

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Admission Packet

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING (ASDN) LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

Application for Fall 2024

CLASSES BEGIN January 2025

Application Deadline: September 27, 2024

ASDN Entrance Test: ATI TEAS

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.



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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

Florida Gateway College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida Gateway College.

The Associate of Science Degree at Florida Gateway Program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C02, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252; 850-245-4125.

The associate nursing program at Florida Gateway College at the main campus located in Lake City, Florida is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation with Conditions.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>

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, and LPN-RN Fast-Track Bridge.

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

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 recruited by a variety of healthcare settings, locally and nationally. Graduates work in healthcare setting such as acute care settings, home health agencies and long-term care facilities. Furthermore, many of the area hospitals are predominately staffed by our graduates.

Graduates through our ASDN program have seamless matriculation to our RN-BSN programs. Moreover, graduates can complete their RN-BSN in as little as three semesters (1 year).

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 Accessibility

Services can provide further information and assistance at (386) 754-4393. It is the student's responsibility to register with Accessibility 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, Nurse Entrance Exam) when requested in a timely manner.

Florida Gateway College 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 Cassandra Buckles, Director of Human Resources, and may be reached at (386) 754-4314.

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. Applicants should complete the checklist in order.

FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION:

1. Complete a Florida Gateway College (FGC) Admission Application and return it to FGC Enrollment Services (if you have not already become a student at FGC).
2. Have your official high school transcript(s), GED, or documentation of Home Schooling sent to FGC Enrollment Services.
3. Provide ACT, SAT, or PERT standardized testing scores to FGC Enrollment Services.

For help with college admission standardized testing: Check with the Student Success Center in Building 8 for test review (386) 754-4382

FOR NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION

1. Complete the nursing entrance exam (ATI TEAS) with score of proficient or higher (55% or higher). Scores generally indicate a moderate level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning on nursing-related content. This exam is available through the FGC Testing Center.
2. Complete the Foundations Upward Mobility Exam with at least an 80% or higher.

These exams are available through the FGC Testing Center. **Register online for the Nurse Entrance Exam (TEAS) and Upward Mobility exam, click on the following tabs:**

www.fgc.edu

Academics

TEAS and

Upward Mobility Testing

3. Submit exam scores to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. If the Nurse Entrance Exam is taken at another testing site, official scores must be provided in the sealed envelope provided by the test center.
4. Submit the completed LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time Supplemental Application no later than the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. **Do not submit the entire application packet.**

5. Write a **four (4) paragraph** essay (1 paragraph per prompt) and attach with your application.

The four (4) essay prompts are:

What does nursing mean to you?

What does professionalism mean to you?

What does caring mean to you?

What does ethics or ethical behavior mean to you?

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

1. **Unofficial** transcripts from ALL colleges attended, including FGC. Transcripts can be obtained from your college websites.
2. Copy of your FL LPN license.
3. Official transcripts for all pre-requisites and/or co-requisites taken during the spring term, to the nursing department and the Enrollment Services immediately following the end of the spring term.
4. Documentation of health-related experience (this must be a letter from your previous or present employer(s) that includes job duties and length of time employed in that role).
5. Documentation of an approved IV Therapy Certification.

All of the above documentation must be submitted by the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet to be considered for admission into the program. **Applications without proper documentation will not be considered for admission into the ASDN program**

Program admission response letters will be mailed within 4 weeks of the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

The following criteria will be required for all admissions into the LPN-RN Bridge: Traditional Full-Time:

1. Applicants must complete all pre-requisite courses with a **GPA of 2.8 or higher**. Pre-requisite courses must be completed by end of fall semester of the year the student is applying to the program
2. All science courses (BSC 2085/L, BSC 2086/L and MCB 2010/L) must have a **GPA of 3.0 or higher**. **Science courses must be taken within 5 years of application to nursing program. If science courses are not within 5 years, students must complete BSC 2084C with a B or higher.**
3. Applicants must score of **55% or higher on the Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS)** admission test. Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front of the packet.
4. **Applicants must score an 80 or higher on the Foundations Upward Mobility Exam**. Exams scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front of the packet. Applicant has unlimited attempts to take exam.
5. **Applicant must have graduated from an LPN program in the state of Florida.**
6. Applicants must successfully complete a **30-hour IV Therapy** course within 18 months of admission to the program. The course must be completed by the end of fall semester of the year the student is applying to the program. NOTE: If the applicant completed a course over 18 months from date of admission, documentation of IV experience and two (2) successful IV starts within the past 3 months must be submitted.
7. All above criteria must be completed before final acceptance into the program.

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.

Please Note: Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Priority Acceptance will be given to FGC graduates who have met the minimum requirements

Florida Gateway College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require in continuing development of the program.

**A student with a documented disability should see the Coordinator, Accessibility 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, laboratory and clinical/simulation hours.

Complete Civic Literacy Requirement as outlined in the Catalog. 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 a Nursing and Health Program at Florida Gateway College

Maximum 5 points _____

LPN with licensure	5
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Direct patient care work experience in healthcare with a letter from employer with time period of employment included

Maximum 1 point _____

6 or more months fulltime healthcare experience	1
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Previously qualified applicant to Florida Gateway College ASDN Program

2 points _____

***Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS)**

Maximum Score 4 points _____

Exemplary	4
Advanced	3
Proficient	2
55%	1

* Students must score proficiency or above (55% or higher) to be eligible for admission to the program.

Military Service- Must provide a DD214

Maximum 2 points _____

Veteran or spouse of veteran	2
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Admission Essay

Maximum 20 points _____

Essay Rubric	Points
Substantive response in all four areas	20
Substantive response in three areas	15
Substantive response in two areas	10
Substantive response in one area	5

Point scale for grades: The points awarded for science courses are regardless of whether they are taken at Florida Gateway College or another accredited institution.

Points on science course with lab grades on First attempt: A=2 points, B-1

Maximum 6 points _____

Science	Points
BSC 2085/L	
BSC 2086/L	
MCB 2010/L	

GPA in Science Courses (based on first time attempt) Maximum 20 points _____

GPA	Points
3.6 -4.0	20
3.2-3.59	15
3.0- 3.19	10

*** Overall GPA (pre-req courses) Maximum 15 points _____**

4.0-3.7	15
3.699-3.4	10
3.399-3.1	5
3.099-2.8	2

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

One (1) point for each pre-req course taken at Florida Gateway College

Maximum 12 points ____

TOTAL POINTS (Maximum 87) _____

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 spring term prior to May admission.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
ENC 1101	Freshman English 1	3	MAC 1105	College Algebra OR	
HUN 1201	Nutrition	3	MGF 1130	Math for Liberal Arts 1	3
#BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology 1	3	POS 1041	American Government	3
#BSCL2085	Anatomy & Physiology 1 Lab	1		OR AMH 2020 United States History from 1865	
#BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology 2	3	MCB 2010	Microbiology	3
#BSCL2086	Anatomy & Physiology 2 Lab	1	MCBL2010	Microbiology Lab	1

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 summer admission to the program. Completion of these courses does not guarantee acceptance into the program. **ALL science courses must have a lab.**

* 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. **The exemption exam must be completed no later than the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. Please check the nursing page on the FGC website for instructions on taking the challenge exam.**

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.

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>
DEP 2004	Human Growth and Development	3
HUM 2020	Introduction to Humanities or PHI 2010 Introduction to Philosophy	3

CURRICULUM FOR LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME

72 Credit Hours*

TOTAL CREDITS

<i>SEM</i>	<i>COURSE NAME</i>	<i>COURSE NUMBER</i>	<i>CR HRS</i>	<i>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</i>
1st Term	Nursing Process I	NUR 1213C	10	13
	Human Growth and Development	DEP 2004	3	
2nd Term	Nursing Process II	NUR 2241C	12	12
3rd Term	Transition Maternal, Infant, Child, Adolescent	NUR 2412C	6	13
	Nursing Roles and Leadership	NUR2804C	4	
	Intro to Humanities or Intro to Philosophy	HUM 2020 or PHI 2010	3	
<i>PROGRAM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</i>	<i>GENERAL EDUCATION</i>			<i>30</i>
	<i>NURSING</i>			<i>32</i>
	<i>Experiential Credits</i>			<i>10</i>
<i>Total Program Credit Hours 72</i>				

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.

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.

SPECIAL NOTE: Course calendars may vary from the college calendar due to availability of clinical sites. 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.

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.	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.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	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.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	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.
Mobility	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.	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.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Perform vital signs, CPR, patient transport, physical assessment, equipment utilization.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Auscultate BP, breath sounds, heart sounds, and bowel sounds. Hear alarms in units, call bells, and telephones. Must converse with patients, family, and staff.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Read patient charts/flow sheet/monitors, draw up and administer medications, assess patient skin color, and read thermometers and other equipment.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.	Perform palpation, giving injections, starting IV's, sterile and non-sterile dressing changes, urinary catheterization, assist patient with daily activities.

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, Nursing and Health Science classrooms and training labs, hospitals, nursing care facilities, laboratories, clinical areas, and medical/dental offices. Individuals with suspected or documented latex allergy must provide documentation of this from a healthcare provider.

LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME APPLICANTS NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (ATI TEAS)

The nursing entrance exam is the ATI TEAS. All applicants must take this exam. A score of 55% or higher is required. **Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the deadline date on the front of the packet.** The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) is a computerized proctored examination that is administered electronically. Content areas consist of Math, Reading, English and Science. **Results from this test are good for 2 years from the test date.** The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) total score will be used for the nursing entrance exam score in the scoring grid.

Study guides for the ATI TEAS are available on the college library website

The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) and Foundations Upward Mobility exams are offered according to the FGC Testing Center schedule.

The schedule is available on the FGC website and you must register online for the exams:

Click on the following tabs:

www.fgc.edu

Students

Test Center

Schedule an appointment

Nursing

Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS)

AND

Foundations Upward Mobility Testing

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 Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) 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 \$102.00. You must pay for the test online with a credit card or prepaid card with a VISA logo. **Bring only your receipt and photo ID to the testing center.**

Program response letters will be mailed within 4 weeks of the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. 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 Basic Life Support for Providers (American Heart Association) or Professional Rescuer for American Red Cross (ARC).** Contact your employer or the FGC Olustee Campus for available classes at 386-754-4297. Provide a copy to the nursing department by the first day of summer course. 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), AIDS/HIV (1CE), Florida Law (2CEs), Human Trafficking (2 CE's), Impairment in the Workplace (2 CE's) and Domestic Violence (2 CE's) to the Nursing Department by the first day of spring course *
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 the first day of summer course. 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 to screening company by dates announced.
5. COVID-19 and current flu vaccinations are recommended for all nursing students. The time frame for obtaining the flu vaccination will be announced.
6. Provide a copy (front and back) of your health insurance card by the first day of summer course. Students **must** be covered by personal health insurance following acceptance into and throughout the program.
7. Attend Nursing Student Orientation on the specified date.*
8. Be free of offenses as listed in Florida Statutes S.400.211 as verified by a Level 2 background screen. Information will be discussed at orientation. Students are responsible for the cost.

9. Negative documentation of a 10-panel drug screen. Information on the drug screen will be discussed at orientation. Subject to random drug screening during program. Students are responsible for the cost.

***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. **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 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 provided at orientation. 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.**

The Florida Board of Nursing requires additional criminal checks on all has an arrest record to present those records. The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses. As applicants for licensure and any nursing licensure applicant who 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.**

BACKGROUND CHECKS

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.

<http://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/>

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.

** Prerequisites	\$2,479.68	24 hours
** Co-requisites	619.92	6 hours
** 1 st term	1,033.20	10 hours
** 2 nd term	1,239.84	12 hours
** 3 rd term	1,033.20	10 hours
** Lab Fees (includes Standardized Testing, Professional Liability Insurance Background and Drug Screens	1,133.50	
** Nurse Entrance Test (ATI TEAS)	168.00	
** Foundations of Nursing upward mobility test	102.00	
Books and Supplies	25.00	
IV Therapy Course	1,510.00	
	<u>200.00</u>	

TOTAL \$9,544.34

(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:

(2) Uniforms	\$180.00
(1) Lab Coat	30.00
(1) Scrub Top	15.00
Name Pin, Shoes, Watch	100.00
Clinical Supplies	25.00
Physical Exam	160.00
Personal Health Insurance	200.00
State Board Application Fee	110.00
NCLEX Examination Fee	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL 1,020.00

PROGRAM TOTAL \$10,564.34

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-RN 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 prior to being accepted into a nursing program, 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 re- admission at any level of the program must follow the Re Admission Criteria found in the Nursing student handbook.

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 Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs.

MAIL or HAND DELIVER APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO:

**ENROLLMENT SERVICES
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**

**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
 LPN-RN BRIDGE: TRADITIONAL FULL-TIME
 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
 TO
 ASDN PROGRAMS
 149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
 LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007**

Date Received: _____

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____ YEAR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION _____

NAME _____ PHONE HOME () _____ WORK () _____

MAILING 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B. PERSONAL INFORMATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

NOTIFY _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

C. MILITARY SERVICE:

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 ORENDER, 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 AND YEAR:

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.