Ask a health care professional about Greenville Technical College, and you’re likely to hear about the quality of education and the value of the college as a trusted hiring source. Our Nursing program is one of the largest in South Carolina with a comprehensive tier of course offerings. Students can begin with Patient Care Technician and gain skills that can be put to work right away or serve as a building block for further study. At the other end of the spectrum, there are Nursing Specialties courses in topics including nephrology, oncology, and home health nursing that can expand opportunities for experienced professionals.

**Admissions Requirements**

The Nursing program at Greenville Technical College includes some of the most stringent admissions criteria of any program at the college. Students must have a clear criminal background check for the past seven years and possibly longer for some crimes. Drug testing will also be required. Currently, students are admitted into the Nursing program on a weighted admissions process. Details regarding this process are explained in the required Career Talk session, and much of the information is available on various links online at www.gvltec.edu/nursing.

**Career Talk**

Students who are considering enrolling in a Nursing program at GTC are required to attend a Career Talk session prior to admittance in order to get a clear understanding of the what is involved in becoming a Nursing student. We recommend that you attend a Career Talk session as soon as you are admitted in order to determine if you feel you will be able to comply. A schedule of upcoming dates is on the Greenville Technical College web site at www.gvltec.edu/careertalk.

This session will cover the weighted admission process and other requirements that future students need to understand.

**Program Options**

- Nursing Associate Degree
- Patient Care Technician Certificate
- Advanced Placement Nursing
- Post RN Specialty Courses

Greenville Technical College provides equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
Nursing Programs

Patient Care Technician

Patient care technicians (PCTs) are unlicensed assistants who work under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse. Training includes direct patient care and laboratory techniques such as venipuncture and bedside testing.

This short-term program is divided into four consecutive courses: Basic Patient Care I, Basic Patient Care II, Phlebotomy and Patient Care Technician Clinical Experience. Certified nursing assistants have the opportunity to exempt a portion of the program by submitting current SC CNA license to the program director. The PCT certificate will earn 5 weighted admissions points.

Nursing

Nursing graduates can practice as RNs upon passing the licensure exam. Many times, the RN will act as a supervisor to an LPN and is legally qualified to provide more advanced patient care. While nurses are well-compensated, salary should not be the primary reason for choosing the field as a career. The profession is very hands-on and nurses must be comfortable with all types of people. Nurses who find their work rewarding have a passion for providing care to others.

As many health care organizations, especially larger hospital systems, prefer hiring nurses who have earned bachelor’s degrees, Greenville Technical College has partnered with several four-year colleges and universities to develop transfer agreements. Our graduates can move seamlessly into a bachelor’s degree program, with the additional benefits of GTC’s core Nursing courses and clinical experience required at earlier point in the academic program.

Advanced Placement Nursing

Many times health care professionals in other areas decide to pursue a career as a registered nurse. respiratory therapist, paramedic or licensed practical nurses all qualify to enter our Advanced Placement Nursing Program. Students who choose this path to become a registered nurse must still meet all of the college and Nursing program admissions requirements. They will receive credit for their prior education and will be placed in the program at a level appropriate to their transfer credits.

Post RN Specialty Courses

Many RNs find an area in which to specialize and come to Greenville Technical College to expand their expertise. Courses include Oncology Nursing, Management of High Risk Pregnancy and Critical Care, and many others. For specific current offerings, please call (864) 250-8216.

Visit www.gvltec.edu/gainful-employment for important information about the educational debt, earnings, and graduation rates of students who attended this program.