

NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Admission Packet

Nursing Assistant (Articulated)

APPLICATION FOR Spring 2025

Application Deadline: September, 30, 2024

FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE

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.



Questions regarding enrolling contact: 386-752-1822
Appointment with an advisor 386-754-4222
149 S.E. College Place, Lake City, Florida 32025-8703

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 Accessibility Services office can provide further information and assistance at (386) 754-4393. It is the student's responsibility to register with the Accessibility Services office 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, RNET) 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.

Florida Gateway College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate and associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida Gateway College. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

The Nursing Assistant (articulated) at Florida Gateway College is approved but currently has been placed on probation by the Florida Board of Nursing due to low pass rates on the Certified Nursing Assistant Exam during 2024. The Board can be reached at:

Florida Board of Nursing
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C02
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252; 850-245-4125.

OVERVIEW OF NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM

In order to be qualified as a nursing assistant, the student must complete the following courses:

HSC 0003 Basic Healthcare Worker- 90 contact hours or 3 occupational credits.

This course must be taken prior to HCP 0121.

HCP 0121 Nurse Aide and Orderly - 75 contact hours or 2.5 occupational credits.

This course must be taken after HSC 0003.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

HSC 0003 Basic Healthcare Worker - An introductory course to health occupations and the health care delivery system. This course meets the Department of Education requirement of 90 contact hours. Overview of the following principles are included: interpersonal and communication skills, legal and ethical responsibilities, wellness and illness concepts, safety and security procedures, response in emergency situations, infection control procedures, computer literacy skills, employability skills and blood borne disease precautions including AIDS and CPR certification.

HCP 0121 Nursing Aide and Orderly - This course is the second of two courses needed to complete the Nursing Assistant (Articulated) program. Topics covered in this course include a continuation of topics covered in the health career CORE course and in addition, students will learn how to perform safe, compassionate, and effective basic nursing skills to patients/residents with special focus on the elderly. Students will also learn to practice basic nursing skills within the framework of legal and ethical principles and responsibilities. This course prepares students to earn a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification. Once certified, graduates can work in acute-care settings, long-term care facilities such as nursing homes, and in community agencies such as home health. Along with didactic, skills/simulation laboratory and clinical experience are components of this course.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE NURSING ASSISTANT (Articulated)

1. Submit a Florida Gateway College application to Admissions Office. Call the Admissions Office at 386-754-4280 if you have questions. If completing application for Spring enrollment and you are a dual enrollment student, meet with your high school guidance counselor as well as the dual enrollment advisor at FGC 754-4443.
2. Nursing Assistant program offered each **fall term** will maintain current training program admission criteria.
3. **Spring** enrollment for the Nursing Assistant program will accept current training program admission criteria **and dual enrollment** students recommended by the high school guidance counselor, principal or a designee. Student must be in their last semester of high school and the pupil must have minimum 2.0 GPA to be considered for admission to the Nursing Assistant certificate program at Florida Gateway College.
4. Pay for courses: All fees (tuition, lab fees, and liability insurance) must be paid by the due date prior to the beginning of class. Please see the critical dates calendar on the FGC homepage for details.
5. Submit the Nursing Assistant supplemental application at the back of this application packet to the Nursing and Health Science Department. You may hand deliver or mail the form. See address on last page of packet.
6. In order to participate in any courses in the program, the student **must** complete the following as directed by the instructor on the first session of class: **Health Status Documentation, Drug & Alcohol Screen, and Background Screen. Once 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 employers.** *Instructions for the testing will be given at the beginning of HSC 0003*

The following specific requirements for this documentation must be met:

A. **DRUG & ALCOHOL SCREEN:**

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 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 screens are returned to the Director of ASDN and Certificate Programs and 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.

B. BACKGROUND SCREEN:

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. 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.

Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of *nolo contendere*, or guilty to, any offense under the provisions of Florida Statutes or under a similar statute of another jurisdiction may be disqualified from admission. **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.**

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 Allied Health 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 s.415.102(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.

HEALTH STATUS DOCUMENTATION: Students will be required to submit documentation of current physical, TB screening, current tetanus, and shot records or titers demonstrating proof of immunity.

Recent Physical: Use of an approved physical exam form is required. Examination is to be completed by a licensed doctor, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or mid-wife. *Physicals should be completed no more than six weeks prior to the first day of clinicals.*

Tuberculosis Screening: A current (*within past six weeks prior to first day of clinical*) TB skin test (PPD) is required. A current chest x-ray is necessary if you cannot have a PPD done. Any waiver for a TB skin test from a healthcare provider must be on professional letterhead.

Tetanus: If tetanus booster is greater than 10 years old, it is required that a booster be obtained.

Proof of Immunity: An official shot record from your doctor, the health department, or public school is acceptable. If an official shot record is not available, then blood titers are necessary to determine immunity for:

- Hepatitis B (proof of series of 3 doses)
- Varicella (chickenpox) (proof of 2 doses)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella): (proof of series of 2 doses)

Vaccinations may be necessary if immunity cannot be confirmed with the blood titer.

Hepatitis B: If a hepatitis B vaccine is required, the series of three immunizations must be started ASAP and may be completed during the clinical rotation. A titer at six months after completion of the series is required to document immunity.

Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination: It is the responsibility of all students to obtain current flu and COVID-19 (optional) vaccinations.

CPR CERTIFICATION: Submit proof of current training in CPR. **Acceptable CPR courses include: BLS Provider card from the American Heart Association (AHA) or the Professional Rescuer card from the American Red Cross (ARC).** **This documentation is earned during HSC 0003 course & is part of the curriculum regardless of prior certification.** All students are responsible for remaining current in CPR and for submitting documentation of updates.

PROOF OF INSURANCE: Submit proof of health/hospitalization insurance (copy front and back of card). This insurance must be effective throughout the internship/clinical rotations.

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Certified Nurse Assistant Program applicants should:

1. 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.
2. Tour an appropriate health care facility, career shadow and/or otherwise ascertain if she/he can perform the professional duties of their chosen profession without becoming injurious to themselves or the patient.

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability 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.	Perform palpation, give injections, start IV's, do sterile and non-sterile dressing changes, urinary catheterization, and assist patients with daily activities.

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, Health Sciences' classrooms and training labs, hospitals, nursing care facilities, laboratories, clinical areas, and medical/dental offices. Individuals with latex allergies should seek expert advice from their health care provider so that they may receive information to make an informed decision regarding their exposure to latex in the health care field.

COURSE OPERATION

Uniform: *Specific instructions regarding uniform will be given on the first day of class.*

- A. White skirt or pants (uniform scrub pants, no jogger style scrubs permitted) with a Cherokee brand, forest green color BNP top. Men must wear Cherokee brand, forest green color. Flesh colored hose or white socks. White socks for men.
- B. White leather or plastic shoes; cannot be clogs, sandals, or crocs. Only all-white uniform style tennis shoes in good, clean condition are permitted.
- C. Watch with a second hand.

Textbook and workbook: TBA

Estimated costs:

*Tuition for vocational credits @ \$84.89 per credit hour:

Basic Healthcare Worker	\$ 254.67
Nurse Aide and Orderly	\$ 212.23

*Additional Fees:

Includes Liability Insurance, Background Screen, Drug & Alcohol Screen, Course/Lab Fees	262.50
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*Text Books (not including tax):

<i>Basic Healthcare Worker Text & Workbook</i>	192.90
<i>Textbook for Nursing Assistants</i>	79.95
<i>Workbook for Textbook for Nursing Assistants</i>	40.99
<i>CPR Book</i>	16.00
Physical Exam	160.00 (est. to include immunizations if necessary)
Health Insurance (Student's Responsibility)	125.00 (estimated)
Uniform	70.00 (est. for 2 uniforms)
Watch	20.00 (estimated)
Shoes	50.00 (estimated)
School Supplies	<u>25.00</u> (estimated)

CNA PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY

TOTAL \$1509.24

***Fees to be paid to the College.**

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is available to qualified students through the Office of Financial Aid, 386-754-4282.

**ADMISSIONS OFFICE
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
149 SE COLLEGE PLACE
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025-8703
386-754-4287**

**NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
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FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
 CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM
 SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
 FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
 LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32025

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____ YEAR & TERM APPLYING FOR ADMISSION _____

NAME _____ PHONE HOME () _____ WORK () _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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 **OR**
 GED? _____ YES _____ NO **OR** HOME SCHOOL GRADUATE: _____ YES _____ NO

B. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK PHONE () _____

C. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED? _____ YES _____ NO. IF YES, ATTACH YOUR STATEMENT PROVIDING DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST(S).

D. VETERANS PREFERENCE: Are you a Veteran? Yes No
 Are you the spouse of a Veteran Yes No

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