

Practical Nursing (PNRS) Ontario College Diploma PART-TIME

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to apply?

Part-time students must apply to this program through ontariocolleges.ca
Use the code PNRX. (This is the program code on OCAS.)

When can I start the program?

Barrie campus intake: September

How many courses do I take?

Full program details can be viewed on the [Program Outline](#).

Graduation requirements

20 Program Courses

1 Communications Course

3 General Education Courses

4 Clinical Placements

How long will it take to complete the diploma?

The part-time practical nursing program runs over 10 consecutive semesters, 2 courses per semester, with no semesters off. There are breaks (two weeks) between semesters.

In total, it will take 3 years, plus 1 additional semester to complete the entire program.

Semesters when clinical experience is scheduled means students take 3 courses: 2 courses plus clinical experience.

Each semester is 14 weeks long *(15 including the break week)*

How do I know which courses to take?

We will provide you with your course schedule (two courses) prior to registration opening each semester. Refer to the Program Outline above for a list of courses in the program.

What will the course schedule look like? When will it be available?

Students take two courses scheduled on campus in the evening hours each semester. You will be assigned to a cohort and will follow the schedule for that cohort. Classes are not scheduled until approximately 4 before the semester start date.

There are no set weeknights that classes are scheduled throughout the program meaning the day/time will change from semester to semester.

Clinical Experience is generally scheduled throughout the day on a weekday.

Review the Important Dates on website to view semester start and end dates etc.

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/important-dates/>

In addition to program courses that are scheduled, students must complete 1 Communications course and 3 General Education courses. Students can add these courses to course load in any semester. All Communications and General Education courses can be taken online.

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/academic-areas/liberal-arts/communications/>

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/academic-areas/liberal-arts/general-education/>

Can I transfer credits/use prior learning to fast track?

If you have taken post-secondary at another institution, you may be eligible for credit transfer and/or prior learning recognition (for example, Communications and General Education courses).

If you have taken courses at Georgian in the past and they qualify for this program, they will automatically apply to your credential. You will see these courses in MyPath.

What is the cost of the program?

There is no program fee when studying part-time. Payment is per course, as you register. The course fees change year-to-year and course to course. The best source for accurate fees is to check the website:

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/academics/programs/practical-nursing/part-time/>



Course information

Course offerings and equivalents

Currently available courses are listed below. Please see our course listings of available [General Education](#) and [Communications](#)

Course title	Course code
Anatomy and Physiology 1	NRSRG 1028
Anatomy and Physiology 2	NRSRG 1029
Communication Essentials	COMM 1016
Gerontological Nursing	NRSRG 1006

Each course listed links to course sections with fees. See screenshot below.

Anatomy and Physiology 1

NRSG 1028

Course description

Students learn normal anatomy and physiology beginning with an orientation to the body and continuing through the cell, and four of the major systems: the integumentary system, the musculoskeletal system, the nervous system and the endocrine system. They are also introduced to the study of microbiology. Students focus on three unifying themes that provide the basis of understanding the workings of the human body: the interrelationships of body organ systems, homeostasis, and the complementarities of structure and function

Credits

3

Course Hours

42

Students registering for credit courses for the first time must declare a program at the point of registration. Declaring a program does not necessarily mean students must complete a program, individual courses may be taken for skill improvement and upgrading.

For more information, please [contact Continuing Education](#)

Available Courses

Unless stated, the course fee does NOT include the textbook(s). Not all courses have required textbooks. See [registration dates](#) for courses that are not yet open.

▼ Anatomy and Physiology 1 - NRSG 1028

Monday, Jan. 5, 2026

FULL

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 1 - NRSG 1028

Fee: \$354.06

Course registration number: 20660

Start: Monday, Jan. 5, 2026

End: Friday, April 17, 2026

Class times

Days	Times	Building - Room
Tuesday	6:00 to 8:50 p.m.	Y - A&P

Campus: Barrie

PLEASE NOTE: course section details (like fees/start/end) only show while registration is open.

Are part-time students eligible for OSAP?

Part-time students MAY be eligible – this is individual and based on number of courses you take per semester. For more information, visit our Financial Aid page:

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/finance-and-fees/osap-financial-aid/>

Do I need a parking pass?

Georgian College has paid parking. You might find that you do not require a full pass. You should decide what will work best for you. Here is the link to parking options.

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/visit-us/parking/>

Do I need to obtain my CPR/First Aid prior to starting classes in September? NO!

This information/certifications are required for Clinical Experience. Part-time students will find out more about when they will be doing their Clinical and how to prepare for it during the Orientation Session with the program coordinator, Michelle McCleary, later in September.

QUESTIONS? We are here to help!

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