

PRACTICAL NURSING

Program: PNRS

Credential: Ontario College Diploma

Delivery: Full-time + Part-time

Work Integrated Learning: 5 Clinical Placements

Length: 5 Semesters

Duration: 2.5 Years

Effective: Fall 2023, Winter 2024

Location: Barrie (Fall, Winter), Owen Sound (Fall, Winter), Orangeville (Winter)

Description

Students engage with philosophy and curriculum that incorporates and utilizes the concept of caring as the basis of nursing practice. Students work with experienced, caring faculty to gain the knowledge, skills and judgment required to work in today's complex health care system. Students learn how to engage in safe, competent professional practice with high expectations of accountability, collegiality, collaboration, leadership and ethical care.

Students experience high-quality, innovative nursing education both in the classroom and simulation laboratory settings. Engaging in a mix of individual and team learning activities, students focus on the lived experiences of individuals, families, groups and communities. Through our partnerships, clinical experiences in diverse healthcare settings are offered in all five semesters and allow students to integrate their knowledge into the care of clients across the lifespan. In order to provide quality practicum placements, students have the opportunity to be placed in a variety of agencies in the region.

The Practical Nursing program is currently approved (Category 1, the highest ranking) by the College of Nurses of Ontario. Current graduates of this program are eligible to apply for registration as Registered Practical Nurses in Ontario.

Career Opportunities

The graduate may find employment opportunities in hospitals, long-term care settings, clinics or community health services.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. care for populations including persons, families, and groups from a variety of cultures, by establishing caring relationships that foster trust, respect, collaboration and empowerment;
2. promote health and healing for persons in situations with varying levels of complexity acting independently and in consultation with client, family and health team;
3. practice nursing based on the concept of praxis (praxis refers to how theoretical knowledge and the practice of nursing inform and shape each other and are guided by the morality of caring);
4. function effectively in the practical nurse's unique role as a member within the multi-disciplinary team;
5. apply generic skills for life-long learning and for personal and professional growth;

6. provide safe, effective and ethical nursing care that meets the current Professional Standards for Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses in Ontario;
7. participate in society as an informed citizen and pursue an enriched personal and professional life;
8. develop social entrepreneur skills to foster positive social change in the community while being environmentally sensitive.

External Recognition

Upon graduation from this program students can apply to the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) to write the provincial registration examination for practical nurses. The CNO's mission is to regulate nursing to protect the public interest and they set entry to practice requirements that nurses must meet to become registered in Ontario. They assess each applicant and determine if they meet registration requirements. Details related to these requirements can be found on the CNO website (<http://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/new-applicants1/ontario/registration-requirements-for-rns-and-rpns/> (<https://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/new-applicants1/ontario/registration-requirements-for-rns-and-rpns/>))

For further information about these registration requirements, please contact CNO directly at (416) 928-0900, or 1-800-387-5526, ext. 6249.

Students and graduates are encouraged to become members of the professional organization, the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario.

Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

Fall Intake - Barrie, Owen Sound

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2023
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2024
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2025
- **Sem 5:** Summer 2025

Winter Intake - Barrie, Owen Sound

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2024
- **Sem 3:** Winter 2025
- **Sem 4:** Summer 2025
- **Sem 5:** Fall 2025

Winter Intake - Orangeville

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2024
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2024
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2024
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2025
- **Sem 5:** Summer 2025

Articulation

A number of articulation agreements have been negotiated with universities and other institutions across Canada, North America

and internationally. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program co-ordinator for specific details if you are interested in pursuing such an option.

Additional information can be found on our website at <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/> (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Admission Requirements

OSSD or equivalent with

- Grade 12 English (C or U)
- Grade 12 Mathematics (C or U)
- Grade 11 or 12 Biology (C or U)
- Grade 12 (C) or Grade 11 or 12 (U) Chemistry OR Grade 12 (C) or Grade 11 or 12 (U) Physics

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit for Prior Learning website for details:

www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

Selection Process

Applicants will be assessed and ranked based on academic grades. A minimum grade of 75% in each pre-requisite subject is recommended.

Criminal Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Additional Information

It is required that students have a completed and verified Clinical Preparedness Permit in order to be eligible for practicum placements. Requirements for the permit include:

- A mask fit test, renewed every two years (will be done at the College in Semester One);

- Level HCP CPR and Standard First Aid prior to commencing the program (On-line courses are not acceptable). It is the student's responsibility to renew their Level HCP CPR certification annually while in the program;
- Up-to-date immunization records in compliance with the Public Hospitals Act. Completion and submission of this record is required during the first week of classes in order to ensure your placement in clinical and field placement facilities;
- An up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector screen (renewed regularly so that it is never more than 6 months old).

Placement agencies require an up-to-date clear criminal reference check and vulnerable sector check prior to going out on placement. Students should obtain their criminal reference no more than three months prior to placement; checks conducted earlier may not be considered current. As some jurisdictions require longer lead-time for processing, please check with the program coordinator to ensure you allow for sufficient turn-around time. It is the student's responsibility to provide the completed document prior to placement start.

NOTE: Individuals who have been charged or convicted criminally and not pardoned will be prohibited from proceeding to a clinical or work placement.

Applicants are encouraged to obtain volunteer or work experience in a health or human service field to assist them in making a career choice.

In order to provide quality practicum placements, students are placed in a variety of agencies in the region serviced by the campus. Students are required to provide their own transportation to practicum placements. Placements may be 6, 8, 10- or 12-hour days and may include holidays, weekends, nights and evenings starting as early as 0600.

Re-application to Program

Suspended students must reapply for re-entry to this program and will be considered based on eligible space and likelihood of success. Please refer to the Georgian College Calendar for the Academic Policies and Procedures.

Graduation Requirements

20 Program Courses

- 5 Clinical Placements
- 2 Communications Courses
- 3 General Education Courses

Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year, and to graduate is 65%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum on 65% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each program course or clinical in each semester, and must attain a minimum of 50% in general education and communication courses unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
BIOL 1001	Anatomy and Physiology - Introductory Concepts	42
NRSG 1004	Introduction to Health and Wellness	42
NRSG 1005	Profession of Nursing 1	42
NRSG 1025	Fundamental Healing Arts	98
NRSG 1026	Clinical Preparations	21
Clinical Placement		
NRSG 1024	Clinical Experience 1	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Hours		371
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
BIOL 1002	Anatomy and Physiology: Advanced Concepts	42
NRSG 1006	Gerontological Nursing Theory	42
NRSG 1013	Math for Meds	28
NRSG 1022	Advanced Healing Arts	84
NRSG 1027	Profession of Nursing 2	42
NRSG 2003	Health Assessment	70
Clinical Placement		
NRSG 1015	Clinical Experience 2	84
Hours		392
Semester 3		
Program Courses		
NRSG 1014	Pharmacology	42
NRSG 2000	Profession of Nursing 3	42
NRSG 2002	Pathophysiology: Introductory Concepts	42
NRSG 2020	Maternal/Child Nursing Theory	28
NRSG 2021	Mental Health Nursing Theory	28
Clinical Placement		
NRSG 2005	Clinical Experience 3	168
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
Hours		392
Semester 4		
Program Courses		
NRSG 2001	Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory	42
NRSG 2006	Profession of Nursing 4	42
NRSG 2008	Pathophysiology: Advanced Concepts	42
NRSG 2009	Nursing in the Community	42
Clinical Placement		
NRSG 2004	Clinical Experience 4	168
General Education Courses		
Select 2 courses from the general education list during registration.		84
Hours		420
Semester 5		
Clinical Placement		
NRSG 2010	Practical Nursing Praxis	450
Hours		450
Total Hours		2025

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of two years (as stated above) may take a maximum of four years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

Disclaimer. *The information in this document is correct at the time of publication. Academic content of programs and courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational objectives and employment market needs.*

Program outlines may be subject to change in response to emerging situations, in order to facilitate student achievement of the learning outcomes required for graduation. Components such as courses, progression, coop work terms, placements, internships and other requirements may be delivered differently than published.