NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Admission Packet

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE
DEGREE IN NURSING (ASDN)

LPN-RN BRIDGE:
TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

APPLICATION FOR SPRING 2018

Application Deadline: September 5, 2017

ASDN Entrance Test: RNET: ALL APPLICANTS

Offered at the FGC Testing Center
Schedule your test on the website:
www.fgc.edu/Future Students; Test Center; HESI: RNET Version
or call (386-754-4309)

For additional information and guidance, before you apply to one of the programs, call 386-754-4222, to set up an appointment with an advisor.

Upon Acceptance: LPNs graduating more than five years ago and/or out-of-state graduates: Must take the Upward Mobility Exam: Foundations of Nursing

149 SE College Place, Lake City, Florida 32025-2007
Contact: Admissions 386-754-4287/386-754-4396
Website: www.fgc.edu/Academics/Allied Health/Nursing:
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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING
LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

Florida Gateway College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, 404-679-4501, to award the Associate Degree through 2017. The Florida Gateway College Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ASDN) Program is approved on a continuing basis by the Florida Board of Nursing (1964), 4052 Bald Cypress Way, BIN C02, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252, (850) 245-4444. The ASDN program is accredited through spring 2017, by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (1997), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, www.acenursing.org The ASDN program is highly ranked in excellence as evidenced by the state board passage rate above state and national averages.

The nursing program was established in 1964. The program has grown to include the following components: RN-BSN Bridge, Traditional Generic (RN), Traditional LPN-RN Bridge, LPN-RN Fast-Track Bridge, Paramedic-RN Bridge, and Practical Nursing.

The FGC nursing faculty believes in opportunities for upward mobility in education. The nursing faculty feels there are bodies of knowledge common to both the LPN and RN programs and that an LPN who is current in this knowledge does not need to experience repetition in learning. Therefore, we offer the LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time component, which may be completed in 18 months by attending classes on a full-time basis. The applicant must have worked full-time one full year to be accepted into the Nursing Program.

The experienced nursing faculty is well prepared both academically and clinically. The faculty is committed to providing a nursing curriculum that offers the student the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills that are necessary to promote better health care for all people in the community. Students receive individual guidance in a simulated lab along with small group supervision in clinical facilities.

Upon successful completion of the LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time component, the student receives an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and is qualified to apply for State Board of Nursing NCLEX examination. If successful on this exam, the graduate becomes a registered nurse (RN).

Graduates are widely recruited and consistently demonstrate a strong clinical competence. Graduates of the program are qualified to enter a variety of careers such as staff nurses in acute care settings, home health agencies or long term care facilities. Many of the area hospitals are predominately staffed by these graduates.

Advancement in nursing education is encouraged through referral to one of several universities’ RN-BSN programs. FGC graduates have demonstrated consistent success with advancement through these programs.

FGC will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required in affording equal educational opportunity. The Office of Disabled Student Services can provide further information and assistance at (386) 754-4393. It is the student's responsibility to register with Disabled Student Services and to contact the faculty member in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations. Accommodations will be provided for standardized testing (i.e., CPT, RNET) when requested in a timely manner.

FGC does not discriminate in its employment practices, admission and treatment of students on the basis of race, color, religion, nation origin, sex, age, disability, marital status or any other legally protected status in accordance with the law. The equity officer is Sharon Best, Director of Human Resources, and may be reached at (386) 754-4313.
LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completion of this checklist alone does not guarantee acceptance to the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing Program. Completion of the checklist is the applicant's responsibility. Students should complete the checklist in order.

FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION:

1. Complete a Florida Gateway College (FGC) Admission Application and return it to the Admissions Office (if you have not already become a student at FGC).
2. Have your official high school transcript(s), GED, or documentation of Home Schooling forwarded to the FGC Admissions Office.
3. Provide ACT or SAT standardized testing scores to the FGC Admissions Office OR register for and take the PERT prior to advisement. (For help with testing: Check with the College-Wide Learning Lab in Building 59 for test review (386) 754-4305, or go to the college website: www.fgc.edu, Future Students, Test Center, Test Preparation, Online Studying, Learning Express (click on the light bulb to get started). If deficiencies are found in Math, Reading, or Writing, the student will be required to complete college prep courses in the specific area before attempting most college courses. Test scores must be dated within two years of beginning coursework.)

TO APPLY TO THE NURSING PROGRAM (after becoming an FGC student):

1. Complete the nursing entrance exam (RNET) which is a form of HESI; it is available at the FGC Testing Center. Exam scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than September 5, 2017. They should be submitted in the sealed envelope you will get from the Testing Center.
3. Work a minimum of six months full-time as a LPN.

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

- Unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges attended, including FGC. You may print unofficial transcripts from college websites.
- Copy of your FL LPN license.
- To receive credit for pre-requisites and/or co-requisites taken at a college other than FGC during the fall 2016 term, the student must provide official transcripts to the nursing department and the Registrar's Office immediately following the end of the term. *Transcripts must be received by the first day of classes (Spring semester 2018) to receive credit for any courses completed in fall term 2017. Failure to provide progress reports and transcripts in a timely manner may result in non-admission. Points are ONLY awarded for courses completed by the end of summer 2017 term.*
- Documentation of work experience.

Applicants are responsible for providing the above documentation if they wish to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program. Make copies of all documentation for your personal records. Failure to present proper documentation will result in non-acceptance into the program

Conditional acceptance letters will be mailed between October 31st and November 9, 2017. Applicants are responsible for providing the above documentation if they wish to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program. Make copies of all documentation for your personal records.
ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

The following criteria is required for all students admitted into the LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time:

- Complete all pre-requisite classes (See list on page 8 of this booklet.) with a GPA of 2.80 or higher and no grade lower than a C.* Prerequisite courses must be completed by end of fall semester of the year the student is applying to the program.

- Students who do not complete co-requisite courses with a C or better within the specified time will not be permitted to continue in the nursing program. Pre-requisite and co-requisite courses completed by the end of the fall term in which you are applying are included in the required 2.8 GPA for admission to the program.

- Score of 75 or higher on the RNET. Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than September 5th.

- Upon admission to the program, students who graduated from a PN program more than five years ago and/or outside the State of Florida must take the Foundations of Nursing Upward Mobility Exam and pass with a 75. Information for taking the exam are provided in the acceptance letter.

SELECTION PROCESS: This is a limited access program. If there are more qualified students than there are available spaces, students will be ranked according to the ASDN Point System for Competitive Admission. (See pages 6 and 7).

Please Note: Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Students are selected on a competitive basis. Students are allowed only two admissions to the ASDN program. Florida Gateway College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require in the continuing development of the program.

* A student with a documented disability should see the Coordinator, Disabled Student Services.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

In order to graduate from an ASDN program, students must:

- Demonstrate knowledge of computers as set forth in the Associate in Science Degree General Education Requirements of the Catalog.

- Complete all ASDN coursework.

- Fulfill all additional requirements as outlined in the college catalog.
Florida Gateway College  
Nursing and Health Sciences  
ASDN  
Point System for Competitive Admission

Successfully completed an Nursing and Health Program at Florida Gateway College  
Maximum 5 points

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<td>PCT with CNA certification</td>
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<td>LPN</td>
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<td>EMT</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Paramedic</td>
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Work Experience  
Maximum 5 points

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County of residence  
Maximum 2 points

Residents of the service area: Columbia, Union, Baker, Dixie, or Gilchrist County……….2 points  
Residents of Alachua, Bradford, Hamilton, or Suwannee County……………………1 point

Previously (within the last 3 years) qualified applicant to Florida Gateway College ASDN Program  
1 point

*Registered Nurse Entrance Exam (RNET)  
Maximum Score 5 points

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* Students must score 75 or above to be eligible for admission to the program.
Point scale for grades: Anatomy & Physiology classes must be within the last 5 years. The following points are for science courses, regardless of whether they are taken at Florida Gateway College or another accredited institution.

Points on grades on First attempt: A=5 points, B=4 points, C= 3points,
Points for grades on Second Attempt: A=3 points, B=2 points, C= 1 point
NO points will be given for subsequent attempts.

Pre-requisite courses

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<th>Grade Earned</th>
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<td>BSC 2086 Anatomy and Physiology II</td>
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<td>MCB 2010 Microbiology</td>
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Co-requisite course, if taken in advance AND completed by the end of the semester the application is due.

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<td>PHI 2600 Ethics</td>
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* GPA for pre-req and co-req courses

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* Students must have a GPA in their pre-req and co-req college level courses of 2.8 for admission to the program.

One point for each A&P or Microbiology course if taken at Florida Gateway College: Maximum 3 points __________

One point if ALL prerequisites and co-requisites, as outlined in the FGC catalog, are completed prior to admission.

Maximum 1 point__________

TOTAL POINTS (Maximum 51) __________
PRE-REQUISITE COURSES FOR THE LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full Time is a limited access program, which includes 30 credit hours in general education courses, 32 credit hours in nursing courses, and 10 experiential learning credits. The following courses must be completed by the end of fall term prior to January admission.

**PRE-REQUISITE COURSES**

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<td>HUN 1201</td>
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A GPA of 2.8, with no grade below a “C” is required in pre-requisite courses to be considered for admission into the program.

Pre-requisite courses must be completed prior to Spring admission to the program. Completion of these courses does not guarantee acceptance into the program. **ALL science courses must have a lab.**

#Credit toward admission to the program for Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2: coursework must be completed with a C or higher within the five (5) year period prior to September 15, 2017. If coursework was completed more than five years prior to the program application deadline, you must pass the college required upward mobility exam no later than **September 5, 2017**, OR you may successfully complete Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology 1 (BSC 2084) prior to admission.

* A challenge exam for Nutrition is available at the Testing Center. A score of 80% is required to pass the exam. A student cannot enter the Traditional Bridge without a successful exam score or satisfactory completion of this course. All exemption exams must be completed no later than **September 5, 2017**. Please check the nursing page on the FGC website for instructions on taking the challenge or upward mobility exams.
CO-REQUISITE COURSES FOR THE LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

The following general education courses may be taken prior to or following admission to the Nursing Program. All co-requisite courses must be completed within specified time frame to continue in the nursing program. Each course completed prior to admission is included in the student’s GPA for admission purposes.

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CURRICULUM FOR LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

72 Credit Hours*

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<td>NUR 2804C</td>
<td>Nursing Roles and Leadership</td>
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General Education 30 credits
Nursing 32 credits
Experiential (Prior) Learning 10 credits***

TOTAL 72 hours*

SPECIAL NOTES:

*Credit hours are calculated 1 credit hour = 50 minutes. Laboratory hours are calculated 1 credit hour = 150 minutes.

**If course has not been completed.

*** 10 college credits are awarded to all students for experiential learning in nursing upon successful completion of NUR 1213C and NUR 2241C with a grade of C or better, as well as documentation of licensure. LPN’s who have graduated more than five years ago and/or out-of-state graduates must meet the above requirements and pass the Foundations of Nursing Upward Mobility exam.

In order to meet graduation requirements, students must demonstrate knowledge of computers as set forth in the Associate in Science Degree General Education Requirements of the Catalog.

All standardized and comprehensive tests and remediation are required to be completed in order to remain in the program.

The course calendar may vary from the college calendar. The student will have clinical assignments during days, evenings, weekdays and weekends at various times during the Nursing Program.

FGC reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require in the continuing development of the program.
NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Nursing Program applicants should:

Possess sufficient physical, motor, intellectual, emotional, and social/communication skills to provide for patient care and safety, and the utilization of equipment in a variety of health care settings. Examples of performance standards for Nursing are outlined below.

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<tr>
<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.</td>
<td>Complete competent assessment in a timely manner, make correct interpretations, devise a plan of care, and implement appropriate interventions. Progression during program to reflect independent decision with appropriate supervision.</td>
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<td>Interpersonal</td>
<td>Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.</td>
<td>Be able to cope with life and death situations and deal with families stressed by their loved one’s critical condition while working with other health care providers.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Communication</td>
<td>Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.</td>
<td>Follow verbal and/or written instructions. Must communicate patient response to therapy with others, document therapeutic procedures performed on patient, consult with other health care providers in a professional manner.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobility</td>
<td>Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, through hallways, and maneuver in small spaces. Includes the strength necessary to lift patients as needed.</td>
<td>Move to and from departments to patient rooms, from room to room to take care of all patients on a team, and assist in patient transport.</td>
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<td>Motor Skills</td>
<td>Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.</td>
<td>Perform vital signs, CPR, patient transport, physical assessment, equipment utilization.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hearing</td>
<td>Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.</td>
<td>Auscultate BP, breath sounds, heart sounds, and bowel sounds. Hear alarms in units, call bells, and telephones. Must converse with patients, family, and staff.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Visual</td>
<td>Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.</td>
<td>Read patient charts/flow sheet/monitors, draw up and administer medications, assess patient skin color, and read thermometers and other equipment.</td>
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<td>Tactile</td>
<td>Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.</td>
<td>Perform palpation, giving injections, starting IV’s, sterile and non-sterile dressing changes, urinary catheterization, assist patient with daily activities.</td>
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Latex Advisory: The use of latex/latex based products may exist in health care universal precautions and in environments such as, but not limited to, Health Sciences’ classrooms and training labs, hospitals, nursing care facilities, laboratories, clinical areas, and medical/dental offices. Individuals with latex allergies should seek expert advice from their health care provider so that they may receive information to make an informed decision regarding their exposure to latex in the health care field.
LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME APPLICANTS
NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (RNET)
AND
FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING UPWARD MOBILITY EXAM

NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (R-NET). All applicants must take this test. Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than September 5, 2017.

The RNET is the HESI entrance exam. All applicants must take this exam. A score of 75 or higher is required. **Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than September 5, 2017.** The HESI is a computerized examination that is administered electronically. It consists of six exams that are academically oriented: Math, Reading, Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Critical Thinking. **Results from this test are good for 2 years from the test date.** The HESI cumulative score will be used for the RNET score in the scoring grid. Please see Pages 6 and 7 for calculation of points on the Point System for Competitive Entrance in the ASDN Program.

The RNET exam is offered according to the FGC Testing Center. The schedule is available on the FGC website and you must register online for the RNET:

www.fgc.edu
Future Students or Current Students tab
Test Center
HESI
RNET

The testing center is closed on holidays and weekends, as determined by the FGC academic calendar. Call the Testing Center at 386-754-4309 for assistance.

The RNET is administered on the computer. Complete instructions will be given just prior to administration of the examination. You will receive an explanation of your score following the test. (If you have a disability you may request special accommodations. **You must request this at the time you sign up for the test.**

The cost of the test is $55.00. You must pay for the test online with a credit card or a prepaid debit card with a VISA logo. **Bring only your receipt and photo ID to the testing center.**

FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING UPWARD MOBILITY EXAM:

- Upon acceptance into the nursing program, students who have completed a practical nursing (PN) program outside of the state of Florida OR completed any PN program more than five years ago must take this test and pass with a 75 or higher. Information for taking the upward mobility exam are provided in the acceptance letter.

The cost is $63.00 for the examination. The exam may take up to 3½ hours to complete.

This exam is offered at the testing center. The testing center is closed on holidays and weekends, as determined by the FGC academic calendar. Call the Testing Center at 386-754-4309 for further assistance.

**NOTE:** If you have a disability you may request special accommodations prior to testing. You should make this request one (1) month prior to taking the RNET and/or the Foundations of Nursing Test.
FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

Acceptance letters will be mailed between October 31 and November 9, 2017. Acceptance information cannot be provided by phone. Please do not call to request this information.

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT MUST:

1. Submit a copy of current basic CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) card. This must be a Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers or BLS for Providers (American Heart Association) or Professional Rescuer for American Red Cross (ARC). Contact your employer or the FGC Community Education Department for available classes at 386-754-4300. Provide a copy to the nursing department by January 8, 2018. You must have a valid card throughout the nursing program.*

2. Provide proof of completion of a Florida BON required Prevention of Medical Errors (2 CE’s) and AIDS/HIV (2CE’s) and Domestic Violence (2CE’s) to the Nursing Department by January 8, 2018*

3. Provide proof of completion of a 30-hour Intravenous (IV) Therapy course taken within the past 18 months. Provide a copy to the Nursing Department by January 8, 2018. If you completed a class more than 18 months prior to admission, proof of IV experience and two (2) successful IV starts within the past 3 months will be accepted.*

4. Have a current PPD and physical examination verifying acceptable health status. Appropriate boosters must be completed. Proof of Immunity must be submitted from official documentation only. Official shot records from your doctor, the health department, or public school are acceptable. If official documentation is not available, then blood titers are necessary to determine immunity for hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), mumps, rubella, and Rubeola (measles). Vaccinations may be necessary if immunity cannot be confirmed with the blood titer. All health records (physical exam, immunizations, PPD) are due by dates established by program coordinator.

5. Current flu vaccinations are required of all nursing students. The time frame for obtaining the vaccinations will be provided by the program coordinator.

6. Provide a copy (front and back) of your health insurance card by January 8, 2018. Students must be covered by personal health insurance following acceptance into and throughout the program.

7. Attend Nursing Student Orientation on the specified date* in the Nursing and Health Sciences Building (103).

8. Be free of offenses as listed in Florida Statutes S.400.211 as verified by an in-depth background screen. Information will be provided in your acceptance letter. Students are responsible for the cost.*

9. Establish being drug and alcohol free by testing negative on urinalysis for controlled substances amphetamines, cannabinoids, cocaine, opiates and PCP (5-panel drug screen). Information will be provided in your acceptance letter. Students are responsible for the cost.*

10. Students who have completed a practical nursing (PN) program outside the State of Florida and/or completed any PN program more than five years ago must take the Foundations of Nursing Upward Mobility Exam and score at 75 or higher. Information for taking this exam are provided in the acceptance letter.

*This information will be included with the acceptance letter.

Students who fail to provide required documentation by the due date will have their admission rescinded.

Please make a copy of all records prior to turning them in to the Screening company. You will need them after you graduate for your job. You are responsible for maintaining these records. Copies will not be available following graduation from the program.
PHYSICAL HEALTH, DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND SCREEN

**Final acceptance** into the program is contingent upon satisfactory results from your physical examination, drug screen, and in-depth background screen. The drug, alcohol and background screen must be completed by an agency as designated by the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs. **Information on obtaining these tests/reports will be provided after classes start and MUST be completed and uploaded within two weeks. You must agree to authorize FGC to share the results of the background screen with any clinical site to which you may be assigned, if required by that site.**

**Student Drug Screen and Background Check**

*When submitted, these records will become the property of the College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers.*

**Drug/Alcohol Screening**

Area health care agencies are drug free places of employment. All health care agencies require a negative drug and alcohol screen before hiring a new employee. The Florida Gateway College Nursing and Health Sciences Division has been asked by area health care affiliates to require a drug and alcohol screen for program applicants who will be placed in area health care agencies for clinical rotations. Program applicants are required to obtain a substance abuse drug and alcohol screen and are subject to random screens upon admission to the program. These results are important for clinical rotations, and subsequent completion of the Nursing Program. Applicants with a positive result on the screen will be given a reasonable opportunity to explain the confirmed positive test result. If the explanation is unacceptable and/or cannot be satisfactorily documented by the applicant’s physician or ARNP, or the Medical Review Office (MRO), the applicant will not be accepted into the program and, if enrolled, shall be dismissed from the program. Screening results will be kept in a confidential file.

The applicant may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Sciences program after a positive reference from a treatment team who has followed the applicant for at least two (2) years, and has dealt specifically with the applicant’s problem of chemical dependence.

Results from the drug and alcohol screen are returned to the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs and will be kept in a strictly confidential file, separate from the student’s record. No screening results are to be placed in individual student files.

**In-depth Background Screen**

Nursing and Health Sciences students at Florida Gateway College involved in direct patient care during a clinical rotation in a hospital or related medical facility are required to complete an in-depth background screen. Information will be included in your acceptance letter. This is a requirement mandated under the guidelines cited in the current Florida Statutes: Chapter 435, and by health care agencies with which FGC has clinical, internship and externship agreements. Information will be included in your acceptance letter.

Any student who has been arrested regardless of adjudication, plea of nolo contendere, or pleas of guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes or under a similar statute of another jurisdiction may be disqualified from admission. According to the Florida Board of Nursing Policy, **students must self-disclose any charges and/or arrest information by submitting a letter to the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs prior to admission to the program.**

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The Florida Board of Nursing requires additional criminal checks on all applicants for licensure and any nursing licensure applicant who has an arrest record to present those records. The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses. As part of the licensure application process, graduates will be required to submit a signed statement verifying compliance with the Agency for Health Care Administration Florida Board of Nursing Rule 64 B 9-3.002 which states:

- Prior to application for examination, convicted felons must obtain a restoration of their civil rights or they are ineligible to sit for the examination.

- If an applicant has been convicted of any offense other than minor traffic violation, the applicant shall submit arrest and court records stating the nature of the offense and final disposition of the case so that a determination can be made by the Board whether the offense relates to the practice of nursing or the ability to practice nursing. Any convicted felons must submit proof of restoration of civil rights or they are ineligible for licensure.
Applicants for Nursing and Health Sciences Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify one for employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in a nursing home (Florida Statutes s.400.211). This policy is the result of requirements by clinical affiliates which must comply with state and federal regulations.

Judgments of guilty or pleas of *nolo contendere* (no contest) to the following crimes may disqualify applicants from entering into clinical rotations associated with a Florida Gateway College Nursing and Health Sciences Program:

a. Murder, Manslaughter or Vehicular homicide  
b. Killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother  
c. Assault or Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor  
d. Aggravated assault or battery  
e. Kidnapping or False imprisonment  
f. Sexual battery  
g. Prohibited acts of persons in familial or custody authority  
h. Prostitution  
i. Lewd and lascivious behavior  
j. Lewdness and indecent exposure  
k. Arson  
l. Theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony  
m. Fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony  
n. Incest  
o. Abuse, neglect or exploitation of a disabled adult or elderly person  
p. Aggravated child abuse  
q. Child abuse  
r. Negligent treatment of children  
s. Sexual performance by a child  
t. Obscene literature  
u. Drug offenses which were a felony, or if the offense involved a minor  
v. Fraudulent practices in Health Care, Medicaid, Medicare or any public assistance program

Some Health Care units will require an additional abuse check. If this is the case, the following applies: Has not been judicially determined to have committed abuse or neglect against a child as defined in s.3901(2) and (45); does not have a confirmed report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as defined in s.415.102(6), or abuse or neglect as defined in s.415.503(6), which has been uncontested or upheld under s.415.1075 or s.415.504; does not have a proposed confirmed report that remains unserved and is maintained in the central abuse registry and tracking system pursuant to s.415.1065(s)©; and has not committed an act that constitutes domestic violence as defined ins. 714.128.

If unclear if you would be cleared for a license please follow the link below for the conviction guidelines published by the state of Florida for those wishing to apply for a nursing license.


Click on the links “Applicants with Criminal History” and “Health Care Fraud” to view additional information.
**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**  
**LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME**

Tuition: Based on $103.32 per credit hour for **in-state tuition.**  
(Fees are subject to change.)

**Tuition and Fees to be paid to the college. Lab fees include: Standardized Testing, Professional Liability Insurance, Background & Drug/Alcohol Screens & Skills kit:**

Standardized tests must be taken in order to remain in the program.

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**TOTAL** **$9,701.34**

(Costs will be higher if prep courses are required.)

A lab fee has been added to all courses with a clinical lab component.

The following estimated expenses are not paid to the college:

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**TOTAL** **1,035.00**

**PROGRAM TOTAL** **$10,746.34**

These are estimated expenses and subject to change.

**Out-of-state students please check with Admissions Office for credit hour fees.**

**Note:** Toward the end of the program, students may be expected to incur additional expenses toward graduation, including reception and NCLEX fees. Students may also be asked by organized student representatives to participate in fund-raising activities to help with these expenses.
ADVISING APPOINTMENTS
If an advising appointment is desired, please call the Advising Office at 386-754-4222 (College Advising) to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

EMPLOYMENT
The Nursing Program is academically demanding and time consuming. While you are enrolled in the Nursing Program, it is recommended that employment be on a part-time basis, no more than 20 hours per week.

FINANCIAL AID
Financial Aid is available to qualified students through the Office of Financial Aid, 386-754-4282. Limited additional scholarships are available to students in the Nursing Department.

READMISSION
Students seeking a second admission at any level of the program must follow the Nursing and Health Sciences Readmission Policy found in the Nursing Student Handbook or through the Nursing and Health Sciences Department. No student is admitted to any one nursing program more than twice.

TRANSFERS
Students seeking to transfer from another nursing program must follow the transfer policy. A copy of the policy is available upon request from the ASDN Coordinator.

MAIL APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO:

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007
386-754-4287

ASDN PROGRAMS
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007
386-754-4404
A. GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER ____________________________ YEAR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION ________________

NAME ______________________ PHONE HOME (____) ______________ WORK (____) ________

PERMANENT ADDRESS ___________________ CITY ___________ COUNTY ____________________________

STATE _______ ZIP _______ E-MAIL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR THIS PROGRAM? YES NO IF SO, WHAT YEAR? ________________

IF ANY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS, TEST SCORES, ETC., MIGHT ARRIVE UNDER ANY NAMES OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED
ABOVE, ENTER NAMES HERE: ________________________________________________________________

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE _______ YES _______ NO

GED _______ YES _______ NO

HOME SCHOOL GRADUATE _______ YES _______ NO

CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM GRADUATE ____ YES ____ NO DATE: ________ COUNTY __________________________

LIST ALL POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ENROLLED: OMISSION
CONSTITUTES FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS AND VOIDS YOUR APPLICATION. (TO LIST MORE
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE.) Attach an unofficial copy of your transcripts from colleges
(INCLUDING FGC) to this application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION CITY/STATE DATES DEGREE CREDIT

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B. PERSONAL INFORMATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NOTIFY ___________________ RELATIONSHIP: ______________________________

ADDRESS ___________________ CITY ___________ STATE _______ ZIP CODE ____________

HOME PHONE (____) ______________ WORK PHONE (____) ______________

C. VETERAN’S PREFERENCE:

ARE YOU A VETERAN? YES NO

ARE YOU THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN? YES NO

D. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? ____ YES ____ NO.

IF YES, ATTACH YOUR STATEMENT PROVIDING DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST(S) IN A
SEALED ENVELOPE, ATTENTION: PATRICIA ORENTER, DIRECTOR of ASDN and Certificate Programs.

FALSIFICATION OF ANY PART OF THIS FORM WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.

(Additional information is on the next page; this is a two-page application.)
E. LICENSE INFORMATION:

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED:

________________________________________________________________________

LPN LICENSE NUMBER: ____________________________

HAS THERE EVER BEEN ANY PENALTY FILED AGAINST YOUR LICENSE BY ANY STATE BOARD OF NURSING?

* _____YES_____NO

*IF YES, ATTACH AN EXPLANATION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, ATTENTION: PATRICIA ORENDER, DIRECTOR of ASDN and Certificate Programs.

FALSIFICATION OF ANY PART OF THIS FORM WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.