LPN-ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING BRIDGE

(*For Current Licensed Practical Nurses only*)

Summer 2027 Entry

Associate in Applied Science - 70 Credit Hours

Jamestown Campus

The LPN to Associate Degree Nursing Bridge program is designed for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) to continue their education. The admission process is limited to an enrollment cap each summer term. The number of accepted students varies depending on the number of continuing students. Typically, 15-20 students are accepted each year. This packet will outline minimum criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process. Before applying, it is recommended to review the Technical Standards and Essential Functions required for the program. Reading these standards carefully along with a realistic assessment of your own personality, interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you choose a program and career path that is a good fit for you. ***Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety, as some requirements are time-sensitive.***

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Current, valid, unrestricted, and unencumbered LPN license (must be licensed to practice in NC).**
- ✓ **Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students).**
  - *Students currently enrolled at GTCC do not need to complete a new application for admission.*
  - *See page 2 for details on this requirement.*
  - ***It is highly recommended to have this step completed by January 22nd.***
- ✓ **Complete the REQUIRED online Program Information Session by February 5th.**
  - *See page 3 for instructions for accessing the session.*
  - ***Sessions completed for previous admission cycles are NOT acceptable.***
- ✓ **Demonstrate "college readiness" for English and Mathematics.**
  - *See page 3 to view options for meeting this requirement.*
- ✓ **Complete the following PREREQUISITE courses with a grade of "C" or higher:**
  - *BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2017 or later)*
  - *BIO 169 – Anatomy & Physiology II (completed 2017 or later)*
  - *PSY 150 – General Psychology*
  - *PSY 241 – Developmental Psychology*
- ✓ **Complete the ATI TEAS Exam with a minimum composite score of 66.**
  - *Accepting ATI TEAS exam scores **VERSION 7** only from 2025 and later (**PRELIMINARY SCORES NOT ACCEPTED**)*
  - *Prior versions of the TEAS will not be accepted.*
  - *See page 4 for information on scheduling an exam*
- ✓ **Submit the Summer 2027 LPN to Associate Degree Nursing Bridge Program Application**
  - *Applications accepted **January 11th through February 12th**.*

See page 4 for details on application submissions

Table 1 Program Admission Requirements 1

Note: **Meeting all criteria listed above does not guarantee acceptance to the program. However, all criteria must be met to apply and be considered for selection.**

PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

General Education Courses

Prerequisite courses are in BOLD and must be completed prior to applying to the program.

The remaining courses may be taken prior to applying to the program to lighten the academic load and for possible award of ranking points.

General Education Course Requirements and Credits

BIO 168	**Anatomy & Physiology I (must be completed 2017 or later)**	**4 credits**
BIO 169	**Anatomy & Physiology II (must be completed 2017 or later)**	**4 credits**
PSY 150	**General Psychology**	**3 credits**
PSY 241	**Developmental Psychology**	**3 credits**
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3 credits
ENG 112 ENG 113, *or* ENG 114	Writing/Research in the Disciplines, Writing/Literature Research *or* Professional Research and Reporting	3 credits
Hum/Fine Arts	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective Select from GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses	3 credits
	Total General Education Credits:	**23 credits**

Table 2 General Education Courses 1

Nursing Program Courses

These courses are taken once accepted to the program.

Advanced Credits		
LPN's are given advanced standing credit for NUR 111, NUR 112, NUR 113, and NUR 212 courses		23 credits
Summer 2027		
NUR 214	Nursing Transition Concepts	4 credits
Fall 2027		
NUR 114	Holistic Health Concepts (First 8 weeks)	5 credits
NUR 211	Health Care Concepts (Second 8 weeks)	5 credits
Spring 2028		
NUR 213	Complex Health Concepts	10 credits
	Total Nursing Course Credits:	**47 credits**
	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE:	**70 credits**

Table 3 Nursing Program Courses 1

GUIDED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS – GTCC HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

MEET PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Possess a Current, Valid, Unrestricted, and Unencumbered LPN License

You must upload a copy of your LPN License information with the program application. Visit the NC Board of Nursing License Verification Page to access your information.

Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students)

- **New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admission, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS).** To get started, visit the Admissions Office website
    - **Returning students=** students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than 12 months
- **Submit your official transcripts to the GTCC Admissions Office by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu.** Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record in Student Planning. **All degrees from institutions outside of the United States require evaluation by an agency recognized by NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit the transcripts website to verify that your transcripts have been received.)***
    - **Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.** This process takes longer near the beginning or end of a semester. Transfer credits from an Institutionally Accredited College or University **must** appear on your GTCC **Student Planning** transcript in order to be considered for meeting program requirements and/or earning ranking points.
- Activate your GTCC Titan Account**.** You should be able to do this within 3 to 5 business days of completing your GTCC Application.
- **Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with any part of the general admission process, you can contact the Admissions office at 336-334-4822, ext. 31125 or email the Admissions Office.

Complete the Required Online Program Information Session by 5pm, February 5th

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement!

This session will provide you with a detailed overview of the program, faculty and student expectations, class schedules and clinical requirements, the minimum program admission requirements, submitting your program application, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class.

- **You must have an activated Titan account to access the information session.**
- Enroll yourself in the LPN to ADN Bridge: Guided Entry Program Information Session - 2027 You must pass all three modules with a score of 100% to receive credit for completing this task and to access the program application. **Access to the session will close at 5pm on February 5th !**

Demonstrate College Readiness for English AND Mathematics

You must be able to demonstrate that you have achieved the appropriate levels of college readiness in both subject areas. The chart below shows options for meeting these requirements.

College English and mathematics readiness options, including qualifying coursework, degrees, placement test scores, and high school GPA

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
❒ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111. ❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098 ❒ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of **P2** ❒ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011 ❒ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University ❒ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions! ❒ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher ❒ **Option 8:** You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 025	❒ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for one of the following -- MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 171 (or a higher-level math). ❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050 ❒ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of P2 ❒ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for one of the following: MAT 043, MAT 052, or MAT 071 ❒ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University ❒ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions! ❒ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher ❒ **Option 8:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 025 **(program of study requires MAT 143 or**

	MAT 152) ❒ **Option 9:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT **035 (program of study requires MAT 121 or MAT 171)**

Table 4 College Readiness Requirements 1

If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a Guided Entry Advisor for clarification PRIOR TO submitting your Program Application.

Completion of the Prerequisite Courses (BIO 168, BIO 169, PSY 150, PSY 241) with a "C" or higher

These courses must be reflected on your unofficial transcript in Student Planning.

- **BIO courses must be completed 2017 or later**.

Complete the ATI TEAS Exam and Achieve a Minimum Composite Score of 66

You may schedule your ATI TEAS through the GTCC Assessment Center or an ATI-approved testing center. ***Your ATI TEAS exam scores must be VERSION 7 from 2025 or later. PRELIMINARY SCORES ARE NOT ACCEPTED; the official ATI TEAS score is required)***

- **Resources for the ATI TEAS exam include:**
  - **GTCC's Center for Academic Engagement (CAE) offers NurseHub TEAS Preparation to help students strengthen their readiness for the TEAS exam. Contact CAE by phone at 336-334-4822, ext. 50318 or through email** cae@gtcc.edu
  - For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit ATI's testing website

To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit the Assessment Center's website.

- For questions related to scheduling the exam at GTCC, please contact the Assessment Center (testingcenter@gtcc.edu or 336-334-4822, ext. 50574).
- For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit ATI testing website.

- **NOTE**: **Do not send exam scores to GTCC. You will be required to upload a copy of your official exam score to your program application.**

SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Program Applications will be accepted January 11, 2027, through 5pm on February 12, 2027.

Once you have completed all of the minimum admission requirements, it's time to submit your program application. This will be completed electronically through the LPN to ADN Bridge: Guided Entry Program Information Session - 2027 course in Canvas. Once you have completed all three modules with a score of 100%, the link for the application can be accessed starting January 11, 2027.

- Only one submission will be permitted for each applicant
- You will be required to upload a copy of your LPN license
- You will be required to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS score; must include the applicant's name, date of exam, total score, and Version 7 from 2025 or later (**preliminary scores are not accepted**)
- If applicable, you will upload documentation of other ranking criteria
- **It is critical that you check your Student Planning transcript to make sure all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. Ranking points will only be given for courses that are on record. It is your responsibility to ensure all official transcripts have been submitted to Admissions and processed for transfer credits.**
- Incomplete applications will not be moved forward to the Selection Committee
- **Applications will not be reviewed by the Guided Entry Programs Office until after the February 12th deadline. It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your application**.

PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Ranking and Selection Process

Approximately three to four weeks following the February 12th deadline, all application submissions will be screened by the Guided Entry Programs Office to confirm all program admission requirements have been met.

Each applicant will be notified via GTCC email of the results of the screening and next steps:

- Program applications meeting all program admission requirements will move forward to the Selection Committee for the ranking review process.
- Applicants not meeting program admission requirements will not move forward to the Selection Committee for ranking review. Applicants will be advised on requirements needed to apply for the next program entry.

The next 2-3 weeks following the initial screening, the Health Sciences Review Committee (comprised of Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, Dean of Health Sciences, and Guided Entry Programs Office Staff) will review all eligible applications.

Applicants are ranked using a points system and will be selected based on the total points earned (see below). Ties will be decided based on the following criteria: 1) The total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The ATI TEAS composite score; and 3) The date of the Guided Entry Program Application for the program of interest.

Notification Process

Final results will be sent electronically to the applicant's GTCC email address ***approximately*** 6 weeks after the application deadline – it is the applicant's responsibility to check this email account frequently to avoid missing important communications from GTCC!

- **Applicants offered a seat must accept or decline a program seat by submitting an Intent to Enroll Form within 4 calendar days of the date on the acceptance letter.** Failure to respond within the stated timeframe will result in the seat being offered to an alternate. Once a student declines a program seat, the decision may not be reversed.
- **Applicants have 7 business days from the date on the notification letter to contest the results of the selection process.** The request for review of the results must be submitted in writing to the Associate Vice President of Instruction (Dr. Jeremy Bennett - jdbennett5@gtcc.edu). The Associate Vice President of Instruction will render a decision within 7-10 business days of receipt of the written request. **The Associate Vice President of Instruction's decision is final**.

CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION

General education and additional courses, grades, and ranking points awarded for the degree

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
BIO 168 - Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2017 or later)	A = 8; B = 4
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II (completed 2017 or later)	A = 8; B = 4
BIO 168 - Anatomy & Physiology I **and** BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II **BOTH** completed 2017 or later with grade of "C" or higher will earn additional ranking points	4
PSY 150 - General Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
PSY 241 - Developmental Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	A = 4; B = 2
ENG 112, ENG 113, or ENG 114 - Writing/Research in the Disciplines, Writing/Literature Research *or* Professional Research and Reporting	A = 4; B = 2

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective Select from GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses	A = 2; B = 1
ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	**Points Awarded**
MAT 143 (or higher-level course *) with a grade of "B" or higher	2
CHM 131/131A or CHM 151 (Chemistry) with grades of "B" or higher	2
BIO 275 (Microbiology) with a grade of "B" or higher (completed 2017 or later)	2
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking with a grade of "B" or higher	2
ACA Course (i.e., ACA 111, ACA 118, or ACA 122) with a grade of "B" or higher	1

Table 5 General Education and Additional Courses

**Preferred course*

AP (Advanced Placement) courses: applicants who earned AP credit for general education courses may earn ranking points based on the following criteria: **AP score of 5 = grade of "A" AP score of 4 = grade of "B"**

College Board scores must be on file in the GTCC Admissions Office to earn AP course credit, and AP scores are valid for five years (since 2022).

IB (International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination) scores are accepted within the past 5 years (since 2022). The official transcript from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) scores of 4, 5, 6, or 7 must be on file in Admissions to receive credit

OTHER RANKING CRITERIA	**Points Awarded**
College-Level Programs: Points awarded for the ONE HIGHEST level completed (ONLY ONE) – All degrees received from institutions outside the United States require evaluation by a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. **TRANSCRIPT MUST STATE DEGREE AWARDED OR CONFERRED & BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!**	
Completion of a Master's Degree or higher in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	6
Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	4
Completion of an Associate's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	3
Completion of GTCC's Practical Nursing Program	
Graduate of GTCC's Practical Nursing Diploma Program	2
Current Health-Related Certification/Licensure (up to two separate items may be submitted) -- **MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION**.	
Must be from an officially-recognized regulatory body. May attach up to two separate CURRENT certifications/licensure for one point each and a **total maximum**	1-2

of two points. **CPR/First Aid/BLS is NOT acceptable. Certificates of Completion are not accepted.**	
TOTAL RANKING POINTS	**Points Awarded**
General Education Courses Required for the Degree	
Additional Courses Not Required for the Degree	
Other Ranking Criteria	
TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED:	

Table 6 Other Ranking Criteria and Total Points

Program Orientation, Advising/Registration, and Enrollment

Once a seat in a program of study is accepted, the student will then communicate with the Program Director regarding all matters related to program orientation, advising/registration, and enrollment.

The student is required to attend all program orientations, meetings, or other events scheduled prior to the start of classes. Failure to attend these meetings without prior approval from the Program Director will result in removal from the health program; an alternate student will be selected to fill the vacant seat, as directed by the Program Director.

The student must enroll in program classes prior to the first day of the semester. Failure to enroll without prior approval of the Program Director will result in removal from the health program.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the program and withdraws from the program or is dropped from the program that semester must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry.

The GTCC Guided Entry admissions process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.

Important Notes to Health Science Program Applicants

Program faculty reserves the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the discretion of the faculty. By accepting admission into the program, students agree to at all times abide by the program requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term for each course. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the program. Changes made after the publication of the Handbook will be posted as an addendum to the Handbook.

Most programs require students to have a criminal background check, a drug screen, and an OIG review (Office of Inspector General) upon admission. Healthcare agencies that are utilized for clinical and/or internship

experiences require this evaluation. If a student is denied agency access due to a positive check or screening, the student may not be able to complete the clinical education experiences, which will result in the inability to continue in the health science program. Screening may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.0 or better in order to graduate. Students who receive a grade of "D" in a general education course (other than BIO or CHM) can graduate as long as their GPA is at least 2.0. However, a grade of "D" in a general education course will not transfer to another institution, nor will GTCC accept a grade of "D" for credit from another institution. Students must achieve a "C" or better in BIO, CHM, and program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the program.

If You Have Questions about the Guided Entry Admission Process, Please Contact:
Guided Entry Programs Office
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