



## Practical Nursing PN21 Certificate Advisement Sheet

Last Name	First Name	Student ID	DOB or Alt Pin

Effective July 1, 2024, Practical Nursing is now a certificate program, and no core classes are required. (Practical Nursing Certificate PN21)

- The program length is 49 credit hours, 3 semesters in length.
- The program competitive admission criteria are to complete the TEAS admission exam with a completion percentage of 58.7% or better cumulative score. Students will be ranked according to their test score, then by application date.
- The TEAS Exam cost \$120 per attempt and must be taken at Coastal Pines Technical College. Previous exams scores may be accepted if proof of examination on another college campus is provided from ATI/TEAS Official.
- Students may only take the TEAS exam 2 times per calendar year and must wait 30 days between attempts. Exam scores expire after 2 years.
- Students who feel unprepared for the TEAS exam may elect to being in the HealthCare Assistant Technical Certificate of Credit (*funding for this certificate is available through the Georgia Hope Grant, Hope Career Grant, and Pell Grant for qualified candidates*) and take the following courses:
  - MATH 1012 Foundation of Mathematics
  - ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body
  - ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **How are students selected for admission into the Practical Nursing PN21 Certificate Program?**

- After you complete the TEAS entrance exam with the minimum required score, your score will only be utilized to determine your ranking.
  - **For Fall cohorts**, the application will be available Spring term and must be submitted to the admissions department by the deadline posted on the application.
    - Fall Cohorts: Baxley and Golden Isles
  - **For Spring cohorts**, the application will be available Summer term and must be submitted to the admissions department by the deadline posted on the application.
    - Spring Cohorts: Jesup, Waycross **Day**, Alma, and Camden
    - We also have a Waycross **Evening** cohort that rotates starting semesters. Reach out to an advisor to see when the next Evening cohort starts. (*Next upcoming Waycross Evening cohort is Spring 2026.*)

#### **How do I submit my Practical Nursing application?**

- Navigate to the CPTC website [www.coastalpines.edu](http://www.coastalpines.edu)
- Click on Browse All Programs (*white box, left side of homepage*)

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- Choose Dropdown arrow in the Programs list (*top, middle of page*) and click Practical Nursing & Related.
- Click the Green Search Button (*right side of window*)
- Click on Practical Nursing PN21 Certificate
- Click on Practical Nursing Program Application (*above the Entrance Requirements Area*), you will be redirected to informational document.
- At the bottom of the Practical Nursing Application Information document, Click **How to Apply** link to be redirected to the Application Survey in Survey Monkey. Please ensure that you provide all requested information and rank your campus choices accordingly. Finally, type your name in the box at the bottom of the page as a signature that you have read/understand all that you have completed, then click DONE. Please note that you will not get a response email from this form. An acknowledgement letter will be sent to the email address provided on your application from the Admissions Department to let you know that your application was received.
- When applications are submitted, all students who applied and meet the criteria are ranked by TEAS with 100% as the first ranking and 58.7% as the final ranking.
  - What if there is a tie for placement?
    - Students are ranked as follows if there is a tie for the last remaining seat:
      - The student who took the TEAS exam first will be chosen.
      - If students took the TEAS on the same day and had the same score, the student who has the highest score in the Science category will take precedence (minimum accepted is 58.7%).
- How are students placed in different cohorts (campus selection)?
  - Offerings will be posted on the Nursing Application, which must be submitted online to the admissions office.
  - We encourage all students to select at least 2 campuses. If you only select 1 campus location and you do not get a seat in the cohort you select, one will be selected for you.
  - Cohorts are filled starting with the preference of the 1<sup>st</sup> ranked student to the last ranked student.
- How will I know if I am selected?
  - You will be sent an email to your student email account, regardless of whether you are selected or declined. Selected students have one week to decline or accept their seat. If a seat is declined or no response is received by the deadline, the seat will be offered to the next applicant, on the alternate list.
- Students reapplying for admission after failing a class, being withdrawn, or dropped from the program, cannot reapply until one calendar year has passed from the semester of dismissal. Following the second attempt, a student must wait 5 years from the term they were last enrolled to apply for the third time.

## Practical Nursing Faculty Contact Information

**Coastal Pines Technical College**  
Alma Campus 912-632-0951  
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## **TEAS Nursing Entrance Exam Information**

Registering/Payment for TEAS exam at: [www.coastalpines.edu/teas](http://www.coastalpines.edu/teas)  
[This website may not show seat availability until July 1. Please check website frequently for updates.](#)

The TEAS exam is available through CPTC Testing Center at the following locations: Waycross, Jesup, Golden Isles, and Camden campuses (*Exam dates will not begin until July 2024*)

Exam scores must be submitted no later than the Practical Nursing program application deadline of October 21, 2024. **We only accept TEAS scores that were taken on campus.**

May only take the TEAS exam two (2) times in a calendar year and must wait a minimum of 30 days in between each attempt. Your scores will expire after two (2) years.

Students may only take the TEAS exam on campus at CPTC. The exam cost is \$120.

TEAS scores will be sent to the student's first college of choice at no charge. Any additional colleges that the student requests, will result in a fee to be paid to ATI/TEAS. CPTC will accept scores that are sent through ATI, as requested by the student, only if the student took the TEAS on campus. An ATI representative will verify that the exam was taken on campus if the exam is taken at another college.

### **Tentative TEA Study/Preparation/Remediation Options**

- Free TEAS 6-week study plan on [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) or on ATI app once student sets up account.
- Students can take a free TEAS practice test at this link: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/free-teas-practice-test>
- ATI TEAS study guide available as e-book or printed at this link: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/study-manual> .
- Students can purchase more in-depth study materials through ATI.
- TEAS Study Guide Books available in each campus library
- TEAS Practice Test available thru the campus library database PrepStep at: <https://libguides.coastalpines.edu/nursing/prepstep>

### **What if I do not achieve the minimum score required on the first attempt?**

If a student does not achieve the minimum required score on the first attempt or wishes to retest for a higher score, TEAS will provide the student with remediation information in the areas where improvement is needed.

Remediation is available to the student after the TEAS exam through ATI and will be strongly advised by the Practical Nursing faculty to prepare the student before beginning the program. Students may also purchase additional study prep materials, if desired. NurseHub offers remediation options at [nursehub.com](http://nursehub.com).

Students who would like to take a Math, English, Medical Terminology or Anatomy classes at CPTC to help remediate or prepare for TEAS, may take these through the Healthcare Assistant (HCA) Technical

Certificate of Credit. The HCA certificate is a financial aid approved program of study for those who complete the FAFSA and qualify or students may elect to pay out of pocket. Students must pay out of pocket the \$120 test fee for each TEAS test attempt.

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) also offers students free, online, self-paced courses that can help prepare students entering the Practical Nursing program. CPTC encourages the use of these materials before and after taking the TEAS exam. Materials are located at <https://gvtc.tcsg.edu/oer> then select "Saylor Academy" under the Courses heading. Courses in Math, Psychology, English, and Pre-College Skills: College Success are some of the free courses offered.

CPTC will have more information forthcoming on possible GED offerings for a free Math/English class and, tutoring sessions for Anatomy and Physiology, Math, and Critical thinking on Waycross and Jesup campuses during the Spring and Fall semesters.

If you have questions, please reach out to your practical nursing advisor for more information.