**About You**

- You’re passionate about caring for people.
- You understand that this is a practical nursing program – where practical, scientific and critical thinking skills are equally important.
- You’re prepared for a full-time class load of approximately 40 hrs/wk. If you work part-time during term, we recommend no more than 10 hrs/wk.
- You’re calm, cool and collected under stress.

**Are you ready?**

- To provide physical assistance and emotional support to patients.
- To work long (12+) hours on your feet and shift work – that includes holidays, weekends, early mornings and nights.
- To learn and apply math/science principles to your clinical work (there are plenty of college supports in place to assist).
- To synthesize large amounts of complex information and vocabulary in a short time.

**Did you know?**

- A Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) is different from a Registered Nurse (RN). The complexity of care situations varies between the two roles. George Brown’s philosophy of interprofessional patient care describes an integrated and collaborative approach to patient care that requires RNs, RPNs and other health care providers to understand each other’s roles in the context of each patient’s care. This concept will guide your studies and practice at George Brown and beyond.
- George Brown’s pathway program allows Personal Support Workers (PSW) to enter the PN program. PNs who successfully complete the bridge program may also enter the RN program offered by Trent University at George Brown. Contact an Entry Advisor for details.

**Chart Your Path Success**

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**Industry Connections**

**External Accreditation:** College of Nurses of Ontario regulates the profession. Graduates must pass the CPNRE registration exams to practice as a RPN; CPR/First Aid (HPC Level) certification is mandatory and must be kept up to date; police checks (every 6 months), immunization, mask fit, TB screening and health passport must also be kept up to date.

You will work under the professional supervision of a preceptor (RPN) or mentor during 4th semester practicum.

**Preparation Tips**

- Set up access to course-specific online communities and materials.
- Verify external requirements with the Clinical Pre-Placement Officer.
- Attend program orientation and workshop before school starts.
- Register on STU-VIEW for a mandatory in-person English placement test and for your courses.
- Set up your georgebrown.ca email. This is how the college will keep in touch with you.
- Get your student ID card. It gives you access to many college services and activities, including the Library Learning Commons.
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships.

**Other Services**

The [Current Student](#) page has information about available services and activities including: [Athletics](#) (including clubs & recreation), [Student Life](#) activities (including the [Student Leadership Academy](#)), [Counselling](#), [Accessible Learning Services](#), [Library Learning Commons](#), [tutoring](#), [peer coaching](#), [technical support](#) and more.
About Us

• At George Brown we pride ourselves on being able to give you straightforward, career-focused and practical advice from now until your graduation and beyond.
• We offer an in-depth training program that combines clinical experience with the theoretical bedrock necessary for building your career.
• Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, George Brown’s Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences offers students a state-of-the-art simulation centre and access to placements in some of the best teaching hospitals and long-term care facilities in Canada.
• Our faculty, led by a team of experienced professionals, many of whom are alumni, is dedicated to preparing the next generation for the rigours of our changing health care environment.

What’s Next

Graduates of the Practical Nursing program have employment opportunities in practice settings such as:
• acute and community care hospitals
• long-term care
• rehabilitation
• other health-care facilities
• organizations and agencies that require nursing knowledge and expertise

Want more training?

Students who successfully complete the George Brown PN program or a two-year community college PN program in Ontario with a minimum cumulative average of 75% and not less than 70% in any element of the PN program may be eligible to study the R.P.N. Bridge to B.Sc.N. Pathway (S122). Upon successful completion of this bridge, students will be eligible to apply to Trent University’s Nursing degree program offered on-site at George Brown College.

Need career support?

Jump-start your job search with Career Services and Career Coach.

The Career Services centre offers support to students before, during and after their studies.
• Identify your strengths and develop your career skills.
• Use our online tools and interactive workshops to build your resume, cover letter and interview skills.
• Work one-on-one with a Career Advisor to start your career development.