About the Program

• The Practical Nursing program prepares students for employment as beginning level staff nurses working under the direction of a registered nurse or physician.
• Get a head start on general education courses while in high school to reduce your course load in college.
• Employment opportunities are available in a variety of settings, including long-term care facilities, physicians’ offices and clinics, local public health departments, home health agencies and acute care hospitals.

About the Pathway

• Take your dual enrollment courses at one of TCTC’s campuses alongside college students or at a college site in your school district.
• Upon completion of the Practical Nursing program, become a Licensed Practical Nurse after passing the state licensing exam.
• The number of employed practical nurses in the upstate of SC is expected to increase by 10% over the next nine years.

Practical Nursing CAREER PATHWAY

IN HIGH SCHOOL

Highly suggested for clinical entry: Complete the CNA certificate through your school’s Health Science Technology courses (if available) or take AHS 163 at TCTC.

FALL
- BIO 101
- ENG 101

SPRING
- PSY 201
- MAT 120

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND 13 HOURS COLLEGE CREDIT

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Practical Nursing Diploma

SUMMER
- TEAS TEST
- Complete all Practical Nursing application requirements by May 31

FALL
- BIO 210
- PNR 120
- PNR 175

SPRING
- BIO 211
- PNR 121
- PNR 130
- PNR 140

SUMMER
- PNR 154
- PNR 181

SC Mean Annual Wages

$47,102

AFTER TCTC GRADUATION

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**BIOL 101 - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE I**
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 3  Credit Hours: 4
This course is a study of the scientific method, basic biochemistry, cell structure and function, cell physiology, cell reproduction and development, Mendelian genetics, population genetics, natural selection, evolution, and ecology. Laboratory requirement supplements lecture.
Prerequisites: Satisfactory placement test scores for ENG 101 or completion of ENG 101, ENG 103, ENG 155 or ENG 100 and RDG 100. Satisfactory placement test scores for MAT 101 or completion of MAT 032, MAT 101, MAT 102, MAT 103, MAT 109, MAT 110, MAT 111.
**BIOL 120, MAT 130, MAT 138, or MAT 140. Completion of BIO 105 and CHM 105 replaces MAT and ENG prerequisites. All prerequisite courses require a grade of "C" or higher.
Note: Credit may not be earned for both BIO 101 and BIO 105 or BIO 113 may not be earned for both BIO 101 and BIO 105 or BIO 113.**

**BIOL 210 - ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I**
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 3  Credit Hours: 4
This is the first in a sequence of courses, including an intensive coverage of the body as an integrated whole. All body systems are studied. Topics include terminology, biological chemistry, cells, tissues, and the following systems: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, special senses. Lab requirement supplements lectures.
Prerequisites: Completion of BIO 101 or BIO 113 with a grade of "C" or higher. Note: Credit may not be earned for both BIO 210 and BIO 112.

**PNR 120 - MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING I**
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 6  Credit Hours: 5
This course is a beginning study utilizing the nursing process. Concepts include physiological, psychosocial, nutritional, and health and safety needs of the adult. Clinical experiences address selected commonly occurring health problems having predictable outcomes.
Co-requisite: PNR 175.

**PNR 130 - MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING II**
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 6  Credit Hours: 5
This course is a continuation of the study utilizing the nursing process. Concepts include the physiological, psychosocial, nutritional, and health and safety needs of the adult. Clinical experiences address selected commonly occurring health problems having predictable outcomes.
Prerequisites: PNR 120 and BIO 210.

**ENG 101 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION I**
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This is a (college transfer) course in which the following topics are presented: a study of composition in conjunction with appropriate literary selections, with frequent theme assignments to reinforce effective writing. A review of standard usage and the basic techniques of research are also presented.
Prerequisites: Satisfactory Writing placement score or a grade of C or higher in ENG 100 or in ENG 155 and satisfactory Reading placement score or a grade of C or higher in RDG 100.