About the Program

The Career Certificate (C.C.) in Practical Nursing prepares students for employment in entry-level positions to provide direct care to clients in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and various health care settings under the direct supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose to determine if this program will meet the selected state's educational requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

Upon completion of this program, students will be prepared for the following **related industry certifications or licenses:** NCLEX-PN licensing examination for Practical Nursing.

Related Career Pathways include Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, Patient Care Technician.

Program Requirements

This program is offered for full-time enrollment and requires **1350 contact/clock hours** that must be completed and documented. Students should understand and accept the attendance requirements prior to enrolling in this career certificate program. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Adult Basic Skills

Adult Basic Skills are a major criterion in a student's completion of the program. In order to earn the Career Certificate, students must achieve or surpass the designated exit score(s) on an approved adult basic skills assessment or qualify for a waiver. Program exit scores are available on the Assessment and Certification website at fscj.edu/assessment-and-certification/available-assessments/tabe/tabe-certificate. Online resources and Academic Skills Building (ASB) coursework in Mathematics and Reasoning Through Language Arts are available for student who need assistance in order to meet the exit requirement(s).

Application Procedure

Admission to this program is limited and is based on academic performance and other criteria.

It is recommended that students have a conference with the program advisor prior to applying to the program. To meet the minimum requirements for consideration and acceptance to the Practical Nursing program, students must:

☐ Complete a Florida State College at Jacksonville application.

☐ Complete a Practical Nursing program application.

☐ Submit one of the following:

- An official (unopened) high school completion transcript (no diplomas); or
- An official copy of GED® test scores (a copy will be made and the original returned to the applicant); or
- College transcript (a minimum of 12 college credits must have been completed if using college GPA). Note: Florida State College at Jacksonville transcripts can be unofficial. Transcripts from outside colleges must be official (unopened).

☐ Provide HESI Admission Assessment (A2) scores. Applicants are expected to take a complete HESI A2 exam consisting of 9 sub-tests in one sitting prior to the application deadline. Scores on the following subtests are considered for admission: reading, vocabulary, grammar, math. The four subtest scores must average 75% or higher to be considered for admission. Each subtest (reading, vocabulary, grammar, math) must also have a minimum score of 70% to be eligible for admission to the program.

☐ Successful completion of the background and drug screening process upon acceptance into the program.

☐ A physical examination will be required upon acceptance into the program. Clinical experience is required part of the Practical Nursing program. In order to participate in a hospital or medical office based clinical, a student will be expected to submit health history information, proof of immunizations, and background screening. To ensure employability in the widest possible manner, all students are required to submit drug screening and criminal background check results and a physical exam to the practical Nursing program prior to enrolling.

☐ Provide evidence of current CPR certification (adult, child and infant) achieved through an American Heart Association approved Basic Life Support (BLS) course for Health Care Providers that includes hands-on simulated experiences.

Application Deadline

Application deadlines are May 15 for Fall Term admission, September 15 for Spring Term admission, and February 15 for Summer Term admission.

Catalog Year

This document is prepared for students with a **2025-26 College Catalog year. Students who enter under the 2025-26 catalog** will be assigned to the degree or certificate requirements in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. The student's assigned catalog year will remain in effect as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Changes to requirements as mandated by law or by rule of the District Board of **Trustees** may supersede this provision.

To maintain continuous enrollment, a student must have registration for, and successful completion of, at least one course within a three-term period. After three consecutive terms of no enrollment, the student will be discontinued from the current program of study and will need to apply to FSCJ to reenter under the same program of study. Upon readmission, the student will be assigned to the current catalog of record in the chosen program.

Career Certificate Graduation Requirements

☐ Fulfill all academic requirements for the chosen program of study as outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.

☐ Earn the required number of clock hours for the chosen program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale in all courses that apply to the chosen program of study.

☐ Complete a minimum of 25 percent of the total clock hours required for the certificate program as a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

☐ Fulfill all obligations, financial or otherwise, to the College before graduating.

☐ Meet or exceed the program's exit requirement(s), if applicable, or meet the criteria to earn a waiver.

Curriculum

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional coursework.

Sample Roadmap for North Campus Program

The 12-month program at North Campus admits students in the Fall, Spring and Summer Terms. A CNA to PN Bridge cohort may be held at North Campus in the Summer Term.

Term 1

Note: CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) with 6 months verified work experience may be eligible for exemption from PRN 0098L.

☐ **PRN 0098 - Practical Nursing Foundations 1,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0098L - Practical Nursing Foundations 1 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0099 - Practical Nursing Foundation 2,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

Term 2

☐ **PRN 0099L - Practical Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0290 - Medical Surgical Nursing 1,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0290L - Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

Term 3

☐ **PRN 0291 - Medical Surgical Nursing 2,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0291L - Medical Surgical Nursing 2 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0690 - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills,** Contact Hours: 75.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0690L - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 75.   Grade Earned: _____

Sample Roadmap for Nassau Center Program

The 16-month program at Nassau Center admits students every 4 terms. The next cohort will admit students in Spring Term 2026.

Certified Nursing Assistants with 6 months verified work experience may be eligible for exemption from PRN 0098L.

Term 1

Students will complete PRN 0098 and PRN 0098L before moving on to PRN 0099 and PRN 0099L, which will begin in Term 1 and be completed in Term 2. **Note:** CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants) with 6 months verified work experience may be eligible for exemption from PRN 0098L.

☐ **PRN 0098 - Practical Nursing Foundations 1,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0098L - Practical Nursing Foundations 1 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0099 - Practical Nursing Foundation 2,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0099L - Practical Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

Term 2

Students will complete PRN 0099 and PRN 0099L before moving on to PRN 0290 and PRN 0291, which will begin in Term 2 and be completed in Term 3.

☐ **PRN 0290 - Medical Surgical Nursing 1,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0290L - Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

Term 3

Students will complete PRN 0291 and PRN 0291 before moving on to PRN 0690 and PRN 0690L, which will begin in Term 3 and be completed in Term 4.

☐ **PRN 0291 - Medical Surgical Nursing 2,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0291L - Medical Surgical Nursing 2 Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 150.   Grade Earned: _____

Term 4

Students will complete PRN 0291 and PRN 0291 before moving on to PRN 0690 and PRN 0690L.

☐ **PRN 0690 - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills,** Contact Hours: 75.   Grade Earned: _____

☐ **PRN 0690L - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical Lab,** Contact Hours: 75.   Grade Earned: _____

Course Requirements

Prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions for any course are subject to change. Students must meet the prerequisite and corequisite requirements of any course at the time the student attempts to register for that course. If you have questions about the prerequisites, corequisites, or conditions for a course, please contact any academic advisor.

Professional Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

PRN 0098 - Practical Nursing Foundations 1, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register these students.

PRN 0098L - Practical Nursing Foundations 1 Clinical Lab, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0099 - Practical Nursing Foundation 2, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): None. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0099L - Practical Nursing Foundations 2 Clinical Lab, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0098 and PRN 0098L and PRN 0099. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0290 - Medical Surgical Nursing 1, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0098 and PRN 0098L and PRN 0099. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0290L - Medical Surgical Nursing 1 Clinical Lab, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0098 and PRN 0098L and PRN 0099. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0291 - Medical Surgical Nursing 2, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0099L and PRN 0290 and PRN 0290L. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0291L - Medical Surgical Nursing 2 Clinical Lab, Contact Hours: 150. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0099L and PRN 0290 and PRN 0290L. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0690 - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills, Contact Hours: 75. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0099L and PRN 0290 and PRN 0290L. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.

PRN 0690L - Comprehensive Nursing and Transitional Skills Clinical Lab, Contact Hours: 75. Prerequisite(s): PRN 0099L and PRN 0290 and PRN 0290L. Corequisite(s): None. Conditions: Students must be enrolled in the Practical Nursing program. Only the Nursing related Advisor can register students.