

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION – OFFICE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

INFORMATION TICKET

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Process	Action Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Appropriate Personnel
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probe Notice	Submit Vote by: 9/3/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Feedback	<input 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):

Geriatric Care Assistant/GC51

Patient Care **Technician**/Assistant/PC21

Patient Care Technician/Assistant
Fundamentals/PCTA 1000

TICKET INFORMATION:

The Nurse Aide IFCC met on July 24, 2024, to discuss avenues for expanding the Nurse Aide program offerings by revising current programs and creating various micro-credentials to help students develop industry-specific skills. The Nurse Aide IFCC discussed, voted, and agreed upon making the following revisions to the GC51: Geriatric Care Assistant and the PC21: Patient Care Assistant programs.

GC51: Geriatric Care Assistant (**202512**)

- Select ALHS 1040 or ALHS 1060
 - ALHS 1040: Introduction to Health Care (3hrs)

- ALHS 1060: Medical Terminology (2hrs)
- ALHS 1090: Medical Terminology (2hrs)
- GERT 1000: Understanding the Gerontological Client (2hrs)
- GERT 1020: Behavioral Aspects of Aging (2hrs)
- GERT 1030: Gerontological Nutrition
- ~~Nurse Aide Course Selection (Select 1)~~
 - ~~ALHS 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals (Non-Certification) (6hrs)~~
 - ~~NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals (6hrs)~~
 - ~~NAST 2100: Nurse Aide Accelerated (7hrs)~~
 - Total Credit Hours: ~~15-17hrs~~ 9-10hrs
 - Total Contact Hours: ~~270-330hrs~~ 135-180hrs
- Program Admission Requirements
 - Students must have completed one of the NAST courses listed below and/or hold an active GA-CNA certification in good standing.
 - NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals
 - NAST 2100: Nurse Aide Accelerated
 - NAST 2105: Nurse Aide Fast Track
- The IFCC agreed that the GC51 program should be utilized as an extension to the Nurse Aide program or as an entry into the gerontology profession. The IFCC decided to remove the NAST course selection as a requirement for program completion and require the course or the GA Nurse Aide registry as program admission.
- Overall, the revisions for the GC51 program reduced the hours by 6-7 credit hours and 135-150 contact hours, creating a new 202512 version. The program will now have a 9-10 credit hour range and 135-180 contact hours for completion.

PC21: Patient Care Technician/Assistant (202512)

- ~~ALHS 1011: Structure and Function of the Human Body (5hrs)~~
- ~~ALHS 1040: Introduction to Health Care (3hrs)~~
- ~~ALHS 1060: Diet and Nutrition for Allied Health Sciences (2hrs)~~
- ~~ALHS 1090: Medical Terminology (2hrs)~~
- ~~COMP 1000 Introduction to Computer Literacy (3hrs)~~
- ~~EMPL 1000: Interpersonal Relations and Professional Development (2hrs)~~
- ~~NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals (6hrs)~~

- **PCTA 1000: Patient Care Technician/Assistant Fundamentals (3hrs)**
 - Total Credit Hours: ~~23hrs~~ **3hrs**
 - Total Contact Hours: ~~365hrs~~ **75hrs**
- **Program Admission Requirements**
 - Students must have completed one of the NAST courses listed below and/or hold an active GA-CNA certification in good standing.
 - NAST 1100: Nurse Aide Fundamentals
 - NAST 2100: Nurse Aide Accelerated
 - NAST 2105: Nurse Aide Fast Track
- The IFCC agreed that the PC21 program should be utilized as an extension to the Nurse Aide program that can expand the skills of a CNA and should be operated as a micro-credential program. The IFCC agreed to remove the basic skill courses and the NAST course selection as required for program completion. The NAST course or GA Nurse Aide registry will be required as program admission.
- The program revisions will allow students to sit for a national certification beyond Nurse Aide, the NHA Certified Patient Care Technician/Assistant (CPCT/A).
- Overall, the revisions for the PC21 program reduced the hours by 20 credit hours and 365 contact hours, creating a new 202512 version. The program will now require 3 credit hours and 75 contact hours to complete.

Colleges can review the PROBE documents in detail and submit votes no later than September 3rd, 2024.