

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 2019, Winter 2020

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

Description

The Georgian College Nursing Program philosophy and curriculum incorporate and utilize the concepts of caring as the basis of nursing practice. The students and faculty work together to explore nursing knowledge and caring theory. In the classroom, students in collaborative groups, work through learning activities and focus on the lived experiences of individuals, families, and groups. Knowledge from the program courses is integrated into the care of clients, families, and groups in a variety of settings.

In order to provide quality practicum placements, students will be placed in a variety of agencies in the region serviced by the campus. Students are required to provide their own transportation.

Career Opportunities

The graduate may find employment opportunities in general hospitals, special hospitals, nursing homes, homes for the aged, 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 you will be recommended to the College of Nurses to write the registration examinations. Successful completion of these examinations and compliance with the Regulated Health Professions Act will entitle you to become a Registered Practical Nurse and thus a member of the College of Nurses of Ontario. Please note: The College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO), the body responsible for regulating nursing in Ontario, sets entry to practice requirements that nurses and practical nurses must meet to become registered in Ontario. CNO's mission is to regulate nursing to protect the public interest. Among CNO's entry to practice requirements are provisions specifically intended to enhance public safety. These provisions require that applicants for registration in Ontario:

1. have not been found guilty of a criminal offence or an offence under the Narcotic Control Act (Canada) and the Foods and Drug Act (Canada);
2. not have been the subject of a finding of professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity, whether in Ontario or in another jurisdiction and whether in relation to the nursing profession or another health profession;
3. not currently be the subject of proceedings for professional misconduct, incompetence or incapacity, whether in Ontario or in another jurisdiction and whether in relation to the nursing profession or another health profession;
4. not be suffering from a physical or mental condition that makes it desirable to the public interest that he or she not practice.

An applicant for registration who does not meet one or more of these requirements must inform CNO and provide details about the incident or situation. The applicant will not be necessarily refused registration because CNO's Registration Committee will review information about the incident or situation to determine if an exemption from the requirement(s) will be granted. An applicant for registration who does not inform CNO, may have the application for registration cancelled, or any certification of registration which may have been issued revoked.

Applicants who apply for registration with CNO on, or after, January 1, 2005 require a Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) Criminal Record Synopsis as part of the registration process. The CPIC check provides evidence that an applicant has met the requirements of registration related to good character and suitability to practice.

For more information see < (<http://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements>)<http://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements/>> (<http://www.cno.org/en/become-a-nurse/registration-requirements>)

If you have any questions about these registration requirements, please contact CNO at (416) 928-0900, or 1-800-387-5526, ext. 6249.

You are encouraged to become a member of the professional organization, the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario.

The Program Progression

Fall Intake - Barrie, Owen Sound

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2019
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2020

- **Sem 4:** Winter 2021
- **Sem 5:** Summer 2021

Winter Intake - Barrie, Owen Sound

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2020
- **Sem 3:** Winter 2021
- **Sem 4:** Summer 2021
- **Sem 5:** Fall 2021

Winter Intake - Orangeville

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2020
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2020
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2020
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2021
- **Sem 5:** Summer 2021

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 <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/policies-procedures/ (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/policies-procedures/>)

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 Transfer Centre website for details:

www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/ (<http://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 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. Students are asked to submit a copy of their current Level HCP CPR and Standard First Aid certificate to the program coordinator during the first week of classes.

Applicants must have up-to-date immunization records (Clinical Preparedness Permit) 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.

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

To be eligible for all practicum placements, students must also have a completed Clinical Preparedness Permit and a record of mask fit test, renewed every two years (will be done at the College in Semester One).

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

- 24 Program Courses
- 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 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

Program Courses

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
BIOL 1001	Anatomy and Physiology - Introductory Concepts	42
NRSG 1004	Health and Healing	42

NRSG 1005	Development of Self as Nurse	42
NRSG 1023	Nursing Professional Practice: Community Experience	28
NRSG 1024	Nursing Professional Practice: Agency Experience	42
NRSG 1025	Nursing Professional Practice: Fundamental Healing Arts	98
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		378

Semester 2

Program Courses		
BIOL 1002	Anatomy and Physiology: Advanced Concepts	42
NRSG 1006	Health and Healing: Life Transition	42
NRSG 1013	Math for Meds	28
NRSG 1015	Nursing Professional Practice: Life Transition Agency Experience	84
NRSG 1019	Nursing Professional Practice: Life Transition Community	42
NRSG 1022	Nursing Professional Practice: Advanced Healing Arts	84
NRSG 2003	Health Assessment	70
Hours		392

Semester 3

Program Courses		
NRSG 1014	Math/Pharmacology	42
NRSG 2000	Development of the Professional Self	42
NRSG 2002	Processes of Human Disease: Introductory Concepts	42
NRSG 2005	PN Professional Practice: Mental Health and Maternal Child Clinical	168
NRSG 2007	PN Health and Healing: Mental Health and Maternal Child Theory	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
Hours		378

Semester 4

Program Courses		
NRSG 2001	P.N. Health and Healing: Medical-Surgical Theory	42
NRSG 2004	P.N. Professional Practice: Medical-Surgical Clinical	168
NRSG 2006	Development of Nurse Within the Profession	42
NRSG 2008	Processes of Human Disease: Advanced Concepts	42
NRSG 2009	Nursing in the Community	42
General Education Courses		
Select 2 courses from the general education list during registration.		84
Hours		420

Semester 5

Program Courses		
NRSG 2010	Practical Nursing Praxis	450
Hours		450
Total Hours		2018

Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of two and a half 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.

Information contained in College documents respecting programs 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. The college reserves the right to add or delete programs, options, courses, timetables or campus locations subject to sufficient enrolment, and the availability of courses.