, infants, children and geriatric patients, assist adults with surgical and obstetric procedures, assist doctors with examinations and perform general nursing duties including daily care of patients and providing assistance to registered nurses.

**How long will it take me to complete the training?**

This will depend on when you complete the TCC –Nurse Aide Specialization courses. After completing the core courses it usually takes 12 months or three(3) semesters to complete the nursing program.

**What personal traits should I possess to enter this profession?**

Nurses are able to work with people, assume responsibility, have initiative, maintain a professional appearance, take pride in their work, care for others, show dependability and accept instruction and correction from supervisors.

**What courses will I have to take?**

Please see the course of study outlined on pages 5 and 8 of this fact sheet.

**What hours do I need to commit to complete the program?**

Classroom hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch. You may occasionally have a late afternoon lab class. Clinical hours vary from Semester to Semester, including a day shift (6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) or an evening shift (3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.). Be prepared to have weekend clinical also. As you can see, you must be flexible about your hours to complete this program.

**When will I start clinical (hospital) experience?**

Clinical experience begins the First semester and continues until graduation. Training sites include Memorial Health University Medical Center, St. Joseph's Hospital, Candler General Hospital, Georgia Regional and various Savannah clinics, doctors offices and Nursing Homes.

**What is the attendance policy?**

Attending class and clinical is mandatory. Clinical absences must be made up by the student. Make up is usually completed before the end of semester. The Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses requires that you complete a certain number of contact hours in class and clinical in order to be a candidate for graduation from the program and to sit for NCLEX-PN exam.

***Can I maintain a part time job while attending college?***

*Working while in the program is not recommended. It has been done but is very difficult. We advise against it.*

***How much homework is required?***

*There is a great deal of out of class study required. The average student spends two to four hours each day studying. The program is very challenging.*

***How are students evaluated?***

*Academic grades for classes are determined by performance on written tests. Academic grades will be either "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F." A grade of "C" or better must be achieved in order to receive credit for the class. Clinical grades are based on daily observation of your procedures at the clinical facility. Clinical grades will be either "A," "B," "C," "D," or "F." Contact your instructor for details. The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) also requires a work ethics grade in all courses.*

***Do I have to take a special test to get my nursing license?***

*Yes. You must pass the National Council of Licensed Examination for Licensed Practical Nursing.*

***Does it cost anything to take the licensure exam?***

*Yes. It costs \$200.00 each time you take the NCLEX-PN. There is also a \$40.00 application fee sent to Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.*

***Do I have to have uniforms?***

*Yes. Students must purchase the standard student uniform for clinical and class. You will have the opportunity to order uniforms when you first enter the program.*

***Is there any social life at Savannah Tech?***

*Yes. While technical schools are "commuter campuses," and do not offer the range of activities that a college or university would offer its resident students; there are student activities to enjoy. Among them are Student Council, various clubs, picnics, competitions, parade participation and other enjoyable events.*

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