Chattahoochee TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Associate of Science in Nursing (RN) Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I still work and successfully complete the program?

The ASN program is very demanding requiring both class and clinical time. It is very difficult for students to work at a job full-time. Clinical placement is in high demand. We are at the liberty of our clinical partners when it comes to obtaining placement, therefore; clinical days may exist of 8 or 12 hours, days, evenings, and possible weekends. Part-time employment may be possible for a very strong students but it is not recommended. Those that have worked part-time in the past have verbalized that it has been extremely difficult and their grades have suffered because of the limited amount of study time.

Q: What are the days/hours of the program?

Class times vary depending on what semester you are in during the program. Students can typically be prepared to have 2 days of lecture and 2 days of clinical. Class times can be scheduled any day from Monday to Friday for the hours of 9:00am until 4:00pm. Depending on what semester you are in, clinical hours can be 6, 8, & 12 hours shifts beginning at 6:45am.

Q: What is the dress code for class?

On lecture days, students are expected to arrive to class wearing business casual clothing. Jeans, t-shirts, tank-tops, flip-flops, low cut blouses, tight/form fitting clothing, and shorts are not allowed. During lab class days, students are expected to wear their lab coat, hair must be pulled back off the collar. No jewelry, with the exception of one pair of stud earrings in the ears and a wedding band with no visible tattoos.

Q: What do the students wear to the clinical sites?

During clinical days, students must wear the white school uniform purchased through Creative Uniforms/Meridy's Uniforms. Information about the uniforms is reviewed during the mandated orientation. All hair must be pulled back off the collar. No jewelry, with the exception of one pair of stud earrings in the ears and a wedding band. No visible tattoos. White or beige colored undergarments and white socks.

Q: What if I have an arrest/conviction on my background check?

CTC does not discriminate against any infractions on a background check. However, any arrests/convictions on the student's background check can prevent them from completing the clinical component of the ASN program. The student will register for a background check the day of orientation through Advantage Student. The student is told at that time which facilities will need permission to view their background checks prior to clearance at the clinical site. Any arrests/convictions in violation of the clinical site's credentialing department, the student will

not be permitted at that particular facility. This could prevent the student from completing the required clinical hours for the program. If any student cannot complete the required clinical hours, they will not be able to complete the ASN program.

Q: How much travel is involved for clinical days?

The ASN student may travel anywhere from Piedmont Hospital in Jasper to Piedmont Hospital in Fayetteville. The student must have a reliable means of transportation to and from their clinical assignments.

Q: Is there a shelf-life on my prerequisite courses?

No, the shelf-life has been eliminated.

Q: How long will my TEAS score be valid?

In order to apply to the ASN program, students must complete the TEAS version 5.0. This version is valid for 5 years.

Q: What is the minimum score needed to be accepted in the program?

The minimum accepted score can be located on the www.atitesting.com website, but at this time, there is no minimum TEAS score. However, the program will select students with the highest TEAS scores to progress to the next stage of the admission process.

Q: Is the ASN program accredited?

The ASN program is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and has full board approval with the Georgia State Board of Nursing. Therefore, when the student successfully completes the program, they are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

Q: What are the physical requirements for the program?

In order to provide safe, efficient, and quality care a nursing student should be able to perform the following (this list is not all inclusive):
- To stand and maintain balance.
- To endure standing or walking for long periods of time (12 hour shifts).
- The ability to grasp and assemble small parts.
- The ability to bend, stretch, squat, kneel, push, pull, pivot, and walk up or down stairs.
- The ability to move objects weighing at least 25 pounds.
- Requirements needed to perform CPR
- The ability to push or pull equipment weighing 75 pounds
- The ability to hear faint body sounds
- To effectively communicate with patients.
- The skills and abilities to read proficiently as well as, very small numbers on dials.
- To have the tactile sensation such as, to feel temperature change.
- To be able to determine appropriate drug calculations

- The ability to deal with emotionally unexpected events and adapt to changes within the environment.
- The ability to critically think and prioritize appropriately.
- The ability to deal with others and resolve conflicts appropriately.

Q: Where can RN's get jobs once they are licensed?

RN's are utilized in a variety of settings. Students have gained employment in acute care settings such as hospitals, out-patient surgery, hospice, home health, schools, clinics/physician's offices, urgent care, and the department of health.