



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology serve as premier suppliers of workforce development throughout Tennessee. The colleges fulfill their mission by:

- Providing competency-based training through superior quality, traditional and distance learning instruction methods that qualify completers for employment and job advancement;
- Contributing to the economic and community development of the communities served by training and retraining employed workers;
- Ensuring that programs and services are economical and accessible to all residents of Tennessee; and
- Building relationships of trust with community, business, and industry leaders to supply highly skilled workers in areas of need.



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## CLASS SCHEDULES

Full-time day classes are offered Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (schedules are subject to change once clinical rotations start) and evening classes at the TCAT Upper Cumberland Cookeville location Monday-Friday from 3:30 to 9:30pm.

Part-time evening classes are offered Monday through Thursday between the hours of 4 and 9:45 p.m.

The program is offered at the main campus, Cookeville, Livingston and Bledsoe County campuses.

## STUDENT COST

Cost can be found on our website:  
[www.tcatuppercumberland.edu/programs](http://www.tcatuppercumberland.edu/programs).

## FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to those students who are eligible. Students can be assessed for eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, Federal SEOG, TN Student Assistance Award, Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant, TN Promise, TN Reconnect and Federal Work Study. The school also coordinates efforts with the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Voc. Rehabilitation, WIOA, TRA and TOPS.

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION

TCAT Upper Cumberland has articulation agreements with local high schools in the school's service area. These agreements establish guidelines by which high school students may receive advanced placement in programs for skills acquired in high school. For more information on how to receive advanced placement, contact your high school guidance counselor or the Student Services Office at TCAT Upper Cumberland.

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# PRACTICAL NURSING

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Build the skills to care for patients with confidence and take the first step toward a meaningful career in nursing. In the Practical Nursing program, you will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to support patient care in a range of healthcare settings. Training combines classroom instruction, lab practice and supervised clinical learning to help you develop strong technical skills, sound judgment and professional communication.

### You will learn how to:

- Provide basic nursing care under the supervision of licensed healthcare professionals
- Take and record patient vital signs accurately
- Apply sterile dressings and follow proper infection control procedures
- Assist with patient examinations, treatments and daily care needs
- Support patient comfort, safety, and health education
- Understand basic anatomy, physiology and nursing procedures
- Communicate clearly with patients, families and healthcare teams
- Build clinical skills through supervised hands-on experiences
- Prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN) licensing exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)



## ADMISSION POLICY

Applicants must take the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) exam and receive 70% or higher in reading and math to be admitted into the Practical Nursing program.

### A. Applicants Not Enrolled in High School

Applicants not enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. They are at least 18 years of age or have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. They declare an occupational objective or demonstrate through testing or counseling reasonable potential for achieving that objective.

### B. Applicants Enrolled in High School

Applicants enrolled in high school are eligible for admission provided that:

1. An agreement authorizing such admission concluding between the local Board of Education and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Such agreements are subject to the approval of the chancellor or his designee.
2. Admission of Foreign Non-Immigrants. Foreign non-immigrant applicants are eligible for admission if they meet the same conditions required for other applicants.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

### STEPS FOR ENROLLMENT



PICK A PROGRAM



FILL OUT ONLINE APPLICATION



SUBMIT PROGRAM SPECIFIC APPLICATION MATERIALS (IF REQUIRED)



REQUEST/SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS



COMPLETE FAFSA



SET UP YOUR TCAT STUDENT EMAIL

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## COURSES

### First Trimester

Worker Characteristic  
Basic Nursing Principles  
Fundamentals of Nursing  
Administration of Medication & Basic IV Theory  
Anatomy and Physiology  
Clinical I

### Second Trimester

Worker Characteristic  
Pharmacology I  
Mental Health  
Medical & Surgical Nursing I  
Maternity Health  
Clinical II

### Third Trimester

Worker Characteristic  
Clinical III  
Advanced Professional Vocational Relations  
Pediatric Nursing  
Pharmacology II  
Medical & Surgical Nursing II

## CERTIFICATES & DIPLOMAS

### Certificates

Nurse Aid 432 hours

### Diplomas

Practical Nurse 1296 hours

