NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES
Admission Packet

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING (ASDN)
LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK

APPLICATION FOR SPRING 2026

CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 2026

Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

ASDN Entrance Test: Nurse Entrance Exam ATI TEAS

For additional information and guidance, before you apply to one of the programs,

call 386‑754‑4222, to set up an appointment with an advisor.

149 SE College Place, Lake City, Florida 32025-2007
Contact: Admissions 386-754-4287/386-754-4396
Website: www.fgc.edu

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Florida Gateway College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate and associate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404-6794500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida Gateway College.

The Associate of Science Degree at Florida Gateway Program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C02, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252; 850-245-4125.

The associate nursing program at Florida Gateway College at the main campus located in Lake City, Florida is accredited by the:
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program
at http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm

The nursing program was established in 1964. The program has grown to include the following components: RN-BSN Bridge, Traditional Generic (RN), Traditional LPN-RN Bridge, and LPN-RN Fast-Track Bridge.

The FGC nursing faculty believes in opportunities for upward mobility in education. The nursing faculty feels there are bodies of knowledge common to both the LPN and RN programs and that an LPN who is current in this knowledge does not need to experience repetition in learning. Therefore, we offer the LPN-RN Bridge: Fast-Track component, which may be completed in 12 months by attending classes two evenings and a one day clinical per week.

The experienced nursing faculty are well prepared both academically and clinically. The faculty is committed to providing a nursing curriculum that offers the student the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes which are necessary to promote better health care for all people in the community. Students receive individual guidance in skills lab, along with small group supervision in simulation and clinical settings.

Upon successful completion of the LPN-RN Bridge: Fast-Track component, the student receives an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and is qualified to apply for State Board of Nursing NCLEX-RN examination. If successful on this exam, the graduate becomes a registered nurse (RN).

Graduates are recruited by a variety of healthcare settings, locally and nationally. Graduates work in healthcare setting such as acute care settings, home health agencies and long-term care facilities. Furthermore, many of the area hospitals are predominately staffed by our graduates.

Graduates through our ASDN program have seamless matriculation to our RN-BSN programs. Moreover, graduates can complete their RN-BSN in as little as three semesters (1 year).

FGC will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required in affording equal educational opportunity. The Office of Accessibility Services can provide further information and assistance at (386) 754-4393. It is the student's responsibility to register with Accessibility Services and to contact the faculty member in a

timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations. Accommodations will be provided for standardized testing (i.e., CPT, Nurse Entrance Exam) when requested in a timely manner.

Florida Gateway College does not discriminate in its employment practices, admission and treatment of students on the basis of race, color, religion, nation origin, sex, age, disability, marital status or any other legally protected status in accordance with the law. The equity officer is Cassandra Buckles, Director of Human Resources, and may be reached at (386) 754-4313.

LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completion of this checklist alone does not guarantee acceptance to the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing Program. Completion of the checklist is the applicant's responsibility. Applicants should complete the checklist in order.

FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION:
1. Complete a Florida Gateway College (FGC) Admission Application and return it to FGC Enrollment Services (if you have not already become a student at FGC).
2. Have your official high school transcript(s), GED, or documentation of Home Schooling sent to the FGC Enrollment Services
3. Provide ACT, SAT, or PERT (For help with testing: standardized testing scores to FGC Enrollment Services
   Check with the Student Success Center in Building 8 for test review (386) 754-4479/4437, or go to the college website: www.fgc.edu, click on Students, Student Resources, Student Success Center, Tutoring.

FOR NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION
1. Complete the nursing entrance exam (ATI TEAS) with a score of 55% or higher. This exam is available through the FGC Testing Center.
2. Complete the Foundations Upward Mobility Exam with an 80% or higher.
   These exams are available through the FGC Testing Center.
   Register online for the Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) and Upward Mobility exam, click on the following tabs:
   ATI TEAS- follow directions through ATI

   Schedule an appointment
   Upward Mobility Testing www.fgc.edu/academics/test.center

3. Submit complete ATI TEAS exam scores to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. If the Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) is taken at another testing site, official scores must be provided in the sealed envelope that is provided by the test center.

4. Submit the completed LPN-to-RN Bridge: Fast-Track Part Time- Supplemental Application no later than the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. **Do not submit entire application packet.**

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges attended, including FGC. Transcripts can be obtained from your college websites.
2. Copy of your FL LPN license (**if recent graduate- applicant must have LPN license on or before the first day of class, or applicant will not be eligible for program acceptance**)
3. Official transcripts for all pre-requisites taken during the fall term, to the nursing department and the Enrollment Services immediately following the end of the fall term.
4. Documentation of health-related experience (this must be a letter from your previous or present employer(s) that includes job duties and length of time employed in that role).
5. Documentation of an approved IV Therapy Certification.

All of the above documentation must be submitted by the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet to be considered for admission into the program. **Applications without proper documentation will not be considered for admission into the ASDN program**

Program admission response letters will be emailed within 4 weeks of the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet.

ADMISSION CRITERIA LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK SPRING 2026

The following criteria will be required for all admissions the LPN-to-RN Bridge: Fast-Track:

1. Applicants must complete **all** pre-requisite courses with a Program **GPA of 2.8** All science courses (BSC 2085/L, BSC 2086/L and MCB 2010/L) must have a **GPA of 3.0 or higher. Individual consideration may be given to students with a lower science GPA, but score at or above the Proficiency level of the TEAS.) Science courses must be taken within 5 years of application to nursing program. If science courses are not within 5 years, students must complete BSC 2084C with a B or higher.**

2. **All Pre-req courses must be completed by the end of the fall term of the year in which the student is applying to the program and must have the required 2.8 GPA**

3. Applicants must score proficiency or higher (55 % or higher: total score and science score) on the Nurse Entrance Exam admission test (ATI TEAS). Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front of the packet.

4. Applicants must score an 80% or higher on the Foundations Upward Mobility Exam. Exams scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the application deadline indicated on the front of the packet. Applicant has unlimited attempts to take exam.

5. Applicant will successfully complete check off on the following skills: Foley catheter insertion, Tracheostomy care, and basic assessment. Please call Jeannette Blackmon at 386-754-4404 to schedule appointment to complete these check offs. Students have the option to practice these skills in our nursing lab before being tested. Please contact Jeannette Blackmon to find out lab open times for practice. A signed skill check-off sheet will be provided when skills have been successfully completed. Please include this signed check off sheet with the application. No application will be processed without this sheet.

6. **Applicant must have graduated from an LPN program in the state of Florida within the last 3 years.**

7. Applicants must successfully complete a *30-hour IV Therapy* course within 18 months of admission to the program. The course must be completed by the end of fall semester of the year the student is applying to the program. NOTE: If the applicant completed a course over 18 months from date of admission, documentation of IV experience and two (2) successful IV starts within the past 3 months must be submitted.

8. All above criteria must be completed before final acceptance into the program

SELECTION PROCESS: _This is a limited access program._ If there are more qualified students than there are available spaces, students will be considered according to the ASDN Point System for Competitive Admission. In the event of tied points, the Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) score will be used to rank the applicants. **Please Note: Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

Florida Gateway College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require in the continuing development of the program.

A student with a documented disability should see the Coordinator, Accessibility Services. (See page 3 for details.)

GRADUATION INFORMATION

In order to graduate from an ASDN program, students must:

Demonstrate knowledge of computers as set forth in the Associate in Science Degree General Education Requirements of the Catalog.

Complete all ASDN coursework, laboratory and clinical/simulation hours.

Complete Civic Literacy Requirement as outlined in the Catalog. Fulfill all additional requirements as outlined in the college catalog.

Florida Gateway College
Nursing and Health Sciences

Work Experience Form

Application Information	
Name	ID #
Address	Telephone #
City/State	Zip
Applicant Signature: Date:	

Employer Information (To Be Completed by Employer)	
Employer Name:	
Address:	
Telephone Number for Verification:	
Dates of Full-Time Employment: From: To:	
Dates of Part-Time Employment: From: To: Average hrs/wk:	
Position Title:	
Duties (including patient care):	
Employer Signature: Date:	
Position/Title:	

Your signature authorizes the program to contact the employer if more information is required. This form is to be uploaded to your online application. Paper copies will not be accepted.

(Selection Committee Use Only)

Student Name _____   Student ID _____   Qualified? Y / N

TEAS _____   Sci TEAS _____   Prog GPA _____   Sci GPA _____   Total Pts _____

Pre-Reqs Complete? Y / N   Co-Reqs Complete? Y / N   Comp Comp? Y / N   Civic Lit? Y / N

Florida Gateway College
Nursing and Health Sciences ASDN
Point System for Competitive Admission

Successfully completed the Practical Nursing Program

at Florida Gateway College   Maximum 5 points____

LPN with licensure	5

**Direct patient care work experience in healthcare with a work experience form from HR
or immediate supervisor with time period of employment included**

Maximum 1 point ____

6 or more months healthcare experience	1

**Previously qualified applicant to
Florida Gateway College ASDN Program**   2 points_____

Nursing Programs Entrance Exam based on OVERALL score (ATI TEAS)

Maximum Score 6 points ____

Exemplary (92-100%)	6
Advanced (80-91.3%)	4
Proficient (58.7- 79.3%)	2

 ** Students must achieve a 55% or above to be eligible for admission into the program.

Nursing Programs Entrance Exam based on SCIENCE score (ATI TEAS)

Maximum 6 Points _____

Exemplary (92-100%)	6
Advanced (80-91.3%)	4
Proficient (58.7 – 79.3%)	2

 ** Students must achieve a 55% or above to be eligible for admission into the program.

Academic Performance Points (based on highest attempt) for courses *completed* prior to the application deadline and an additional point for courses completed at FGC.

Maximum 57 Points _____

Science Prerequisites:	Grade:	C+ 2 pts each	B 3 pts each	B+ 4 pts each	A 5 pts each	Taken at FGC 1 pt each	Total per Row
BSC 2085							
BSC 2085L							
BSC 2086							
BSC 2086L							
MCB 2010							
MCB 2010L							
Science GPA:						**Subtotal:**	
Prerequisites:		C+ 1 pt each	B 1.5 pts each	B+ 2 pts each	A 2.5 pts each	Taken at FGC 1 pt each	Total per Row
MAC 1105 or MGF 1130							
ENC 1101							
POS 1041 or AMH 2020 or AMH 2010							
HUN 1201							
DEP 2004							
HUM 2020 or PHI 2010							
Program GPA:						**Subtotal:**	

Prerequisites Completed at time of Application? Yes____   In Progress____   No_____
Corequisites Completed at time of Application? Yes ____   In Progress____   No_____

GPA Point Values

Grade	3 CH	1 CH
A	12	4
B+	10.5	3.5
B	9	3
C+	7.5	2.5
C	6	2

Civic Literacy Exam Requirement Met prior to application deadline   5 Points _____

Computer Competency Requirement Met prior to application deadline   2 Point _____

Military Service (Veteran or Spouse) - Must provide a DD214   2 points _____

Total points (Maximum 86) _____

PRE- REQUISITE COURSES FOR THE LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing LPN-RN Bridge: Fast-Track is a limited access program, which includes 30 credit hours in general education courses, 30 credit hours in nursing courses and 12 experiential learning credits. The following courses must be completed by the end of summer term prior to January admission.

<u>PRE-REQUISITE COURSES</u>

Course #	Course Title	Hrs	Course #	Course Title	Hrs.
ENC 1101	Freshman English 1	3	MAC 1105	College Algebra **OR**	
POS 1041	American Government,	3	MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking	3
AMH 2020	United States History from 1877, or AMH 2010 United Stated History to 1865				
#BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology 1	3	DEP 2004	Human Development	3
#BSCL2085	Anatomy & Physiology 1 Lab	1	HUN 1201	Nutrition	
					3
#BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology 2	3	MCB 2010	Microbiology	
#BSCL2086	Anatomy & Physiology 2 Lab	1	MCBL2010	Microbiology Lab	3
HUM 2020	Intro to Humanities **OR**				1
PHI 2010	Intro to Philosophy	3			

A GPA of 2.8, with no grade below a "C" is required in Pre-requisite courses to be considered for admission into the program.

Pre-requisite courses must be successfully completed prior to Spring admission to the program. Completion of these courses does not guarantee acceptance into the program. **ALL science courses must have a lab**.

A challenge exam for Nutrition is available in the Testing Center. A score of 80% is required to pass the exam. A student cannot enter the Fast-Track Bridge without a successful exam score or satisfactory completion of this course. **Exemption exam must be completed no later than the application deadline indicated on the front of the packet. Please check the nursing page on the FGC website for instructions on taking the challenge exam.**

CURRICULUM FOR LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK

72 Credit Hours*

SEM	COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER	CR HRS	TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
1st Term	Transition: Adult Health I	NUR 1204C	10	9
2nd Term	Transition: Adult Health II	NUR 2241C	12	11.5
3rd Term	Transition Maternal, Infant, Child, Adolescent	NUR 2412C	6	9.5
	LPN-RN Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	NUR2801C	3.5	
PROGRAM	*GENERAL EDUCATION*			*30*
TOTAL CREDIT	*NURSING*			*30*
HOURS	*EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING*			*12*
			Total Program Credit Hours 72	

SPECIAL NOTES:

*Credit hours are calculated 1 credit hour = 50 minutes. Laboratory hours are calculated 1 credit hour = 150 minutes.

** 12 college credits are awarded to all students for experiential learning in nursing upon successful completion of NUR 1204C and NUR 2261C with a grade of C or better, as well as documentation of licensure.

In order to meet graduation requirements, students must demonstrate knowledge of computers as set forth in the Associate in Science Degree **General Education Requirements** of the Catalog.
All standardized and comprehensive tests and remediation are required to be completed in order to remain in the program.
SPECIAL NOTE: Course calendars may vary from the college calendar due to availability of clinical sites. The student will have clinical assignments during days, evenings, weekdays, and weekends at various times during the Nursing Program.

Florida Gateway College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require in the continuing development of the program.

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Nursing Program applicants should: Possess sufficient physical, motor, intellectual, emotional, and social/communication skills to provide for patient care and safety, and the utilization of equipment in a variety of health care settings. Examples of performance standards for Nursing are outlined below.

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.	Complete competent assessment in a timely manner, make correct interpretations, devise a plan of care, and implement appropriate interventions. Progression during program to reflect independent decision with appropriate supervision.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	Be able to cope with life and death situations and deal with families stressed by their loved one's critical condition while working with other health care providers.
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Follow verbal and/or written instructions. Must communicate patient response to therapy with others, document therapeutic procedures performed on patient, consult with other health care providers in a professional manner.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, through hallways, and maneuver in small spaces. Includes the strength necessary to lift patients as needed.	Move to and from departments to patient rooms, from room to room to take care of all patients on a team, and assist in patient transport.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Perform vital signs, CPR, patient transport, physical assessment, equipment utilization.
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Auscultate BP, breath sounds, heart sounds, and bowel sounds. Hear alarms in units, call bells, and telephones. Must converse with patients, family, and staff.
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care.	Read patient charts/flow sheet/monitors, draw up and administer medications, assess patient skin color, and read thermometers and other equipment.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and to provide nursing intervention.	Read patient charts/flow sheet/monitors, draw up and administer medications, assess patient skin color, and read thermometers and other equipment.

Latex Advisory: The use of latex/latex based products may exist in health care universal precautions and in environments such as, but not limited to, Nursing and Health Science classrooms and training labs, hospitals, nursing care facilities, laboratories, clinical areas, and medical/dental offices. Individuals with suspected or documented latex allergy must provide documentation of this from a healthcare provider.

LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST TRACK APPLICANTS NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (ATI TEAS)

NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (Nurse Entrance Exam). All applicants must take this test. Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the deadline initiated on the front of page the application packet.

The nursing entrance exam is the ATI TEAS. All applicants must take this exam. A score of 55% or higher is required. **Scores must be submitted to the nursing department no later than the deadline date on the front of the packet.** The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) is a computerized p r o c t or e d examination that is administered electronically. Content areas consist of Math, Reading, E n gl i s h and Science. **Results from this test are good for 2 years from the test date**. The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) total score will be used for the nursing entrance exam score in the scoring grid. Please see Pages 7 and 8 for calculation of points on the Point System for Competitive Entrance in the ASDN Program.

Study guides for the ATI TEAS are available on the college library website

The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) and Foundations Upward Mobility exams are offered according to the FGC Testing Center.
The schedule is available on the FGC website and you must register online for the exams:
Click on the following tabs:

> **www.fgc.edu/academics/test-center**
> **TEAS -follow the instructions through ATI**

The testing center is closed on holidays and weekends, as determined by the FGC academic calendar. Call the Testing Center at 386-754-4309 for assistance.

The Nurse Entrance Exam (ATI TEAS) is administered on the computer. Complete instructions will be given just prior to administration of the examination. You will receive an explanation of your score following the test. (If you have a disability you may request special accommodations). **You must request this at the time you sign up for the test.**

The cost of the test is $102.00. You must pay for the test online with a credit card or prepaid card with a VISA logo. **Bring only your receipt and photo ID to the testing center.**

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

Program response letters will be mailed within <mark>4 weeks</mark> of the application deadline indicated on the front page of the packet. Acceptance information cannot be provided by phone. Please do not call to request this information.

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT MUST:

Submit a copy of current basic CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) card. **This must be a Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers or Basic Life Support for Providers (American Heart Association) or Professional Rescuer for American Red Cross (ARC)**. FGC does offer the AHA BLS Provider course at the Avery and Twyla Roberts School of Public Service at the Olustee Campus in Sanderson. You can find this course in the college catalog (WFHX 0003) and can register online or through enrollment services. You must have a valid card, throughout the nursing program.

1. Provide proof of licensure and completion of a Florida BON required Prevention of Medical Errors (2 CE's), AIDS/HIV (1CE), Florida Law (2CEs), Human Trafficking (2 CEs), Impairment in the Workplace (2 CEs) and Domestic Violence (2 CE's) to the Nursing Department by the first day of spring course *

2. Provide proof of completion of a 30-hour Intravenous (IV) Therapy course taken within the past 18 months. Provide a copy to the Nursing Department by the first day of spring course. If you completed a class more than 18 months prior to admission, proof of IV experience and two (2) successful IV starts within the past 3 months will be accepted.*

3. Have a current PPD and physical examination verifying acceptable health status. Appropriate boosters must be completed. Proof of Immunity must be submitted from **official documentation only**. Official shot records from your doctor, the health department, or public school are acceptable. If official documentation is not available, then blood titers are necessary to determine immunity for hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox), mumps, rubella, and rubeola (measles). Vaccinations may be necessary if immunity cannot be confirmed with the blood titer. All health records (physical exam, immunizations, PPD) are due to screening company by dates announced.

4. COVID-19 recommended and current flu required of all nursing students. The time frame for obtaining the flu vaccination will be announced.

5. Provide a copy (front and back) of your health insurance card by the first day of spring course. Students **must** be covered by personal health insurance following acceptance into and throughout the program.

6. Attend Nursing Student Orientation on the specified date.*

7. Be free of offenses as listed in Florida Statutes S.400.211 as verified by a Level 2 background screen. Information will be discussed at orientation. Students are responsible for the cost.

8.   Negative documentation of a 10-panel drug screen. Subject to random drug screening during program. <u>Students are responsible for the</u> <u>cost</u>.

*This information will be included with the acceptance letter.

Students who fail to provide required documentation by the due date will have their admission rescinded.

Please make a copy of all records prior to turning them in to the Screening company. **You will need them after you graduate for your job. You are responsible for maintaining these records. Copies will not be available following graduation from the program.**

PHYSICAL HEALTH, DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND SCREEN

Final acceptance into the program is <u>contingent upon satisfactory</u> results from your physical examination, drug screen, and in-depth background screen. The drug, alcohol and background screen must be completed by an agency as designated by the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs. **Information on obtaining these tests/reports will be provided after classes start and MUST be completed and uploaded within two weeks. You must agree to authorize FGC to share the results of the background screen with any clinical site to which you may be assigned, if required by that site.**

<u>Student Drug Screen and Background Check</u>
When submitted, these records will become the property of the College, and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employment.

<u>Drug/Alcohol Screening</u>
Area health care agencies are drug free places of employment. All health care agencies require a negative drug and alcohol screen before hiring a new employee. The Florida Gateway College Nursing and Health Sciences Division has been asked by area health care affiliates to require a drug and alcohol screen for program applicants who will be placed in area health care agencies for clinical rotations. Program applicants are required to obtain a substance abuse drug and alcohol screen and are subject to random screens upon admission to the program. These results are important for clinical rotations, and subsequent completion of the Nursing Program. Applicants with a positive result on the screen will be given a reasonable opportunity to explain the confirmed positive test result. If the explanation is unacceptable and/or cannot be satisfactorily documented by the applicant's physician or ARNP, or the Medical Review Office (MRO), the applicant will not be accepted into the program and, if enrolled, shall be dismissed from the program. Screening results will be kept in a confidential file.

The applicant may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Sciences program after a positive reference from a treatment team who has followed the applicant for at least two (2) years, and has dealt specifically with the applicant's problem of chemical dependence.

Results from the drug and alcohol screen will be kept in a strictly confidential file, separate from the student's record. No screening results are to be placed in individual student files.

<u>In-depth Background Screen</u>
Nursing and Health Sciences students at Florida Gateway College involved in direct patient care during a clinical rotation in a hospital or related medical facility are required to complete an in-depth background screen. Information will be provided at orientation. This is a requirement mandated under the guidelines cited in the current Florida Statutes: Chapter 435, and by health care agencies with which FGC has clinical, internship and externship agreements. Information will be included in your acceptance letter.

Any student who has been arrested regardless of adjudication, plea of nolo contendere, or pleas of guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes or under a similar statute of another jurisdiction may be disqualified from admission. According to the Florida Board of Nursing Policy, **students must self-disclose any charges and/or arrest information by submitting a letter to the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs prior to admission to the program.**

The Florida Board of Nursing requires additional criminal checks on all has an arrest record to present those records. The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses. As applicants for licensure and any nursing licensure applicant, this is part of the licensure application process, graduates will be required to submit a signed statement verifying compliance with the Agency for Health Care Administration Florida Board of Nursing Rule 64 B 9-3.002 which states:

► Prior to application for examination, convicted felons must obtain a restoration of their civil rights or they are ineligible to sit for the examination.

► If an applicant has been convicted of any offense other than minor traffic violation, the applicant shall submit arrest and court records stating the nature of the offense and final disposition of the case so that a determination can be made by the Board whether the offense relates to the practice of nursing or the ability to practice nursing. Any convicted felons must submit proof of restoration of civil rights or they are ineligible for licensure.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Applicants for Nursing and Health Sciences Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify one for employment as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in a nursing home (Florida Statutes s.400.211). This policy is the result of requirements by clinical affiliates which must comply with state and federal regulations.

Judgments of guilty or pleas of *nolo contendere* (no contest) to the following crimes may disqualify applicants from entering into clinical rotations associated with a Florida Gateway College Nursing and Health Sciences Program:

a.   Murder, Manslaughter or Vehicular homicide
b.   Killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother
c.   Assault or Battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor
d.   Aggravated assault or battery
e.   Kidnapping or False imprisonment
f.   Sexual battery
g.   Prohibited acts of persons in familial or custody authority
h.   Prostitution
i.   Lewd and lascivious behavior
j.   Lewdness and indecent exposure

k. Arson
l. Theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony
m. Fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony
n. Incest
o. Abuse, neglect or exploitation of a disabled adult or elderly person
p. Aggravated child abuse
q. Child abuse
r. Negligent treatment of children
s. Sexual performance by a child
t. Obscene literature
u. Drug offenses which were a felony, or if the offense involved a minor
v. Fraudulent practices in Health Care, Medicaid, Medicare or any public assistance program

Some Health Care units will require an additional abuse check. If this is the case, the following applies:
Has not been judicially determined to have committed abuse or neglect against a child as defined in
s. 3901(2) and (45); does not have a confirmed report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as defined in
t. 102(6), or abuse or neglect as defined in s.415.503(6), which has been uncontested or upheld under s.415.1075 or s.415.504; does not have a proposed confirmed report that remains unserved and is maintained in the central abuse registry and tracking system pursuant to s.415.1065(s)©; and has not committed an act that constitutes domestic violence as defined ins. 714.128.

If unclear if you would be cleared for a license, please follow the link below for the conviction guidelines published by the state of Florida for those wishing to apply for a nursing license.

http://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/licensed-practical-nurse-registered-nurse-by-examination/

Click on the links "Applicants with Criminal History" and "Health Care Fraud" to view additional information.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST TRACK

Tuition based on $103.32 per credit hour for **in-state tuition.
(Fees are subject to change.)
Tuition and Fees to be paid to the college. Lab fees include: Standardized Testing, Professional Liability Insurance, Background & Drug/Alcohol Screens & Skills kit:
Standardized tests must be taken in order to remain in the program.

Prerequisites 30 hours	3,099.60
* Semester One (9 hours)**	929.88
* Semester Two (11.5 hours)**	1,188.18
* Semester Three (9.5 hours)**	981.54
* Lab Fees (includes Standardized Testing, Professional Liability Insurance	1,166.00
Nurse Entrance Test (ATI TEAS) Upward Mobility Exam	102.00
	55.00
Books, ATI access codes and Supplies	1,500.00
IV Certification	200.00
TOTAL	**$9,222.20**

(Costs will be higher if prep courses are required.)

A lab fee has been added to all courses with a clinical lab component.

The following estimated expenses are not paid to the college:

(2) Uniforms	180.00
(1) Lab Coat	30.00
Shoes, Watch	100.00
Clinical Supplies	25.00
Physical Exam	160.00
Personal Health Insurance	150.00
Background/Drug Screen	168.00
State Board Application Fee	110.00
NCLEX Examination Fee	200.00
TOTAL	**1,123.00.**

PROGRAM TOTAL $10,345.20

These are **estimated** expenses and subject to change.

*FEES TO BE PAID TO THE COLLEGE.

**Out-of-state students please check with Admissions Office for credit hour fees.

<u>Note</u>: Toward the end of the program, students may be expected to incur additional expenses toward graduation, including reception and NCLEX-RN fees. Students may also be asked by organized student representatives to participate in fund-raising activities to help with these expenses.

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

If an advising appointment is desired prior to being accepted into a nursing program, please call the Advising Office at 386-754-4222 (College Advising) to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

EMPLOYMENT

The Nursing Program is academically demanding and time consuming. While you are enrolled in the Nursing Program, **it is recommended that employment be on a part-time basis, no more than 20 hours per week.**

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is available to qualified students through the Office of Financial Aid, 386-754-4282. Limited additional scholarships are available to students in the Nursing Department.

READMISSION

Students seeking re-admission at any level of the program must follow the Readmission Criteria found in the ASDN student handbook.

TRANSFERS

Students seeking to transfer from another nursing program must follow the transfer policy. A copy of the policy is available upon request from the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs.

MAIL OR HAND DELIVER APPROPRIATE MATERIALS TO:

ENROLLMENT SERVICES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007
386-754-4287

ASDN PROGRAMS
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
LPN-RN BRIDGE: FAST-TRACK
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
TO
ASDN PROGRAMS
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-2007

Date Received: _____

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER_____YEAR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION_____

NAME_____PHONE HOME (____)_____WORK (____)_____

MAILING ADDRESS_____CITY_____
COUNTY_____STATE_____ ZIP_____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR THIS PROGRAM? YES NO IF SO, WHAT YEAR?
_____

IF ANY OF YOUR TRANSCRIPTS, TEST SCORES, ETC., MIGHT ARRIVE UNDER ANY NAMES OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED

ABOVE, ENTER NAMES HERE: _____
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE _____YES _____NO
GED _____YES _____NO
HOME SCHOOL GRADUATE _____YES _____NO
CAREER PATHWAYS PROGRAM GRADUATE _____ YES _____ NO DATE: _____ COUNTY__

LIST ALL POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES IN WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN

ENROLLED: OMISSION CONSTITUTES FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS AND VOIDS YOUR

APPLICATION. (TO LIST MORE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, ATTACH A SEPARATE PAGE.)

Attach an unofficial copy of your transcripts from colleges (INCLUDING FGC) to this application.

NAME OF INSTITUTION   CITY/STATE DATES   DEGREE   CREDIT
_____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

 NOTIFY_____RELATIONSHIP:_____

ADDRESS_____CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE (_____)_____
WORK PHONE (_____)_____

C. MILITARY SERVICE:

ARE YOU A VETERAN?   YES NO

ARE YOU THE SPOUSE OF A VETERAN?   YES NO

 D. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? _____YES _____NO.

IF YES, ATTACH YOUR STATEMENT PROVIDING DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE

   ARREST(S) IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, ATTENTION: PATRICIA ORENDER, DIRECTOR of ASDN and

   Certificate Programs.

FALSIFICATION OF ANY PART OF THIS FORM WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.
(Additional information is on the next page; this is a two-page application.)

E.   LICENSE INFORMATION:

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED AND YEAR:

_____

LPN LICENSE NUMBER: _____

HAS THERE EVER BEEN ANY PENALTY FILED AGAINST YOUR LICENSE BY ANY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING?

*_____YES_____NO

IF YES, ATTACH AN EXPLANATION IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, ATTENTION: PATRICIA ORENDER,

DIRECTOR of ASDN and CERTFICATE PROGRAMS

FALSIFICATION OF ANY PART OF THIS FORM WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.