

2019-2020 Practical Nursing Application Procedures
 TN College of Applied Technology-Crossville
Application Schedule for Practical Nursing Classes
 Application Procedure:

1. Take and pass Entrance Test (given every month throughout the year, cost \$45.00).
2. Submit Application Packet which includes the following:
 - ✓ Application for Enrollment
 - ✓ High school transcript or GED transcript (copy of diploma will not be accepted)
 - ✓ Immunization records for MMR and chickenpox
 - ✓ Passing HESI scores or ACT scores (less than two years old as of class start date)
 - ✓ Verification with TCAT Financial Aid Office that financial aid process has been initiated
 As part of your Application Packet, you must show proof that you have initiated the financial aid process. Use the free site at www.fafsa.ed.gov. TCAT's code is **004026**. If you have questions, contact Financial Aid in Student Services, 931.484.7502 x126.
3. Attend General Information Session on designated dates.

The following schedule is for PN September 2019 students only.

Failure to meet a deadline will result in your application becoming INACTIVE.

General Information Session/Background check -Mandatory	Tuesday, July 16th, 2018 @ 9 AM, CST, Building 1
Interview with PN Director	Tuesday, August 6th and Wednesday, August 7th
Additional Documents (Booklist, Immunization/Physical/CPR/Letters) are due during scheduled interview	
Application List posted to Website	Friday, August 9th
Students respond to list by	Tuesday, August 13th
Financial Aid Deadline	Friday, August 16th, 2019
Class starts/Orientation-Mandatory	Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 for PN Day September

The following schedule is for January 2020 students only.

Failure to meet a deadline will result in your application becoming INACTIVE.

General Information Session/Background check -Mandatory	Tuesday, October 22nd, 2019 @ 9 AM, CST, Building 1
Interview with PN Director	Tuesday, Nov 12th and Wednesday, Nov 13th
Additional Documents (Booklist, Immunization/Physical/CPR/Letters) are due during scheduled interview	
Application List posted to Website	Friday, November 15th
Students respond to list by	Tuesday, November 19th
Financial Aid Deadline	Friday, December 13th
Class starts/Orientation-Mandatory	tentatively Friday, Jan 3rd, 2020 for PN Day January

The following schedule is for PN May 2019 students only.

Failure to meet a deadline will result in your application becoming INACTIVE.

General Information Session/Background check -Mandatory	Thursday, March 21st, 2019 @ 9 AM, CST, Building 1
Interview with PN Director	Wednesday, March 27th and Thursday, March 28th
Additional Documents (Booklist, Immunization/Physical/CPR/Letters) are due during scheduled interview	
Application List posted to Website	Friday, March 29th
Students respond to list by	Tuesday, April 2nd
Financial Aid Deadline	Friday, April 12th, 2019
Class starts/Orientation-Mandatory	Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 for PN Day May

Entrance Test:

HESI: 70% or higher for each section. ACT: Math and Reading 19 or higher. HESI/ACT scores earned more than two years before the first day of class will not be considered. Entrance tests are given throughout the year. Register to take the test at 931/484-7502. The fee for the computerized HESI test is \$45.00. The HESI is not timed & consists of reading, pre-algebra, and Critical Thinking. You should know how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions, decimals, & percentages, and understand ratio & proportion and measurements (basic geometry formulas) used in word problems. We will provide the calculator. Minimum score required is 70% or higher for reading and pre-algebra. There is no minimum score for Cr. Thinking section. Practice HESI tests may be found at: <http://evolve.elsevier.com>

The mandatory General Information Session (GIS) is the time to ask questions. You will receive detailed information about the nursing program from the Nursing Coordinator. You will also do a **Background Check**. Bring a VISA/MasterCard credit or debit card. Cost may be as much as \$85.00. By completing the background check early, issues may be addressed before any fees are required. *NOTE: If you have pled guilty to a misdemeanor or any felony charges/convictions, you should request an interview with the Nursing Coordinator prior to doing your background check.* Rhonda Potter, RN, 931.484.7502 x138, rhonda.potter@tcattcrossville.edu. *Results from the background check are used by clinical site to determine eligibility to be at the clinical site. Students who do not have approval from the clinical site will not be able to complete the program.*

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Practical Nursing Documentation Procedures

- Your Additional Documentation Packet is due on the designated day or during your nursing interview
- Rhonda Potter, Nursing Coordinator, will approve/reject the Packet during your interview session-**all paperwork due at this time-No exceptions!**
- Please staple and submit these documents at the same time
- Staple documents in the order they are listed below.
- The following costs are **not** covered by FAFSA. Other agencies may not cover these costs.
- Any questions should be answered by nursing personnel, 931-484-7502 x 138

1. **Immunizations** – Staple your proof from the health department or healthcare provider to the completed Immunization Record form. If you cannot find proof of your immunizations, you must retake the shots, or have a titer blood test done to indicate you have the immunity. We must have proof. Even though you submitted the MMR and Varicella with your Initial Documentation, those records will remain in your permanent file in Student Services. You must also supply a copy of your MMR and Varicella for your Practical Nursing Packet. Begin your Practical Nursing Packet with these documents. NOTE: Your Practical Nursing Immunization Record must contain proof of six immunizations: **1) MMRx2; 2) Varicellax2; 3) Tetanus; 4) current TB skin test; and 5) Hepatitis B series 6) Flu vaccine in Oct. of each year** for clinical site rotation and will need to be on the **TCAT-Crossville form**. Forms can be found at www.tcatcrossville.edu under Full-Time Programs, Practical Nursing on the first page.

2. **Physical** – Your healthcare provider must complete the Physical Examination form on the **TCAT-Crossville's form** in its entirety. Submit this completed and signed documentation as document #2 in your Practical Nursing Packet.

3. **Letters of Recommendation** – Using the **TCAT forms**, have three (3) people complete a Letter of Recommendation. These Letters should be stapled as document #3. If the individual does not want you to see the completed Letter, they may put it in a sealed envelope for you to submit. Relatives are not acceptable references. Additional forms may be printed at www.tcatcrossville.edu.

4. **Background Check** – If you have pled guilty to a misdemeanor or any felony charges/convictions, you should request an interview with the Nursing Coordinator prior to doing your background check. *Results from the background check are used by the clinical site to determine eligibility to be at the clinical site. Students who do not have approval from the clinical site will not be able to complete the nursing program.* The computerized background check will be done during the General Information Session. Bring a VISA/MasterCard credit or debit card. Submit a copy of your confirmation as document #4.

COST: about \$85.00

5. **CPR** – Your CPR certification – **American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers** must be current. Locally, you might use: Industrial Medicine of CMC 931.459.7246; TCAT-Crossville nursing alumna Hannah Cox 931.335.3005; Ruthie Fadnek 865.437.6054 or ruthiefadnek@yahoo.com; or Lindsey Talley, American Heart Association Instructor, 931-510-2876, lindsey.talley@me.com. Submit a photo copy of your certification card as the last document in your Document Packet.

COST: between \$10.00 and \$40.00

6. **How Are You Going To Pay For Your Education?** Check with a financial aid advisor in Student Services, 931/484-7502 x126 to verify that your financial aid requests are complete. **YOU WILL HAVE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY FINANCIAL AID.** Do you have extra money to pay for these supplies?

7. **Register and Pay Tuition** -- You will be given a specific time and date during the week before class starts to officially register and pay tuition. You will be instructed to come to TCAT's Business Office in Building 2 and officially register for the first term. You will pay your tuition and nursing fees at that time. Those receiving financial aid will sign credit memos for the amount covered. There may be out-of-pocket expenses. You will not purchase your books and supplies for the term until after you start class.

8. **Urine Drug Screening** – Your drug screening will be done after you start class and before you start clinical training. Professionals will come unannounced and at random to TCAT-Crossville to complete these tests. TCAT-Crossville **cannot** be involved in this process. COST: Paid when initially doing background check through Certified Background, information given at GIS.

TCAT - 931/484-7502

Student Services Extensions:

Financial Aid
Admissions

ext. 126 and 129
ext. 125 and 127