

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION – OFFICE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

INFORMATION TICKET

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Process	Action Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Appropriate Personnel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probe Notice	Submit your Vote by: 2/19/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Feedback	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify Faculty and Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

PAS Group Title/PAS Code: Practical Nursing and Related Programs (0950)

Program Standard Title/Major Code(s) and/or Course Standard Title/Course Code(s):	
Practical Nursing Certificate / PN 21	PNSG 1600 (Pharmacology) PNSG 1605 (Fundamentals) PNSG 1610 (Adult Health Nursing I) PNSG 1615 (Adult Health Nursing II) PNSG 1620 (Adult Health Nursing III) PNSG 1625 (Adult Health Nursing IV) PNSG 1630 (Mental Health Nursing) PNSG 1635 (Maternal Nursing) PNSG 1640 (Pediatric Nursing) PNSG 1645 (Practical Nursing Capstone)

TICKET INFORMATION:

The Executive Committee of Practical Nursing IFCC initiated the revision of the curriculum on April 12, 2023. Monthly meetings were scheduled, aiming to present the revisions at the February 2024 meeting. However, the release of new regulations on October 31, 2023, particularly related to gainful employment Administrative Capacity and GBON rule 410-9-.06(5) (a) and (b), forced the committee to expedite their plan. These changes required a thorough reevaluation of the program, leading to a reduction in hours to comply with the updated regulations. The deadline for implementing these changes is July 1, 2024, impacting students starting Fall 2024.

The IFCC Executive Committee worked diligently, presenting the first draft of the revised program to the entire IFCC on January 5, 2024. Following this meeting, the IFCC collectively decided to forward the draft to the Vice President of AA and the President for feedback. Subsequent discussions and comments addressed additional terminology within the Administrative Capacity regulations, leading to a rewrite of the PN curriculum. The Proposed Practical Nursing Certification was presented to the full IFCC Committee on January 16, 2024, with 19 out of 20 Colleges voting in favor.

To gather input, course standards for the new curriculum were sent to faculty through surveys, and a workday on January 26, 2024, allowed additional input for Adult Health Courses. All comments were incorporated into the new program standards. In summary, to meet federal regulations and GBON rule 410.9.06 (5), the proposed PN certificate is reduced to 49 credit hours from the previous 57-hour diploma program. It aligns with GBON requirements, covering Theoretical and General Education Content (685 clock hours) and clinical practice (485 clock hours). Criteria for admission to the program will be established by each college.

Appendix A provides changes in courses and criteria, while Appendix B offers a crosswalk from the old to the new curriculum. During the transition, overseeing PN 12 and PN 21 cohorts may pose challenges in documenting academic history due to renumbered courses. However, these changes involve restructured courses with the same content. The comparison chart clarifies the numerical adjustments for better understanding. **The voting window on this Probe is 2 weeks related to the State Board Deadline – please submit by February 19, 2024.**

Attachments:

Appendix: A -Practical Nursing Certificate Curriculum Changes

Appendix B – Curriculum Crosswalk