

## Practical Nursing (31-543-1)

Technical Diploma  
Effective 2026/2027

*The course sequence shown on this sheet is the recommended path to completion. Courses will be scheduled in the terms indicated here. All courses should be taken in the order shown to help you stay on track and graduate according to your academic plan. Courses in this program may be offered in a variety or combination of formats (for example: in-person, video conferencing, online, etc.). More detailed scheduling information for this program can be found at <https://www.gtc.edu/practical-nursing>. Please see your academic advisor for additional information.*

**R-D = Racine/days, E-D = Elkhorn/days, S=Spring, SU=Summer, F=Fall**

Term	Course Number	Credits	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	Notes	E-D	R-D
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	801-136	3	English Composition	Prereq: 831-103 OR 851-757	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	806-177	4	General Anatomy and Physiology	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	809-188	3	Psychology, Developmental	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satisfactory college placement results (through multiple measures or placement test scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
2	*543-301	2	Nursing Fundamentals	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177 Coreq: 801-136	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.</li> <li>Students must receive a ("B-") or better in 806-177 General Anatomy &amp; Physiology before they can enroll in this course.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-302	3	Nursing Skills	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177 Coreq: 543-301	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must receive a ("B-") or better in 806-177 General Anatomy &amp; Physiology before they can enroll in this course.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-303	2	Nursing Pharmacology	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177 Coreq: 543-301; 543-302	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty have identified this milestone course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.</li> <li>Students must receive a ("B-") or better in 806-177 General Anatomy &amp; Physiology before they can enroll in this course.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-304	2	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177; Coreq: 543-301; 543-302; 543-303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must receive a ("B-") or better in 806-177 General Anatomy &amp; Physiology before they can enroll in this course.</li> <li>Health requirements must be met prior to admission to clinical courses, to include, but not limited to, a physical exam, immunizations, and TB testing.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	F
3	*543-305	3	Nursing Health Alterations	Prereq: Program Admission; 543-301; 543-302; 543-303; 543-304; 801-136; Coreq: 543-306; 543-307		F/S/SU	S
3	*543-306	3	Nursing Health Promotion	Prereq: Program Admission; 543-301; 543-302; 543-303; 543-304; 809-188; 801-136		F/S/SU	S
3	*543-307	2	Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan	Prereq: Program Admission; 543-301; 543-302; 543-303; 543-304; 809-188; 801-136 Coreq: 543-306	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health requirements must be met prior to admission to clinical courses, to include, but not limited to, a physical exam, immunizations, and TB testing.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	S
3	*543-308	2	Nsg: Intro Clinical Care Mgt	Prereq: Program Admission; 543-301; 543-302; 543-303; 543-304; Coreq: 543-305; 543-306; 543-307	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health requirements must be met prior to admission to clinical courses, to include, but not limited to, a physical exam, immunizations, and TB testing.</li> </ul>	F/S/SU	S

**Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 30**

(\*) Students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for this major course to meet graduation requirements.

## Practical Nursing (31-543-1)

The Practical Nurse (PN) program prepares graduates to provide basic hands-on nursing care needed by patients in variety of health care settings. LPN's assist with data collection, develop and revise nursing care plans, reinforce teaching provided by RN's or other appropriate health care personnel, and participate as a member of the health care team in meeting basic client needs.

This is an excellent career for people who enjoy working with people and caring for individuals with physical or emotional concerns. Students must be willing to learn, have effective communication and interpersonal skills, and have an interest in health care as a career.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

- 1 Integrate Practical Nursing identity reflecting integrity, responsibility, and nursing.
- 2 Communicate basic information using multiple sources in nursing practice.
- 3 Utilize theoretical knowledge to participate in decision making
- 4 Apply the nursing process to basic client care across diverse populations.
- 5 Function as a healthcare team member to provide safe and effective care.

## Essential Career Competencies

Gateway's six essential career competencies are the general attitudes and skills promoted and assessed by all programs. All Gateway graduates will develop skills in:

- 1 Communication Competence
- 2 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- 3 Professionalism and Career Management
- 4 Teamwork and Collaboration
- 5 Cultural Competence
- 6 Technology Competence

## Admission Requirements

- 1 Students must submit an application and pay \$30 fee.
- 2 Students must meet one of the following: minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.6 (unweighted); earned at least 12 college credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0; or complete valid reading, writing, and math placement assessments.
- 3 Review the technical standards for this program at [www.gtc.edu/forms](http://www.gtc.edu/forms). An acknowledgement of these standards will be completed within the online application.

Gateway Technical College reserves the right to modify curriculum requirements for students who interrupt enrollment for one year or take over seven years to complete. Tuition and material fees are determined by the board of the Wisconsin Technical College System. Consult My Gateway for exact fee amounts. The District reserves the right to modify, cancel, or relocate course offerings in response to factors such as low enrollment, resource availability, or other relevant considerations to ensure high-quality educational experiences. Students will be notified in writing and are encouraged to meet with their Academic Advisor to adjust their academic plan.

- 4 This is a high demand program that utilizes a [priority placement](#) process for enrollment in core program courses. Students admitted into this program progress through three stages pre-core, core-ready and core-active as they work to complete their degree. Students are selected based on application date, completion of academic preparedness requirements and district residency. Academic preparedness requirements may include a Background Information Disclosure Form and Criminal Background Check and official high school, GED or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.

## Graduation Requirements

- 1 Minimum 30 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
- 2 \*Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses.
- 3 Complete 890-155 Gateway to Success (G2S) in the first semester.
- 4 Gateway credits may transfer to colleges and universities offering adv. nurse ed. programs.

For a complete list of Graduation Requirements, check the Student Handbook or [Graduation Requirements](#).

## Notes

- 1 Students must have completed 543-300 or equivalent of certified nursing assistant course prior to admission into program.
- 2 Please note that your program may require additional fee(s) for: Online e-modules, Learning and Program Technology Fees, Criminal Background Check, Medical Document Manager, and /or Drug Testing.
- 3 The core 543 nursing courses require students to have a laptop computer available for use in the classroom. [The computer must meet minimum MS Windows laptop specifications](#) - see your advisor for details.
- 4 The core 543 nursing courses can also be modified to take two courses per semester over a period of four semesters. This modified option will impact your ability to utilize financial aid. Please contact a student finance specialist in Student Services for more information.

## Accreditation Statement

The Nursing program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; 3390 Peachtree Rd NE Suite #1400, Atlanta, GA 30326. For more information, call (404) 975-5000.

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