



Atlantic Technical College

Practical Nursing (Career Dual Enrolled) Program Syllabus 2024-2025



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Student Hours:

Monday – Friday

Class Hours: 6:50 am-1:35pm CCHS
 7:05 am-1:50 pm ATC

Break: 9:15 am-9:30 am CCHS
 9:05 am-9:20 am ATC

Lunch: 11:30 am-12:00 pm CCHS
 11:05 pm-11:35 pm ATC

Instructor Office Hours:
Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2:00pm – 3:00pm
 Please schedule an appointment.

Program Name: Practical Nursing		
OCPs	Course Names	Hours
A	PRN0098 – Practical Nursing Foundations 1	300
B	PRN0099 – Practical Nursing Foundations 2	300
	PRN0290 – Medical Surgical Nursing 1	300
	PRN0291 – Medical Surgical Nursing 2	300
	PRN0690 – Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills	150

Instructor Office Hours:
Tuesdays & Thursdays 1: 45pm – 2: 45pm
 Please schedule an appointment.

Technical College Policy/Adult Student Attendance:

- A student must be withdrawn after being absent for six (6) consecutive days.
- Two (2) additional absences may be allowed under certain circumstance with appropriate documentation.
- Please refer to the Student Handbook for postsecondary students.
<http://www.atlantictechnicalcollege.edu/atc-student-handbook/>

Magnet High School/Attendance Policy:
 A student who has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance according to (F.S.1003.26 (1) (b)) and the School Board of Broward County, Policy 5.5.

Required Book(s) and/or Online Access:

Terms 1 and 2:

- AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers (2020)
- Williams, Patricia, (2023). Fundamental Concepts and Skills for Nursing (6th Ed.). Philadelphia, Pa. Elsevier (+Student Guide)
- Thibodeau & Patton (2020). Structure and Function of the Body (16th Ed.). Philadelphia, Pa. Elsevier (+ Student guide)
- Taber’s Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary (22nd Ed.). Philadelphia, Pa. F.A. Davis
- Clayton, B., Willihnganz, M., (2022) 19th Ed. Basic Pharmacology for Nursing, Elsevier

Required Materials/Supplies:

- Rolling backpack
- 3-ring binder (can be hard/ soft cover, but no 3 prong folders)
- Dividers
- Loose leaf ruled paper
- Index cards 4x6 with ring binder
- Flash drive
- Blue or black and red ink pen
- #2 Pencil with eraser
- Agenda
- Headphones for HESI testing

<p>Term 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linton & Matteson (2023) 8th Edition. Medical-Surgical Nursing (+Student Guide) • Clayton, B., Willihnganz, M., (2022) 19th Ed. Basic Pharmacology for Nursing, Elsevier Cynthia A. (2019) Davis’s Drug Guide for Nurses (15th Edition). Philadelphia, Pa. F.A. Davis Company <p>Terms 4 and 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leifer, (2023). Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing (9 th Ed). Philadelphia, Pa. Elsevier (Student Guide) 	<p>Clinical/Laboratory Equipment and Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stethoscope • Sphygmomanometer – B/P Cuff • Bandage Scissors • Digital Thermometer • Pen Light • Gait Belt • Watch with Second Hand • Black/Red Pens • Black Sharpie • Index Cards • USB Drive • Rolling Backpack (Recommended) • Pharmacology Cards (Optional) • Pulse oximeter
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>All required books and most materials/supplies can be purchased from the ATC bookstore. Stop by during operational hours for pricing and purchasing information or visit:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.atlantictechcollege.edu/bookstore-price-list/.</p>	
<p>Grading System:</p> <p>A 90 - 100%</p> <p>B 80 - 89%</p> <p>C 70 - 79%</p> <p>D 60 - 69%</p> <p>F 0 - 59%</p> <p>I Incomplete</p>	<p>Additional Program Specific Grading Information:</p> <p>Clinical Rotation Pass/Fail</p> <p>Theory Grade is comprised of 90% test scores and 10% for assignments, homework and projects.</p>
<p>View Your Grades:</p> <p>Grades can be viewed online by following the directions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to Clever SSO Website link: https://sso.browardschools.com and login: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Username: 10-digit student ID number b. Password: PMM/DD/YYYY (or your personally created password after initial login) 2. Click on the FOCUS app on your Clever opening page. (You may need to scroll-down the page to see the FOCUS app.) 3. Enter your FOCUS username and password. <p><i>NOTE: If the Focus App. is not visible after logging into Clever, please navigate to the Broward Focus website directly:</i></p> <p>https://broward.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/.</p>	
<p>Classroom/Lab Rules:</p> <p>Please see classroom/clinical/lab rules posted on Desire2Learn at https://broward.desire2learn.com/</p>	
<p>Industry Certification & State Credential Exam Cost:</p> <p>Nursing NCLEX exam, upon passing this industry credential the student will become Licensed Practical Nurse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200.00 Pearson Vue Testing Fee • \$85.00 - \$100.00 Live Scan (background) Fee – dependent upon facility • \$110.00 State of Florida Medical Quality Assurance Services Fee <p>Estimated Total \$ 395.00 - \$410.00 (prices are subject to change)</p> <p><i>You may qualify for certification reimbursement of your exam cost(s) upon passing. Credential fees are estimated & subject to change.</i></p>	<p>Outstanding Student Recognition Information:</p> <p>A gold seal will be applied to a Program Completion Certificate or an Applied Technology Diploma if the student has earned a 3.5 GPA or higher in their Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes.</p>

Program Name: Practical Nursing

Course Number: PRN0098

Course Name: Practical Nursing Foundations 1 – 300 Hours (Terms 1 & 2) Occupational

Occupational Completion Point: A

Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the healthcare delivery system and health occupations.
- Recognize and practice safety, security and emergency procedures.
- Demonstrate knowledge of blood borne diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
- Perform patient and personal care as it pertains to the practical nurse.
- Provide patient-centered care for the geriatric population.
- Assist with restorative (rehabilitative) activities.
- Demonstrate organizational functions, following the patient plan of care.
- Demonstrate computer literacy as related to nursing functions.
- Use appropriate verbal and written communications in the performance of nursing functions.
- Demonstrate legal and ethical responsibilities specific to the nursing profession.
- Apply the principles of infection control, utilizing nursing principles.
- Perform aseptic techniques.
- Describe the structure and function of the human body.
- Apply principles of nutrition as it relates to Practical Nursing Scope of Practice.

Course Number: PRN0099

Course Name: Practical Nursing Foundations 2 – 300 Hours (Terms 2 & 3)

Occupational Completion Point: B

Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)

Students will be able to:

- Describe human growth and development across the lifespan.
- Demonstrate the performance of nursing procedures (which can be accomplished through a combination of simulation, laboratory and clinical settings in accordance with F.S. 464.019).
- Demonstrate how to administer medication (which can be accomplished through a combination of simulation, laboratory and clinical settings in accordance with F.S.464.019).
- Demonstrate how to provide bio-psycho-social support (which can be accomplished through a combination of simulation, laboratory and clinical settings in accordance with F.S.464.019).
- Demonstrate healthy lifestyle responsibility specific to personal health maintenance.
- Implement education and resources for family wellness.
- Participate in Community Health Awareness Forums.

Course Number: PRN0290

Course Name: Medical/Surgical Nursing 1 – 300 Hours (Terms 3 & 4)

Occupational Completion Point: B

Intended Outcomes: (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to care for the surgical patient with a Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Lymphatic, Musculoskeletal, and Endocrine or Integumentary disease/disorder in accordance with F.S.464.019.
- Demonstrate how to care for pre-operative and post-operative patients, utilizing nursing principles in accordance with F.S.464.019.

Course Number: PRN0291

Course Name: Medical/Surgical Nursing 2 – 300 Hours (Terms 4 & 5)

Occupational Completion Point: B**Intended Outcomes:** (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to care for the surgical patient with a Gastrointestinal, Neurological, Urinary, Reproductive, or Oncologic disease/disorder in accordance with F.S.464.019.

Course Number: PRN0690**Course Name Comprehensive Nursing – 150 Hours (Term 5)****Occupational Completion Point: B****Intended Outcomes:** (From FL DOE Curriculum Framework)

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to care for maternal/newborn patients, utilizing nursing in accordance with F.S.464.019.
- Demonstrate knowledge of SIDS/ SUIDS as it relates to the practical nursing role.
- Demonstrate how to care for pediatric patients, utilizing nursing principles in accordance with F.S.464.019.
- Develop transitional skills.
- Demonstrate employability skills specific to practical nursing.

Link for Florida Department of Education Curriculum for Health Science-License Practice

<https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/career-tech-edu/curriculum-frameworks/2024-2025-frameworks/health-science.stml>

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)- <https://www.acenursing.org/>

Florida Board of Nursing (FL BON)- <https://floridasnursing.gov/>

Student Handbook [Student PN Student Handbook 2024-2025.pdf](#)