

Savannah Technical College

Practical Nursing Certificate (PN21) Program

Spring 2027 Competitive Selection Information Packet

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

Admission to the Savannah Technical College (STC) Practical Nursing (PN) Program is competitive. Prospective students will be ranked by scores and the top ranked candidates will be selected to enter the upcoming class based solely on the approved selection criteria. Applications and STC admission requirements submitted after the posted program application deadline will not be accepted. The timeline to apply for the January 2027 entering cohort is September 1, 2026 at 12:00am through November 10, 2026 at 5:00pm. Students will be notified by email regarding their selection status after the evaluation process is complete. Acceptance/denial letters will be sent by email no later than four weeks after the application deadline.

Students must complete the STC College Admission process and obtain regular admission status to STC prior to submitting an application for the PN Competitive Selection Process.

When applying or readmitting to STC, select the major Health Care Assistant, or AAS Interdisciplinary Studies.

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.

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COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

All items below must be completed by the published competitive selection deadline. In order for an applicant to be considered for the selection process, no selection criteria listed below may be in progress beyond the application deadline.”

1. Complete the Savannah Technical College Admission process and obtain regular admission status to STC. <https://www.savannahtech.edu/admissions/apply-online/> . When applying, select the major Health Care Assistant or AAS Interdisciplinary Studies.
2. Take the required entrance exam for the program. (Test of Essential Academic Skills – TEAS). If the TEAS exam is taken at another testing center, it is the applicant’s responsibility to have their TEAS score sent to STC.
3. Submit a Competitive Selection 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. This fee is separate from the College application fee.

PN PROGRAM SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

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. The College reserves the right to expand the selection criteria based on the needs of the cohort.

1. **Pre-Selection Assessment Exam** – Applicants must take the TEAS exam by the program application deadline. The TEAS exam will be used as part of the calculation for ranking eligible applicants. TEAS scores for the PN selection process have an expiration date of three (3) years. If multiple scores are received within a 3-year period, the most current attempt will be used in the selection process. For the PN program, a minimum score of 55 (total score) is required.

Beginning August 1, 2024, all TEAS testing must be taken In-Person. Proctoring institutions include Savannah Technical College, PSI Testing Centers, and other select academic institutions. If the most recent TEAS score is from an Online TEAS test taken prior to August 1, 2024, the score will be accepted unless expired according to the program’s selection criteria. Students may choose to take the TEAS exam at the STC testing center or at another In-Person testing facility. If a TEAS exam was taken at another institution within the past three (3) years, it is the applicant’s responsibility to have their scores sent to STC.

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

There is a 14-day waiting period to retake the TEAS test. Remediation is strongly encouraged for any applicant who does not make the required total score of 55 on the TEAS exam before retaking the exam. Copies of the Official ATI TEAS Study Manual are reserved at the STC libraries on the Liberty and Savannah campuses for student use in-house. In addition, TEAS study materials are also available for purchase online at <https://atitesting.com/teas>

2. **Competitive Selection Program Application** – A completed Competitive Selection Health Science Programs Application is required to initiate review of the applicant’s records. The application is available online during the application window only, 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.

PN PROGRAM SCORING AND RANKING RUBRIC

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

The TEAS total score will receive points equivalent to the total score earned on the TEAS exam. Applicants may also have additional points applied to their rank score for optional items listed after this table. A score of 55 or better on the TEAS exam is required.

Optional Items for Additional Rank Points

1. **Previously completed program** – Applicants who have completed a college certificate, college diploma, or degree from a college or university accredited by a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency may have additional points added to their rank score. In the event of multiple awards, points from one of the highest earned awards will be applied to the ranking score. Official transcripts showing the conferment of the award must be received by STC by the competitive selection program application deadline for the points to be added to the rank score.

College Certificate	2 points
College Diploma	3 points
Associate Degree	4 points
Bachelor Degree	5 points
Masters or Terminal Degree	6 points

2. **Active/ Current Health Care Professionals** – Applicants who have one of the following active/ current licenses or certifications at the time of the competitive selection program application deadline may have additional points added to their rank score. Verified current Georgia CNA license, or current National Registry for EMT, or current CMA (AAMA), RMA (AMT) or CCMA (NHA) or applicants who have at least 1 (one) year of verifiable Patient Care Technician experience within the last three (3) years. In the event of multiple licensures and/ or PCT experience, points will only be applied to the ranking score once.

To verify PCT experience, 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 must be received by the application deadline. It is the applicant's responsibility to email proof of licensure, certification, or PCT experience to healthsciences@savannahtech.edu by the competitive selection program application deadline. The selection committee will verify the submission with the licensing body or employer prior to points being awarded.

Verified current Georgia CNA license, or current National Registry for EMT, or current CMA (AAMA), RMA (AMT) or CCMA (NHA) EMS, or at least 1 (one) year of verifiable Patient Care Technician experience within the last 3(three) years.	3 points
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Sample Calculation

	TEAS	College Completion	Verified Health Care License/ Experience	Total Rank
Actual Results	62.5	Certificate	CMA (AAMA)	
Rank Points	62.5	2	3	67.5

Tiebreaker

In the event of a tie in total rank score between two or more applicants for the last available program seat, the following will be used to break the tie:

1. First tiebreaker used will be the highest TEAS Total Score.
2. If a tie remains, the second tiebreaker will be the TEAS Math Score.
3. If a tie remains, the third tiebreaker will be the TEAS Science Score.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PN PROGRAM COMPETITIVE SELECTION

Application Period(s)

Spring Entrance: Applications are accepted online on the Competitive Selection Health Science Programs webpage from September 1st 12:00 am through November 10th at 5:00 pm for Spring Semester start of competitive health science programs.

Fall Entrance: Applications are accepted online on the Competitive Selection Health Science Programs webpage from April 1st 12:00 am through June 10th at 5:00 pm for Fall Semester start of competitive health science programs.

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 Selection 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 Selection Health Science Programs Application. If notified of an offer of selection, students will have 72 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) certification prior to starting the PN program and maintain active BLS certification through the entire length of the 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.

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.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Savannah Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This nondiscrimination policy encompasses the operation of all educational programs and activities including admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other Technical College System and Technical College-administered programs including any Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) Title I Financed Programs. Savannah Technical College is a division of the Technical College System of Georgia. Savannah Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award technical certificates of credit, diplomas, and degrees.