Practical Nursing
12 Month Program Day and Night Classes Offered at Main Campus and Night Classes at Blount Memorial Hospital
Day Class (M-F, 8:00am to 2:30pm) Night Class (M-F, 3:30pm to 10:00pm)

About
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 Licensure 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.

Completion Awards
1296 Practical Nursing Diploma

Placement Rate (as of 2022) 87%
Licensure Rate (as of 2022) 90%

Curriculum and Courses
All full-time TCAT Knoxville programs include Workplace Characteristic courses each trimester.

- Basic Nursing
- Fundamentals
- Administer of Meds & Basic IV
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Clinicals I, II, III
- Pharmacology I & II
- Mental Health
- Medical and Surgical Nursing I & II
- Maternity Health
- Advanced Professional Vocational Relations
- Pediatric Nursing

How To Apply
- Complete TCAT Knoxville Application for Enrollment online at www.tcatknoxville.edu.
- Complete the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.studentaid.gov. Our school code is 004025.
- Complete the Allied Health admission requirements on the next page by the application deadline.
All applicants must be 18 years old by the start of trimester.
The following documentation, as well as any other program specific requirements, must be collected and submitted at the same time.

**Immunizations**
- 2 Series of MMR or proof of immunity (titers)
- 2 series of Varicella or proof of immunity (titers)

**An official sealed High School Transcript or an equivalent.**

**An up-to-date CPR card from American Heart Association in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.**

- **HESI Exam Scores (minimum scores provided on right)**

### Required HESI Exam Scores by Program

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<td>Surgical Technology</td>
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**Requirements for Allied Health Applicants**

- All applicants must be 18 years old by the start of trimester.
- The following documentation, as well as any other program specific requirements, must be collected and submitted at the same time.
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    - 2 Series of MMR or proof of immunity (titers)
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  - HESI Exam Scores (minimum scores provided on right)

**Additional Practical Nursing Requirements:**

- Declaration of Citizenship Form. Must be completed and notarized.
- Three Letters of Recommendation.
- Points System Documentation. Provide documentation of the following certifications, coursework, or activities and earn points towards your application. See instructions for this documentation on the next page.

**Additional Surgical Tech Requirements:**

- Point System Documentation. Provide documentation of the following certifications, coursework, or activities and earn points towards your application. See instructions for this documentation on the next page.

If you have taken the listed classes before applying to Surgical Technology and have scored an A or B in the class, these classes can be counted as points towards your application.
**PRACTICAL NURSING POINTS SYSTEM FOR PROGRAM ENTRY**

Please take careful note of the point system breakdown below. All documentation must be submitted before the application deadline to be awarded these points. To ensure accuracy, we ask that all documentation is received at once.

1) **HESI Exam Scores**

Students must meet the required pass scores to submit their HESI results for admissions. The score for the HESI Math portion must be 70 or above. The score for the HESI Reading portion must be 70 or above.

The number of points awarded is determined by adding together the HESI Math and Reading scores. The lowest number of points an applicant can be awarded is 140 points.

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<td>EXAMPLE STUDENT</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>YOUR EXAM SCORES</td>
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2) **Copy of Tennessee CNA License**

Submit a copy of your current (unexpired) Tennessee Certified Nursing Aide certification. For this documentation, applicants are awarded 30 points.

3) **Attend a Practical Nursing Information Session**

Attending a Practical Nursing Information Session in the last twelve months will earn an applicant 15 points towards admission. Below are the information sessions scheduled for 2024.

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<td>January 11, 2024 @ 10AM</td>
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4) **Previous Higher Education Coursework**

The following coursework must have been taken in the last three years at TCAT Knoxville. To receive points, a transcript must be submitted, with the final grade showing as a “C” or above.

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<th>Length (Clock Hours)</th>
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<td>Medical Terminology with Anatomy and Physiology</td>
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<td>Phlebotomy</td>
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