



## Part-Time Pathway to Success

School of Nursing

<https://www.gtc.edu/practical-nursing>

# Practical Nursing (31-543-1)

Technical Diploma

Effective 2025/2026

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.).

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

Term	Course #	Cr.	Course Title	Requisites (prereq- before/ coreq-with)	R-D	E-D
1	890-155	1	Gateway to Success (G2S)		F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	801-136	3	English Composition <sup>2,7</sup>	Prereq: 831-103 OR 851-757	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	*806-177	4	General Anatomy and Physiology <sup>2,5,7</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757 OR 831-107	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
1	809-188	3	Psychology, Developmental <sup>2,7</sup>	Prereq: 838-105 OR 851-757	F/S/SU	SU/F/S
2	*543-301	2	Nursing Fundamentals <sup>1,5</sup>	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177 Coreq: 801-136	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-302	3	Nursing Skills <sup>1,5,7</sup>	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-303	2	Nursing Pharmacology <sup>1,5,7</sup>	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177	F/S/SU	F
2	*543-304	2	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice <sup>1,5,7</sup>	Prereq: Program Admission; Advisor Consent; 806-177 Coreq: 543-301; 543-302; 543-303	F/S/SU	F
3	*543-305	3	Nursing Health Alterations	Prereq: Program Admission; Department consent; 543-301; 543-302; 543-303; 543-304; 801-136 Coreq: 543-306; 543-307; 543-308	F/S/SU	S
3	*543-306	3	Nursing Health Promotion	Prereq: Program Admission; Department consent; 543-301; 302; 303; 543-304; 809-188; 801-136	F/S/SU	S
3	*543-307	2	Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan	Prereq: Program Admission; Department consent; 543-301; 302; 543-303; 543-304; Coreq: 543-306	F/S/SU	S
3	*543-308	2	Nsg: Intro Clinical Care Mgt	Prereq: Program Admission; Department consent; 543-301; 302; 543-303; 543-304; Coreq: 543-305; 543-306; 543-307	F/S/SU	S

**Minimum Program Total Credits Required: 30**

Notes associated with courses (identified by a superscript number at the end of the course title) are located on the back of the sheet.

Mastery of this course will put students on a path to achieve successful degree completion, on-time graduation, and enrich the college experience. Students are required to take this course in their first semester of enrollment. Please see an advisor for details.

= Milestone Course. Faculty have identified this course as providing a strong foundation for success throughout the program.

(\*) indicates students must achieve a minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for these major courses 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:

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| • Communication Competence              | • Critical Thinking and Problem Solving |
| • Professionalism and Career Management | • Teamwork and Collaboration            |
| • Cultural Competence                   | • 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. Students must complete a Background Disclosure form and must request and pay for a background check. Applicants for all health science programs are subject to a review of their criminal backgrounds. Positive background checks may negatively impact your ability to pursue a health career at Gateway Technical College. Each case will be individually evaluated based on all available evidence provided to the college.
4. Students must submit official high school, GED, or HSED transcript including a graduation or passing date.
5. Students must view the Practical Nursing Information video online and submit the corresponding electronic form verifying their understanding of the information presented.

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.

## Graduation Requirements

1. Minimum of 30 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.
2. \*Minimum of 2.0 ("C") or above for those 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. This is a high demand program that utilizes a waitlist process for enrollment in 543 courses. Students are selected based on application date, completion of academic preparedness requirements and district residency.
2. Satisfactory college placement results through multiple measures (or placement scores) or successful remediation is required prior to enrollment. See an advisor for details.
3. A liability insurance fee per semester is required.
4. A physical examination and immunization are required prior to admission to the first clinical course. Clinical sites may require proof of health insurance.
5. Students must receive a ("B-") or better in 806-177 General Anatomy & Physiology before they can enroll in this course.
6. 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.
7. A credit for prior learning assessment is available for this course. For more information, please contact [cfpl@gtc.edu](mailto:cfpl@gtc.edu).
8. 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.
9. Students must have completed 543-300 or equivalent of certified nursing assistant course prior to admission into program.
10. 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.