



Practical Nursing

12 Month Program Day and Night Classes Offered at Main Campus
and Day Classes at Blount Memorial Hospital

Day Class (M-F, 8:00am to 2:30pm) Night Class (M-Th, 2:00pm 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 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.

Completion Awards

1296 Practical Nursing Diploma

Placement Rate (as of 2022)

87%

Licensure Rate (as of 2022)

90%



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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.

ALLIED HEALTH ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

All Allied Health applicants for Dental Assisting, Practical Nursing, and Surgical Technology must submit an application by visiting www.tcatknoxville.edu/future-students/admissions.

In addition to submitting an application, it is recommended that all applicants complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.studentaid.gov to see if they are eligible for financial assistance to fund their education.

Applicants must submit all general admissions requirements, program specific requirements, and point system documentation, if required by program. All requirements must be received by the published deadline to be considered for acceptance. Completion of admissions does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Requirements for Practical Nursing Applicants

- Student must be **18 years of age** by the start of class.
- A copy of an **official high school transcript or its equivalent**, or a scanned copy of a standard high school diploma.
- Provide current CPR card certification from American Red Cross or American Heart Association in BLS for Healthcare Providers which covers basic life support in infant, child, adult, choking and AED.
- Take and pass the HESI Exam. Exam covers Math and Reading Comprehension and the cost is \$40.00. Passing scores are 70 in math and 70 in reading exam.
- 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.
- **Proof of below immunizations:**
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR): 2 series immunization (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization within the last year's time
 - Varicella: 2 series immunizations (2 shots) OR a titer showing immunization to chickenpox within the last year's time
 - Adult Hepatitis B: 3 series immunizations (3 shots) OR a titer showing immunization within the last year's time OR proof of the series in progress
 - TDAP (Tetanus): Within 10 years of the start date.

Required HESI Exam Scores by Program

Practical Nursing:
70 Math, 70 Reading

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.

Passing Scores	HESI Math	HESI Reading	Total Points
EXAMPLE STUDENT	70	70	140 points
YOUR EXAM SCORES			

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.

Information Sessions for 2024		
January 11, 2024 @ 10AM	January 25, 2024 @ 2PM	February 15, 2024 @ 10AM
May 16, 2024 @ 10AM	June 13, 2024 @ 10AM	

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.

Course	Length (Clock Hours)	Points Awarded
Medical Terminology with Anatomy and Physiology	40	10 points
Phlebotomy	49	10 points