



Practical Nursing

The Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. Graduates will obtain a diploma in Practical Nursing and may then be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Exam for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) used to obtain nursing licensure in Tennessee. Practical Nursing is entry level nursing. Graduates are prepared with the background and skills to give knowledgeable, basic nursing care to patients with varying degrees of physical needs. Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) work under the supervision of registered nurses and doctors. Positions are available in hospitals, long term care facilities, physician's offices, home health agencies, and in industry. The program is one year in length and classes begin each January, May, and September. The program requires a full-time commitment, Monday through Friday. Students attend class for the first three months from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. consisting of lecture style classes and laboratory instruction. Students will begin clinical experience in the fourth month of the program. Clinical hours and days are determined by the clinical facility and will vary. Every effort will be made to give students adequate notice of their clinical schedule. A criminal background check is required. Clinical facilities require this background check and may determine that a student is ineligible to attend clinical at their facility. Practical Nursing students are accepted based on a points system. The 50 students who accumulate and provide documentation for the most number of points will be selected every trimester. Simply passing the HESI test does not guarantee entry into the program. If you are accepted into the program you will be required to submit a negative ten panel drug screen. Proof of CPR BLS for providers certification in Adult, Infant, and Child CPR/AED/Choking is required with application. Online CPR certification is not acceptable unless the certification included a face-to-face instructor verification certificate. Failure to submit this by the deadline will forfeit your entry into the PN program.

Program/Location	Length	Days	Time
Day Program/ Knoxville Campus	12 Months	Monday-Friday	8:00 am—2:30 pm

Curriculum/Courses

LPN 0001	Worker Characteristic	LPN 3010	Clinical III
LPN 1010	Basic Nursing	LPN 3020	Adv Prof Vocational Relations
LPN 1020	Fundamentals	LPN 3030	Pediatric Nursing
LPN 1030	Administer of Meds & Basic IV	LPN 3040	Pharmacology II
LPN 1040	A&P	LPN 3050	Medical & Surgical Nursing II
LPN 1050	Clinical I		

	Completion Award	Required Hours
LPN 0002 Worker Characteristic	Practical Nursing	1296
LPN 2010 Pharmacology I	Diploma	
LPN 2020 Mental Health		
LPN 2030 Medical & Surgical Nursing I		
LPN 2040 Maternity Health		
LPN 2050 Clinical II		
LPN 0003 Worker Characteristic		

Typical Job Opportunities

Long-term Care Facilities
Home Health Care
Health Clinics
Hospitals

Licensure Exam Pass Rate 2017 = 98%

How to Apply to the Practical Nursing Program

At TCAT Knoxville

General Admission Requirements:

1. Complete the **Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online – the website is www.fafsa.ed.gov and our school code is 004025. Bring in documentation such as confirmation email showing your FAFSA has been submitted
2. Complete **TCAT Knoxville Application for Enrollment** online at <https://apply.tbr.edu/?tcat=knoxville>
3. Take and pass the **HESI Exam**. Exam is over Math and Reading Comprehension the cost is \$34.00. Passing scores are 50 in math and reading score of 70 .
ACT EXEMPTION – *If you are under the age of 21 and have scored a 19 or above on BOTH the Reading and Math sections of the ACT (Not the composite score) you do not have to take the HESI. You must bring in your test results with a photo ID. A score of 19 or above in both sections is required.*
4. Provide an official sealed copy of one of the following **Transcripts**: High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma transcript with scores or your high school transcript verifying your regular High School Diploma (a special education diploma will not qualify.)
IMPORTANT: *If you have foreign transcripts you will need to provide an English translated version of your transcript and have your education evaluated through the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services. Please visit their website at www.naces.org for more information.*

Practical Nursing Program Specific Requirements:

1. Student must be **18 years of age** by the start of class
2. **Declaration of Citizenship:** Provide the completed and notarized Declaration of Citizenship form as required by the Tennessee Department of Health. This form must be the original, notarized document. and a copy of the document used from the form's list must be included. (Form is attached)
3. Provide current CPR card certification from American Heart Association **BLS for Providers CPR** which covers basic life support in infant, child, adult, choking and AED.
4. Documentation for **Points System**. (Point System Information Attached)

Note: If you have ever been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor, or forfeited bond, you may not be able to test to become a licensed Practical Nurse in the State of Tennessee.
PLEASE SEE A COUNSELOR for more information.

Application Deadlines			
Trimester:	Spring 2019	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Deadline:	10/25/2018	2/28/2019	6/27/2019