



2027/2028

PRACTICAL NURSING

(Full Time Day Program)

APPLICATION PROCESS

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OVERVIEW

Both the F/T and P/T PN Programs are 1350-hours. The projected start dates are August 2027. The program provides training for employment in the health industry. Graduates will have successfully completed courses in caring for medical and surgical patients. Included in the program are courses designed to instruct students in the care of convalescent, physically challenged, and rehabilitative physical and/or mental patients. Instruction is also given for pediatric, obstetric, and geriatric clients. The graduate has a thorough understanding of body structure and function, nutrition, medication, life span, diseases and disorders, community health, CPR, and first aid. Throughout the program, the nursing process is integrated and the concept of lifelong learning is stressed. Students are enrolled in Practical Nursing to meet the requirements of the Florida State Board of Nursing. The following units of instruction are covered in the program.

OCP	Course Number	OCP Title	OCP Hours
A	PRN0098	Practical Nursing Foundations 1	300 Clock Hours
B	PRN0099	Practical Nursing Foundations 2	300 Clock Hours
	PRN0290	Medical Surgical Nursing 1	300 Clock Hours
	PRN0291	Medical Surgical Nursing 2	300 Clock Hours
	PRN0690	Comprehensive Nursing & Transitional Skills	150 Clock Hours

Practical Nursing is both rigorous and challenging. Because it requires a high level of student commitment and mastery of content in many academic areas, prospective Practical Nursing students must follow certain steps to earn a Practical Nursing Application. **(Steps #1 and #2 have to be completed in consecutive order, the TEAS 7 Test must be taken before the TABE Test. Both steps must be completed before moving on to Step #3.)**

TEAS testing dates are included in this packet. Students must pay the school (904-966-6769) at least two days prior to testing. **Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled testing time. Late students will forfeit their testing fee and must reschedule and repay for a later test.** Students must have a valid picture ID in order to test.

Step #1: Pay a **non-refundable \$75.00 testing fee** for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS 7) to the Cashier's Office at NFTC, and schedule your test at that time. Then create an account at www.atitesting.com to enable you to access the assessment when you come in to test. Be sure to save your username and password. **The TEAS 7 may be attempted up to three times. Students must wait at least 30 days before re-testing. Remediation classes for the TEAS are available.** An overall score of **55.0%** or above is required for the Practical Nursing Program. Official TEAS 7 test results may be accepted from other accredited institutions if taken within one (1) year of the application deadline of **May 14, 2027**.

Step #2: Provide official proof of a TABE exemption or pay a **non-refundable \$20.00 testing fee** for the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) to the Cashier's Office at NFTC and register to take the assessment. **The TABE must be taken at NFTC.**

- **If a student scores below the required TABE score in any subject area, remediation classes for the TABE are available. If a student chooses not to remediate, they must wait a minimum of three months before re-testing.**

Step #3: Prospective students who complete steps #1 and #2 will be given the Practical Nursing application packet. Applicants must return their completed applications and all accompanying documents to Student Services, in person, by **Friday, May 14, 2027**.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete and return the Practical Nursing Application by **Friday, May 14, 2027**.
2. Go to <https://bradford.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/apply/> scroll to the bottom of the page to NFTC enrollment Information and enroll online (**only complete this step if you have never enrolled at our school before or have never been in the Bradford County School System**).
3. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and complete your financial aid application if you are seeking financial aid. The 2027–28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will open to the public on October 1, 2026. We will require you to have a plan in place for payment of the program before you start. See Financial Aid below.
4. Minimum age of 18 by the start of the Clinical Rotations.
5. Meet immunization and medical exam requirements.
 - a. All hospitals and healthcare facilities require student nurses to have completed the Hepatitis B vaccination before they begin clinical hours. In order to complete your application for the PN Program, you must immediately begin the Hepatitis B vaccination series or provide proof of prior immunization documentation with an authorized signature.
 - b. If you have not had the Hepatitis B series, it is given in three doses:
 - i. Dose one – Schedule immediately
 - ii. Dose two – One month following the first dose and prior to the first day of class
 - iii. Dose three – Approximately five months following dose two
6. FDLE Level II background check from IdentoGo by MorphoTrust USA (required after being selected for the PN program). There is a cost of \$85 for this above the cost of the program.
7. Drug Testing is required for those selected for the PN program and will be done before the start of the program. There is a cost of \$125 for this above the cost of the program.

CLINICAL INFORMATION

- Students will be expected to provide their own transportation to and from clinical sites.
- Clinicals sites may be held at various locations within 50 miles from NFTC.

Cost/Financial Aid

The estimated cost of the program is \$8,800.00 of which the first \$1,000.00 will be due in July 2027. Financial aid is available for those who qualify through the U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The PELL Grant falls under this program Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov and email our Financial Aid Representative at NFTC after filing (ruszkowski.sherry@mybradford.us) . The federal code for NFTC is 033823. NFTC also accepts V.A. benefits, Bright Futures, and Florida Prepaid.

Please note that even if you receive the full amount of the PELL Grant it will not cover the entire amount of this program so there will be out of pocket expenses which are estimated to be around \$1,500.00 unless you have other accepted financial aid above PELL. If you are self-pay there is a four payment, payment plan (first payment due on or before the first day of class) that will be discussed with you before the start of the program. Program costs are estimated and subject to change.

Background Check Requirements

Prospective Practical Nursing Student:

Individuals who are considering entering the health care profession and who may have a criminal history often ask about potential barriers to licensure, certification, or registry following successful completion of an approved course.

The following is the only permanent barrier to licensure in Florida: **As of July 1, 2009, any felony drug conviction or Medicaid/Medicare fraud will prohibit the eligibility of licensure, certification, or registry in Florida for 15 (fifteen) years after the end of the probation period. Also, some felony convictions cause a person's civil rights to be taken away.**

For all other cases, the Governing Board makes decisions about licensure on an individual basis based upon the answers to questions on the application. The application (or the background screening) that indicates a criminal history is considered a non-routine application and must be reviewed by the board staff and possibly referred to the Board for action.

The Governing Boards for each health occupation have created guidelines for specific offenses to be cleared in the Board office; however, the staff cannot make determinations in advance as laws and rules do change overtime. Cases of applicants who have committed violent crimes or are repeat offenders are required to be reviewed by the respective Board. Evidence of rehabilitation is important to the Board members when making licensure decisions.

In these cases, the Board may issue a license under conditions such as probation, supervision, or additional education, or simply deny the application. If drugs or alcohol are a concern, the Board may require the applicant to undergo an evaluation and to sign a contract with a designated monitoring program.

Each health careers program makes independent decisions about admissions into the program, and NFTC requires criminal background screenings as part of that process. Clinical facilities may limit or prohibit students with criminal histories from participating in clinical experiences. Other options may not exist for the student to complete required clinical hours in order to complete the chosen program; thus, such a student may not be eligible for licensure, certification, or registry in Florida.

The licensure application requires disclosure of any criminal history and the disposition of all cases prior to Board review. Entry into the health career education program is the prospective student's decision based upon the knowledge that he/she may, or may not, be granted a license, certification, or registry. All of the above factors should be taken into consideration prior to making a decision about a healthcare career.

For more information please contact Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399, via web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa> or by contacting the Call Center at 850-488-0595.

TEST RESOURCES

TEAS 7:

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS 7) is a proctored exam that is designed to measure essential skills and academic readiness for entry level satisfactory performance in a formal nursing education program. The exam has a 209-minute time limit and is four-option multiple choice, with 170 test items. Items are broken down into content areas and consist of 45 items related to Reading, 38 items related to Mathematics, 50 items related to Science, and 37 items related to English and Language Usage. A Calculator is built into the test. TEAS 7 study materials may be purchased at www.atitesting.com. Select shop online, TEAS 7 Products, and select which option fits your needs. We are currently administering the ATI TEAS, Version 7 Test.

TABE 13/14:

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE 13/14) is a proctored online assessment that is designed to measure basic skills in Reading, Math, and Language. TABE 13/14 study materials can be found at www.fldoe.org/workforce/programs/vpi_ck.asp.

Other study websites for both the TABE 13/14 and the TEAS 7 are www.uniontestprep.com and www.mometrix.com

2026 NFTC Fall Testing Schedule

Dates	TABE 11/12	TEAS 7	Pearson Vue - GED Testing
	\$20	\$75	\$38 per section
09/24/2026		9am	September 16, 2026
09/25/2026	9am		9am – 3pm
10/08/2026		9am	September 30, 2026
10/09/2026	9am		9am – 3pm
10/22/2026		9am	
10/23/2026	9am		October 14, 2026
			9am – 3pm
11/12/2026		9am	
11/13/2026	9am		October 28, 2026
			9am – 3pm
12/10/2026		9am	
12/11/2026	9am		November 4, 2026
			9am – 3pm
			November 18, 2026
			9am – 3pm
			December 2, 2026
			9am – 3pm
			December 16, 2026
			9am – 3pm

PLEASE CALL 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO SCHEDULE YOUR TABE AND TEAS TESTING.
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2027 NFTC Spring Testing Schedule

Dates	TABE	TEAS	Pearson Vue - GED Testing
	\$20	\$75	\$38 per section
01/14/2027		9am	January 6, 2027
01/15/2027	9am		9am - 3pm
01/28/2027		9am	
01/29/2027	9am		January 20, 2027
			9am – 3pm
02/04/2027		9am	
02/05/2027	9am		February 10, 2027
02/18/2027		9am	9am - 3pm
02/19/2027	9am		
			February 24, 2027
03/04/2027		9am	9am – 3pm
03/05/2027	9am		
03/18/2027		9am	March 10, 2027
03/19/2027	9am		9am - 3pm
04/08/2023		9am	April 14, 2027
04/09/2023	9am		9am – 3pm
04/22/2023		9am	
04/30/2023	9am		April 28, 2027
			9am - 3pm
05/06/2027		9am	
05/07/2027	9am		May 12, 2027
05/13/2027		9am	9am – 3pm
05/14/2027	9am		
			May 19, 2027
			9am - 3pm

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The selection committee will use the following 100-point scoring system to calculate points for admission into the program. In the event of a tie, the selection committee will use the TEAS score as a tie breaker. If a tie remains, the selection committee may use an additional assessment tool.

TEAS ASSESSMENT:	Maximum Points 40
○ 100.0% -- 85.1%	40 points
○ 85.0% -- 75.1%	30 points
○ 75.0% -- 65.1%	20 points
○ 65.0% -- 55.0%	10 points

DEGREE OR COURSE WORK:	Maximum Points 35
○ BA / BS Degree (or higher)	35 points
○ AA / AS Degree	30 points
○ BUTC/NFTC Health Program – Graduate	15 points
○ 12 credit hours or more of college courses (with an overall grade of B or higher excluding remediation and preparation courses)	15 points
○ CNA/HHA/PCA/PCT/EMT/EKG/Medical Assistant Phlebotomy Certificate (from accredited agency)	15 points

HEALTH RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:	Maximum Points 25
Work experience must be on company letterhead and include: Employers name, address, telephone, beginning and ending dates of employment, job title, and the signature of supervisor and credentials that can be verified.	
○ Over two years	25 points
○ Six months up to two years	15 points
○ Less than six months	10 points

BONUS POINTS	Maximum Points 5
Points will be awarded to applicants for turning in their completed application on or before Friday, May 3, 2027.	

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