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- Providing high quality training and retraining of employed workers.
- Providing high quality training that is economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee, thereby contributing to the economic and community development of the communities we serve.

## Tennessee College of Applied Technology Elizabethton

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# PRACTICAL NURSING



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The 12-month Practical Nursing Program is designed to meet the educational needs for members of the nursing team employed in hospitals, nursing homes and health care agencies, among others, to give assistance in the care of patients. The program gives students technical knowledge and skills needed for employment as a practical nurse.

Each student will receive classroom instruction and clinical experience. All instructors are Registered Nurses and each has at least three years of experience as a practicing RN. This program is designed to prepare graduates to take the State Board of Nursing examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

The length of this competency-based program is 1,296 hours (12 months) for the full-time student choosing the practical nursing field.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students desiring to enroll in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must take the entrance test, called Compass, and score a minimum of 80 in Reading and 50 in Math (pre-Algebra). Equivalent ACT scores will be accepted, provided the student is 20 years of age or younger. ACT scores must be a minimum of 19 in Math, Reading and English subject areas. If the prospective student is 20 years old or younger, ACT scores of 19 each in Math, Reading, and English will be accepted in lieu of the Compass.

To begin the admission process, the applicant must bring a copy of their high school diploma or equivalent/transcript to the Main Campus, 426 Highway 91 North, Elizabethton, and pay the \$15.00 test fee in order to schedule the Compass Test. Payment can be made in the form of cash/debit or credit card (checks will not be accepted). In addition, personal and work experiences may be requested.

Once enrolled, the nursing student must maintain an 81 average in all classes.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Contact the Financial Aid Office for information on financial assistance.

## STEPS FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

**STEP 1** – Pay \$15.00 cash/debit or credit card (**checks are not accepted**) and bring a copy of your high school diploma/transcript or equivalent to schedule the Compass Test at the Main Campus, 426 Highway 91 North, Elizabethton. Diplomas, transcripts must be from an accepted, accredited high school. If you have any questions concerning your diploma, contact Student Services at 423-543-0070.

**STEP 2** – On the day of your Compass Test, bring a photo I.D. **You will not be allowed to test without your I.D.**

**STEP 3** – When you pass the Compass test, you will be given an Application for Admission to the Practical Nursing Program to take with you to fill out. In order for the application to be complete, all required information must be provided. If your personal information is not received by the deadline, your application will not be accepted for that particular class.

The registration date for each class is posted on the school's website, [www.tcatelizabethton.edu](http://www.tcatelizabethton.edu). In Elizabethton, Practical Nursing classes begin in May (Summer Trimester) and in September (Fall Trimester) and in Kingsport in January (Spring Trimester).

**STEPS 4-9** – Follow the remaining **Steps for Admission to the Practical Nursing Program** shown on the school's website, [www.tcatelizabethton.edu](http://www.tcatelizabethton.edu).

## CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Physical examination, immunizations, negative drug screen, criminal background check, Malpractice insurance, and certification in CPR by the American Heart Association for Health Care Providers, including Automatic Electronic Defibrillator. Applications and test results will be retained by TCAT Elizabethton for two (2) years.

## LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Graduate of an approved school of Practical Nursing and Criminal Background Check.

## TUITION AND FEES

The current fee schedule is found in the TCAT Elizabethton Catalog/Student Handbook and on the College's website [www.tcatelizabethton.edu](http://www.tcatelizabethton.edu). Fees are subject to change by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

## UNITS OF STUDY

- Basic Nursing Skills
- Basic Sciences
- Nutrition
- Basic Math
- Medical-Surgical Nursing I and II
- Pharmacology/Administration of Medicines
- Obstetrics
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Clinical
- Nursing Trends and Issues I and II

## DIPLOMA AWARD

12 months Practical Nurse

## CLASS HOURS

Classes meet from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday-Friday with clinical hours scheduled at various times. TCAT Elizabethton also offers a Practical Nursing Program at ETSU at Kingsport, 1501 University Blvd., Kingsport.

## STUDENT SERVICES

The Student Services Office provides counseling to all students and potential students. Telephone 423-543-0070 to speak with a counselor. For auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency, contact the Student Services Coordinator, telephone 423-543-0070.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

Credit for high school training is considered by the TCAT Elizabethton on an individual-case basis. Graduates of TCAT Elizabethton may also receive college credit in some two- and four-year degree programs.

## WEBSITE

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