

# Practical Nursing Program Admission Requirements

This program uses a competitive selection process. Meeting the minimum requirements for admission will not guarantee acceptance to the Practical Nursing program.

The timeline to apply to the Fall 2024 Practical Nursing program is  
Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 am – Monday, June 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

## COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS

- To be accepted into the College and qualify for the selection process, students must complete all STC admission requirements found here: <https://www.savannahtech.edu/admissions/apply-online/>
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply to the Practical Nursing Program and 16 to apply to the college.
- Apply to the college online at <https://www.savannahtech.edu/admissions/apply-online/>
  - The application fee for a new student is \$25.00 and \$10.00 for a readmit student.
  - Required Documentation: All four of these documentation requirements must be met in order to register for classes:
    - Proof of Lawful Presence
    - Proof of Georgia Residency (to qualify for in-state tuition rate)
    - Official High School /GED Transcripts
    - Official College Transcripts
- Arrange to take the **Placement test, if required**, by appointment with the testing office.
- Complete a financial aid application. PELL grants and other aid are available to qualified students when they complete the financial aid application.
- Obtain regular admission status to Savannah Technical College.

*Information on this box pertains to acceptance to the college and does not guarantee selection into any program. See Student Affairs regarding status of acceptance to Savannah Technical College.*

## COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS – PRACTICAL NURSING

All items below must be completed by the published competitive selection deadline.

- Successfully complete all required GPA calculation courses for selection
- Take the required entrance test for the program. (Test of Essential Academic Skills – TEAS)
- Submit a Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application online at <https://www.savannahtech.edu/competitive-admissions-health-science-programs/>. This link is also available on the program webpage during the application period. The \$25.00 fee for applying to a competitive health science program must be paid at the cashier office to be considered for selection to the program. This fee is required for each application cycle in which an application is submitted.
- Submit proof of current Georgia CNA license or current National Registry for EMT, or current CMA (AAMA), RMA (AMT) or CCMA (NHA) Certification to: [healthsciences@savannahtech.edu](mailto:healthsciences@savannahtech.edu). Certification must be current through the entire program.
- Applicants who have at least 1 (one) year of verifiable Patient Care Technician experience within the last 3 (three) years, are also eligible to apply and must submit the following to [healthsciences@savannahtech.edu](mailto:healthsciences@savannahtech.edu):
  - Letter from the Human Resources Department of the employing company on their company letterhead verifying your job title, job duties, and dates of employment

The number of seats available for each program cohort are limited based on clinical slots and/or program accrediting agency requirements. Therefore, the number of students accepted can vary with each application cycle. Only students who meet the minimum eligibility requirements as outlined will be considered for selection.

- Prior to the published application deadline, students must satisfy one of the entrance pathways:
  1. CNA Applicants: must possess a current Georgia Nurse Aide Certification Card. Students may exempt the NAST 1100 class if they hold a current Georgia Nurse Aide certification. Certification must be current through the entire program.
  2. EMT Applicants: must possess current National Registry certification. Exam must be taken and passed prior to the published application deadline. Certification must be current through the entire program.
  3. Medical Assistants: CMA, RMA and CCMA applicants must provide proof of current certification or registration. Certification must be current through the entire program.
  4. Patient Care Technicians: must have at least 1 (one) year of verifiable Patient Care Technician experience within the last 3 (three) years with a letter from the Human Resources Department of the employing company on their company letterhead verifying your job title, job duties, and dates of employment.
- Students must complete the Health Care Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC)\*\* with one of the following specializations to be considered for admission into the Practical Nursing diploma program: Nurse Aide or Patient Care Technician. Students who have completed the EMT Basic certificate, or who possess an active CMA, RMA, or CCMA credential, or employer verified PCTs are also eligible to apply after completing the required GPA calculation courses for selection.

**REQUIRED COURSES for the HCA TCC\***

ENGL 1010 - Fundamentals of English	3 credit hours
MATH 1012 - Foundations of Math	3 credit hours
PSYC 1010 - Basic Psychology	3 credit hours
ALSH 1011 - Anatomy and Physiology	5 credit hours
ALHS 1090 - Medical Terminology	2 credit hours
COMP 1000 - Introduction to Microcomputers	3 credit hours
ALHS 1040 - Introduction to Health Care	3 credit hours

*\*Higher level courses may be substituted where applicable*

**REQUIRED COURSES for Nurse Aide Specialization**

ALHS 1060 – Diet and Nutrition	2 credit hours
NAST1100 – Nurse Aide Fundamentals	6 credit hours

**REQUIRED COURSES for Patient Care Technician Specialization**

ALHS 1060 – Diet and Nutrition	2 credit hours
NAST1100 – Nurse Aide Fundamentals	6 credit hours
PCTA1100 – Skills – Patient Care Technician	6 credit hours

- **GPA Calculation of Selection Courses-** A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 is required for entry into the Practical Nursing program. The six (6) courses used to calculate the GPA are:

ENGL 1010 Fundamentals of English <b>OR</b> ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric
MATH 1012 Foundations of Math <b>OR</b> MATH 1103 / MATH 1111 or higher
PSYC 1010 Basic Psychology <b>OR</b> PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology
ALHS 1060 Diet and Nutrition
ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology
ALSH 1011 Anatomy and Physiology <b>OR</b> BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L and BIOL 2114, BIOL 2114L

**Multiple Attempts** – When a course is taken more than once, the lowest grade earned for one of the attempts will be dropped from the calculation and all other earned course grades will be averaged to calculate the GPA. Transferred courses will be included in the GPA calculation where applicable.

**Course Expiration Date** – There is no expiration date for courses used to calculate the GPA. COMP1000 has an expiration date of 5 years and must not be older than 5 years at the time of program completion.

- **Entrance Test** – Students must complete the TEAS test by the program application deadline. The TEAS test will be used as part of the calculation for ranking eligible applicants. TEAS scores have an expiration date of 5 years. If multiple scores are received within a 5-year period, the most current attempt will be used in the selection process. For Fall 2024 a minimum score of 55 (total score) is required.

Students may choose to take the TEAS test at the STC testing center, online with ATI, or at another testing facility. If a TEAS test was taken at another institution within the past 5 years, the student must request their scores to be sent to STC.

For information on scheduling the TEAS test, please visit <https://atitesting.com/teas/register>

The cost for the TEAS test when taken at the STC testing center is \$112.00.

### Calculation Criteria for Ranking Candidates

A quantitative and objective process is used to score all eligible candidates for selection into the competitive program. Selection into the program is based on a rank order calculation. The student with the highest total score is selected first and remaining seats are filled according to rank-order.

**Formula** – Practical Nursing calculation for ranking candidates (Maximum score is 100):

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{(GPA of Selection Courses X 25) X 0.40} \\ + \text{ (Most current TEAS Score within 5 years X 0.60)} \end{array}}{\text{Total Rank-Order Calculation Score}}$$

**Tiebreaker** – In the event of a tie between two or more students in the total rank-order calculation score for the last available program seat, the student with the highest TEAS test score will be selected.

### Application Period(s)

Spring Entrance: Applications are accepted online on the Practical Nursing webpage from September 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 am through November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for Spring Semester start of the Practical Nursing program.

Fall Entrance: Applications are accepted online on the Practical Nursing webpage from April 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 am through June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm for Fall Semester start of the Practical Nursing program.

### Notification of Selection

Students will receive selection notification no later than 4 weeks after the application deadline. Only applicants who have obtained regular admission status to Savannah Technical College for the semester for which they applied and who have submitted a Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application and paid the \$25 competitive fee at the cashier office by the application deadline will be notified of their selection status to the program.

Notification will be sent to the email address(es) provided in the Competitive Admissions Health Science Programs Application. If notified of an offer of selection, students will have 48 hours to reply to the email. **Students must confirm acceptance of the seat in order to be added to the program.** If a student declines the offer or does not reply within the specified timeframe, the seat will be offered to the next student in the rank-order calculation.

### Other Criteria

In addition to the selection criteria listed above, students must also possess current American Heart Association BLS (CPR) and First Aid cards prior to starting the Practical Nursing program. Students are expected to abide by and uphold professional and ethical standards at all times in accordance with STC's Code of Conduct and the program handbook.

STC cannot guarantee licensure to any graduate or the ability to participate in clinicals. Eligibility for clinical participation is determined by, and subject to the rules and regulations of, the partner clinical facilities. Eligibility requirements for clinical participation may include, but are not limited to: successfully passing a criminal

background check and drug screen analysis; attending mandatory orientation for the facility; and submitting a complete immunization record and/or titer including current COVID-19 vaccination or booster before placement in clinical settings. Students are assigned to clinical facilities based on the academic requirements of the course and cannot request specific facilities. Students should expect to travel to facilities anywhere within the STC service area to attend clinicals.

### Health Care Assistant Specializations

#### Nurse Aide Specialization Courses

ALHS 1060 - Diet and Nutrition	2 credit hours
NAST 1100 - Nurse Aide Fundamentals	6 credit hours

#### Patient Care Technician Specialization Courses

ALHS 1060 - Diet and Nutrition	2 credit hours
NAST 1100 - Nurse Aide Fundamentals	6 credit hours
PCTA 1100- Skills Patient Care Technician	6 credit hours

#### Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certificate

EMPS 1110 - Introduction to EMT Professions	3 credit hours
EMPS 1120 - EMT Assessment/Airway Management	3 credit hours
EMPS 1130 - Medical Emergencies for the EMT	3 credit hours
EMPS 1140 - Special Patient Populations	3 credit hours
EMPS 1150 - Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3 credit hours
EMPS 1160 – Clinical/Practical Apps for the EMT	1 credit hour

#### Students Residential Criteria

The following residential criteria is established for admission into programs that admit students on competitive basis:

- In accordance with TCSG Procedure 6.6.1p Student Tuition and Fees, 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.
- Military-affiliated students who are deemed eligible for HOPE grant or scholarship per Georgia Student Finance Commission regulations will not be considered Out-of-State Students for purposes of competitive program admission.
- Out-of-State students who apply for competitive admissions programs shall be considered for admission on a space available basis. They shall not displace any student with a Georgia domicile who meets minimum requirements for admission to the program.
- Non-Citizen students who apply for competitive admissions programs shall be considered for admission on a space available basis. They shall not displace any student with a Georgia domicile. Eligible Non-Citizen or Out-of-State student who meets minimum requirements for admission to the program

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