**Program Overview**

**Program Name:** Practical Nursing  
**Course Code:** S121  
**School:** Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing  
**Centre:** Health Sciences  
**Location:** Waterfront Campus  
**Duration:** 2 years (4 semesters)  
**Starting Month:** September, January, May  
**Credential:** Ontario College Diploma  
**Year of Study:** 2017-2018  
**Method of Study:** FT  
**Apply To:** Ontario Colleges  

**Tuition:** $4,724.00 *  
**Additional Cost:**  
* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for the first two semesters of programs starting in fall 2016. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in fall 2017 and at later dates.  

Please note: This program does not accept international students.

Practical Nursing teaches students the knowledge and skills required to enter the profession of practical nursing. This two-year program has been designed to meet the new entry-to-practice requirements adopted by the College of Nurses of Ontario and new program standards set by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development. Classes are held at the Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences located at our Waterfront Campus.

This program is a College of Nurses of Ontario Approved with Conditions (Category 2) approved program that will provide you with the opportunity to acquire knowledge of:

- nursing  
- human anatomy  
- physiology  
- pharmacology  
- pathology  
- the humanities

Students learn hands-on clinical psychomotor skills in state-of-the-art simulation labs and then apply the skills they've learned within the clinical practice setting.

For more information on the required skills and abilities for the Practical Nursing profession, please review the fact sheet of Requisite Skills and Abilities on the College of Nurses of Ontario website: College of Nurses of Ontario - Requisite Skills and Abilities Fact Sheet.

Clinical practice experience is gained under direct faculty supervision within varied patient care settings across the Greater Toronto Area and students may participate in placements requiring evening and weekend shift work. Typical settings include acute care hospitals, rehabilitation centres and long-term care facilities. The clinical practicum experience in the final semester of the program is completed with a preceptor, whereby the student works with their preceptor across all shifts and days of the week.

Following successful completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to write the national Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE) and the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) Jurisprudence Examination.

After passing these examinations, graduates are granted a Certificate of Registration by the College of Nurses of Ontario and will be eligible to practice as a Registered Practical Nurse in the province of Ontario.

George Brown College Practical Nursing program graduates achieved a 98.5% pass rate for first-time writers on the CPNRE (national licensing examination) in 2013, compared to the provincial average of 89.5%. In 2014, they achieved a 95.9% first-time pass rate compared to the provincial average of 89.7%. In May 2015, our graduates achieved a 97.7% pass rate*.

*SOURCE: College of Nurses of Ontario, Nursing Registration Exams Report 2015

**Placement test:** Based upon mandatory placement testing, some students may be required to enrol in courses aimed at enhancing profession-based written and verbal English language skills.

**Program Standards and Learning Outcomes**

Each George Brown College certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and graduate certificate program is expected to deliver specific program learning outcomes. Program learning outcomes are statements that describe the knowledge and skills that students are expected to demonstrate by the end of their program of study. Programs are designed to deliver both vocational or discipline-specific learning outcomes and more generic essential employability skills (including communication, numeracy, critical thinking and problem solving, information management, interpersonal and personal skills).

In addition to the aforementioned learning outcome requirements, College programs are required to provide students with exposure to a breadth of learning beyond their vocational field, to increase their awareness of the society and culture in which they live and work. This breadth requirement is addressed through additional mandatory General Education courses in the program curriculum.

To see the relevant program learning outcomes for your specific program of study, please visit georgebrown.ca/programs/learning-standards-and-outcomes.

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*Numbers and percentages may vary from year to year.*
REQUIRED COURSES

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Due to ongoing program review and improvements to meet the College of Nurses of Ontario entry-to-practice requirements, semester courses are subject to change with limited notice. Such changes will be reflected on the Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing webpage and via correspondence sent out to semester students prior to start-up and/or return.

YOUR CAREER

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program have employment opportunities in practice settings such as:

- acute and community care hospitals
- long-term care
- rehabilitation

FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS

Is this program right for you?
Not sure what to expect in this program? Check out this at-a-glance brochure designed to help you chart your path through the program and into your future career.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, including the required courses, and any other selection criteria outlined below.

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent**
- Grade 12 English (C or U) - English with a grade of 70 or higher.
- Grade 11 Math (M or U) or Grade 12 (C or U) - Mathematics with a grade of 70 or higher.
- Grade 11 Biology (C or U) or Grade 12 (C or U) - Biology with a grade of 70 or higher.
- Grade 11 Chemistry (U) or Grade 12 (C or U) - Chemistry with a grade of 70 or higher.
- Interview by invitation only: This is a competitive program and only the most qualified applicants will be invited to complete an online, recorded interview to assess specific competencies related to the field of Nursing.^

** Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and no OSSD) - Mature applicants are eligible to test for Mathematics, Science and English.

^ Details on the interview will be provided to qualified applicants during the application process

Please note: The grade(s) required in the subject prerequisites will be subject to competition. Only the most qualified applicants will be offered an opportunity to interview. Only the top ranked applicants will be offered a seat in the program.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.
SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

CLINICAL PRE-PLACEMENT HEALTH FORM REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM POLICY

- Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet and complete all the mandatory pre-placement requirements for this program. It will take up to 10 to 12 weeks to complete.
- Students will need to process and provide proof of their medical records such as (MMR, Varicella, Hep B blood test reports/titres, Tdap shot valid every 10 years and Two Step TB Skin Test), a clear police vulnerable sector check renewed every year, Standard First Aid certificate renewed every three years, CPR level HCP renewed every year, annual flu shot and mask fit test renewed every two years. This requirements must be submitted by the given deadline to ParaMed.
- Students who do not comply with the program’s health policy and requirements will not be eligible to attend and excluded from the clinical practicum which may jeopardize your academic standing and unable to graduate in this program.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- To download the mandatory pre-placement health form and for more details, go to the Pre-placement website.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months. This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for “individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s).”
- Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
- Students who are unable to provide a “clear” police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a “not clear” status will jeopardize their progress in the program. Our agency partners have the final decision for students being allowed to practice in their agency.
- Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment.
- The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the Pre-placement website.

POLICE VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM POLICY (MUST BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR)

- In compliance with the requirements of our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months. This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.
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LINKS REFERENCE

1. http://www.georgebrown.ca/admissions/how_to_apply/
17. http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/record_check/
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Alternatively, you may visit us at the Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing located on 7th floor of the Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences at the Waterfront Campus to speak with our reception staff or arrange to speak with one of our Coordinators during regular business hours.