GENERAL ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

BIOI 2121 K Human Anatomy & Physiology I ................................................. 4 hours
BIOI 2122 K Human Anatomy & Physiology II ........................................... 4 hours

BIOI 2161 K Introductory Medical Microbiology ........................................ 4 hours
ENGL 1501 English Composition I .......................................................... 3 hours
HIST 1500 US & Georgia History ............................................................. 3 hours
PSYC 2103 Introduction to Human Development ...................................... 3 hours
*Humanities Elective .............................................................................. 3 hours
FYS 1100 Freshman College Computer Study ......................................... 2 hours
COMM 1100 Human Communications .................................................. 3 hours

One course selected from the following:
*PHED 2201 Principles of Human Nutrition .............................................. 2 hours
*AHSC 2202 Principles of Nutrition ......................................................... 2 hours

One course selected from the following:
MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills and Reasoning ....................................... 3 hours
MATH 1111 College Algebra .................................................................. 3 hours

*If students are planning to transfer to a 4 year college at a later date to pursue a BSN, POLS 1181 and HIST 2111 or
2112 should be taken instead, and BIOI 2190 should be substituted for PHED 2202 or AHSC 2202.
*Any 3 hour humanities course is acceptable, but PHIL 1000 is strongly recommended.

NURSING CAREER CURRICULUM

NURS 1103 Transition to Professional Nursing ....................................... 5 hours
NURS 2204 Adult Health Nursing ............................................................. 9 hours
NURS 2205 Comprehensive Nursing ....................................................... 9 hours

To Apply:
1. Submit an application form to the Associate Degree Nursing LPN-RN Bridge Program (available on our Web site) and associated documents as outlined on the application form.
2. Submit above documents and all sealed transcripts to: Georgia Highlands College Admissions – Hope Weaver 3175 Cedartown Hwy. Rome, GA 30161

Because of the limited spaces available in the LPN-RN Career Mobility Program, compliance with the above minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the program.

Financial Aid
General financial aid through scholarships, grants, and loans is available to all Georgia Highlands College students who qualify. In addition, students enrolled in the professional sequence of the nursing curriculum may apply for a variety of financial aid programs offered only to nursing students. Contact the Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Office, (706) 295-6311.

Accreditation
- Full approval by the Georgia Board of Nursing
- Agency member of the NUN Council of Associate Degree Nursing
- Accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

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TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT
In an effort to be sensitive to the health concerns of the campus community, Georgia Highlands College is a tobacco-free environment.

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Students entering in the Fall or Summer semesters must complete the required general academic courses prior to NURS 2204. Students entering in the Spring Semester must complete all general academic courses prior to beginning the nursing classes.

Program Description

LPN students will take a bridge course, NURS 1103, designed specifically to assist in the transition into the RN program. This is offered summer semester. Successful completion of this course will qualify the LPN student to continue in the regular nursing sequence. A student who is not successful in completing NURS 1103 may not attempt it again. The student may apply for admission to the nursing program following NURS 1101.

Admission to the nursing program is a three-step process: admission to the college, acceptance to the nursing program, and submission and approval of required documentation.

I. Admission to Georgia Highlands College:
Submit the following materials to the Admission Office:
A. Completed Georgia Highlands College application
B. A $20.00 non-refundable Application Fee made out to GHC
C. Copy of high school transcript
D. Official copy of transcripts from all colleges previously attended

II. Acceptance to the Nursing Program:
Submit materials that document the following requirements by March 1 to ensure consideration for acceptance:
A. Completed LPN-RN nursing application
B. Official copy of transcripts from all colleges previously attended
C. Currently licensed as an LPN in Georgia
D. Practicing LPN with more than 1000 hours of clinical practice in the last two years or graduation at LPN within two years
E. A copy of your letter of acceptance to Georgia Highlands College if you are not currently enrolled in courses
F. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores to a combined total of 830 on the critical reading and math sections
G. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the required general academic courses, and a grade of C or better are required in BIOI 2121K, 2122K, and 2121K, ENGL 1101 and MATH 1001 or 1111
H. A passing score on the Regents' exam, reading and writing
I. If English is the student's second language proof of the following achievement on the TOEFL is also required 550 on paper-based exam, 213 on computer exam, or 80 on Internet exam
J. A $50.00 non-refundable application fee made out to Georgia Highlands College

* A student who has been arrested or convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation may not be permitted to take the RN Licensure Examination. This decision rests with the Georgia Board of Nursing.

Background checks and drug screenings are required for clinical practice by some institutions used by the nursing program. A student will be required to participate in these checks prior to clinical assignments. Any background checks will be at the expense of the student. A reasonable effort will be made to provide an alternative clinical experience if a student is not granted access to a clinical site. Clinical experience is a component of all required nursing courses. A course can not be satisfactorily completed without completing the clinical component of the course.

**Students with a bachelor degree are not required to take the SAT or the Regents' exam

An admission score is calculated based on the criteria for admission. Scores are then ranked and the admission score for the class is determined based on the number of available openings. A copy of the application worksheet is available on the Georgia Highlands Web site.

http://www.georgiahighlands.edu/nursing/admissions/nursingapp.htm

Students should arrive with a high GPA, high SAT scores, and completion of general academic courses.

III. Required Documentation

After acceptance to the Nursing Program, before admission and registration for nursing classes, students must submit the following to the nursing office:
A. Evidence of good health as documented by a nursing health form signed by a physician or a certified nurse practitioner. Additional health requirements must be met prior to clinical experiences in selected agencies: negative tuberculin test (if positive TB skin test must have a chest x-ray), proof of two MMR injections or positive rubella and rubella titers, tetanus within last 10 years, chicken pox immunity and completion of Hepatitis B vaccines. The Department of Nursing may require additional proof of physical and/or mental well being.
B. Current certification by American Heart Association in Basic Life Support
C. Proof of health insurance coverage
D. Students must meet the following core performance standards necessary for admission and progression in the nursing program:
1. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment
2. Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interaction with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
3. Communication abilities sufficient for verbal and written communication
4. Physical abilities and strength sufficient for movement from room to room and in small spaces, strength to perform procedures and treatments
5. Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care
6. Auditory ability sufficient for monitoring and assessing health needs
7. Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
8. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment and performance of procedures
9. Evidence of completion of a background check with all components required by clinical facilities

In the event that a student is not accepted into the nursing program, one must reapply to be considered for acceptance the following year.