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 day program is one year in length and classes begin each January, May, and September. The program requires a full-time commitment on Monday through Friday. Students attend class for lecture style classes and laboratory instruction during the first three months. 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 for the day class. Twenty-four students are selected for the evening and Blount Memorial class. 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
Day Program/Blount Memorial	12 Months	Monday-Friday	8:00 am—2:30 pm
Evening Program/Knoxville Campus	12 Months	Monday-Friday	3:30 pm—10:00 pm

Curriculum/Courses

LPN 0001	Worker Characteristic
LPN 1010	Basic Nursing
LPN 1020	Fundamentals
LPN 1030	Administer of Meds & Basic IV
LPN 1040	A&P
LPN 1050	Clinical I
LPN 0002	Worker Characteristic
LPN 2010	Pharmacology I
LPN 2020	Mental Health
LPN 2030	Medical & Surgical Nursing I
LPN 2040	Maternity Health
LPN 2050	Clinical II
LPN 0003	Worker Characteristic
LPN 3010	Clinical III
LPN 3020	Adv Prof Vocational Relations
LPN 3030	Pediatric Nursing
LPN 3040	Pharmacology II
LPN 3050	Medical & Surgical Nursing II

Licensure Exam Pass Rate 2020 = 96%

Completion Award		Required Hours
Practical Nursing	Diploma	1296

Typical Job Opportunities

Long-term Care Facilities

Home Health Care

Health Clinics

Hospitals

How to Apply

To complete admissions for Practical Nursing program applicants must submit all general admissions requirements, Practical Nursing program specific requirements, and documents for points by the published deadline to be considered. Acceptance is competitive based on a point system. To ensure accuracy, please submit all information at one time.

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.

2. Complete **TCAT Knoxville Application for Enrollment** online at www.tcatknoxville.edu and select APPLY NOW.

3. Provide documentation of 2 doses of **MMR** and 2 doses of **Varicella immunizations. Titers are accepted.**

4. Take and pass the **HESI Exam**. Exam is over Math and Reading Comprehension the cost is $40.00. Passing scores are 70 in math and reading score of 70. Applicants are responsible for submitting a copy of their HESI scores with their application because scores are not automatically linked with other application documents on the date of their exam.

5. Provide an <u>official sealed copy</u> 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 submit an **English translated version** of your transcript and an **education evaluation** both must obtained through the **National Association of Credential Evaluation Services**. Please visit their website at www.naces.org for more information.*

6. Student must be **18 years of age** by the start of class

7. **Declaration of Citizenship**: Provide the original completed and notarized Declaration of Citizenship. Applicants who are not US citizens must designate their qualified alien status by circling a "qualified alien" category in section 7 on the citizenship form. They must also submit copies of two unexpired supporting identification documents from the list of "documentation of identity and immigration status as determined by the US Homeland Security. (Form is attached)

8. Provide current **CPR card** certification from **American Heart Association BLS for Providers** which covers basic life support in infant, child, adult, choking and AED.

9. Submit three (3) letters of **Recommendation** from professionals with the contact information of the professional in the letter (Not from relatives). Letters should be addressed to Linda.Hafley@tcatknoxville.edu or mailed to 1100 Liberty Street, Knoxville, TN 37919.

10. 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.

Application Deadlines				
Trimester:	**Spring 2022**	**Summer 2022**	**Fall 2022**	**Spring 2023**
Deadline:	**10/21/2021**	**3/3/2022**	**7/8/2022**	**10/20/2022**

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PRACTICAL NURSING POINTS SYSTEM FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

Point System Breakdown
YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE TO BE AWARDED POINTS.
TO ENSURE ACCURACY, PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION AT ONE TIME.

1. **HESI exam** – students must meet the required pass scores to submit HESI results for admissions. **Points** for the exam will be awarded by adding the Math and Reading scores together.

Passing Score for HESI Math	70
Passing Score for HESI Reading	70

2. Copy of current **(unexpired) Tennessee CNA (Certified Nursing Aide) certification.** You can receive a maximum of **30 points**.

3. By attending a **Practical Nursing information session** at TCAT – Knoxville within the last 12 months. You can receive a maximum of 15 points.

Information Session Dates 2022		
Information Session Dates **No registration required to attend this free session**	January 13 @ 10 am January 27 @ 10 am February 10 @ 10 am February 24 @ 10 am May 12 @ 10 am May 26@ 10 am June 9 @ 10 am	June 16 @ 10 am September 8 @ 10 am September 22 @ 10 am October 6 @ 10 am October 13 @ 10 am

4. The following **Coursework** taken within the past 3 years at the **Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville** will be awarded points by submitting an official transcript showing an official grade of at least "C" or above.

Course	Length (Clock Hours)	Points Awarded
Diploma - Medical Assisting program	1296	10 Points
Medical Terminology w/Anatomy and Physiology	40	10 Points
Phlebotomy	49	10 Points

Applicants are responsible to make certain that all documentation is on file at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville by the published deadline. No faxed or photocopies of any kind will be considered. No documents received after the deadline will be considered.