

## IS PRACTICAL NURSING FOR ME?

The demand for practical nurses is continuing to grow. As a practical nurse, you will be part of a health care team, and work under close supervision. If you have a caring, sympathetic nature, and good communication, organization and critical thinking skills, practical nursing may be for you.

A diploma in practical nursing at BSC will prepare you to work in a variety of health care settings. You will gain the skills and knowledge essential for safe, effective, entry-level practical nursing practice. Throughout the program you will be participating in classroom study, laboratory practice, and clinical experiences at health care agencies. The Nursing Program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Practical Nurse graduates provide care to their patients in a variety of healthcare environments, including physicians' offices, clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, and home healthcare settings.

Graduates will be able to pursue many career paths, and could work in many different settings including hospitals, long term care, physicians' offices, clinics, outpatient treatment facilities, and home health care agencies. Job prospects are good and are expected to continue to grow, especially among home health care agencies.



## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Practical Nurse program provides students with the knowledge and clinical skills necessary to enter the healthcare field as a Practical Nurse. Graduates of the Practical Nurse program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination. Passing this exam is required to become a Practical Nurse (PN).

Practical Nurses provide basic medical care, including:

- Monitoring a patient's health by checking vital signs
- Administering wound care and inserting catheters
- Providing for the basic comfort of patients, such as helping them bathe or dress
- Reporting a patient's medical status to the registered nurse and/or physician
- Maintaining patient health records
- Collecting specimens

Students also benefit from:

- A strong foundation in both the theory and techniques of clinical nursing
- Hands-on learning in on-site nursing laboratories that simulate various clinical environments
- Opportunities to practice communication and interpersonal skills needed for developing a rapport with colleagues and patients
- Valuable, practical experience gained through the clinical rotations at off-campus healthcare facilities
- Eligibility to sit for the NCLEX-PN licensure examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (PN)

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## *Practical Nursing*

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## Bainbridge State College Admission Steps:

### Submit the following items:

- BSC Application for Admission
- Official transcripts from post-secondary institutions attended
- Submit ASSEST or COMPASS Placement Test Scores
- Submit Certificate of Immunization form
- Forms for Financial Aid



### Bainbridge State College Admissions Office:

**866-825-1715  
229-248-2520**

Financial Aid Office: **229-248-2505**

Testing Center: **229-248-2579**

## EMPLOYMENT

Practical Nurse is one of the nation's fastest growing careers and is expected to grow 25 percent from 2012 to 2022. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics attributes job growth to the following:

- Predicted surge in the number of physicians' offices and outpatient care facilities
- Technological advancements
- Growing number of elderly Americans who need medical treatment

In 2012, Practical Nurse held about 738,000 jobs with about 83 percent of those being in Health Care.

### TYPICAL WORK WEEK:

Most full-time Practical Nurse work a regular 40-hour week. Some work part-time, evenings, or weekends

### EARNINGS:

The earnings of Practical Nurse vary, depending on experience, skill level, and location.

### **Georgia Median Wages (2012)**

\$17.54 hourly  
\$36,500 annual



**The PN Program can be completed in  
three (3) semesters!**

## PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA PRE-REQUISITES

### **AREA A: ESSENTIAL SKILLS (3 Hrs)**

ENGL 1101 English Composition I (3)

### **Area B: Institutional Options (0 Hrs)**

### **Area C: Humanities/ Fine Arts (0 Hrs)**

### **AREA D: SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND TECHNOLOGY (4 Hrs)**

TECH 1120 Technical Math (4)

### **AREA E: Social Science (3 Hrs)**

PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology (3)

### **Area F: Courses Related to the Program of Study (14-17 Hrs)**

ALHS 1011 Allied Health Anatomy and Physiology (5) **OR**  
BIOL 2111K Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4) **AND**  
BIOL 2112K Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4)  
ALHS 1060 Diet and Nutrition for Allied Health (2)  
CSCI 1000 Computer Fundamentals (3)

## PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM CLASSES

*These PNSG courses are open only to students officially accepted into PN clinical program:*

PNSG 2010 Intro to Pharm & Clinical Cal (2)  
PNSG 2030 Nursing Fundamentals (6)  
PNSG 2035 Nursing Fundamentals Clinical (2)  
PNSG 2210 Med Surgical Nursing I (4)  
PNSG 2310 Med Surgical Nursing I Clinical (2)  
PNSG 2220 Med Surgical Nursing II (4)  
PNSG 2320 Med Surgical Nursing II Clinical (2)  
PNSG 2230 Med Surgical Nursing III (4)  
PNSG 2330 Med Surgical Nursing III Clinical (2)  
PNSG 2240 Med Surgical Nursing IV (4)  
PNSG 2340 Med Surgical Nursing IV Clinical (2)  
PNSG 2250 Maternity Nursing (3)  
PNSG 2255 Maternity Nursing Clinical (1)  
PNSG 2410 Nursing Leadership (1)  
PNSG 2415 Nursing Leadership Clinical (2)

### **Additional Requirement (institutional credit)**

LPNU 1150 State Board Review (1)  
FYE 0100 First Year Experience (2)

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS (63)